

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of establishing a dedicated speed hump program for schools.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Krekorian – Hutt – Hernandez):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report on the feasibility of establishing a dedicated speed hump program for all schools, including the required funding and staffing resources, and a timeline for execution.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On April 26, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Krekorian – Hutt – Hernandez) relative to the feasibility of establishing a dedicated speed hump program for schools. According to the Motion, in September 2022, after a two and a half year pause due to the pandemic, the City resumed its Speed Hump Program (Program). Designed to slow traffic and deter reckless driving in residential neighborhoods, the Program allows residents, neighborhood organizations, schools, and other groups or individuals to apply for a speed hump to be installed on a residential street.

While the Program is popular, only a finite number of speed humps can be constructed across the City due to limited funding. Each application cycle closes when a total of 375 applications have been received. According to the LADOT, the 2022 application cycle reached capacity within minutes of opening. The application process is rigorous and time consuming, and selected applications are prioritized based on technical feasibility and need. Since the Program began, competition among neighborhoods has increased. Also, there is growing interest from elementary schools that would like to utilize this critical traffic safety tool. To ensure the safety of children and the surrounding school communities, the City should establish a dedicated speed hump program for elementary schools. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT

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