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Mayor Garcetti
City Council
Dept. of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services

Re: Resolution - Support of ballot initiative and City Council ordinance to implement the Mobility Plan 2035

To the City,

At the Feb. 23, 2022, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 10-0-1, to support the proposed ballot measure to require the City to enact an implementation ordinance to stripe for pedestrian improvements (crosswalks), transit improvements (bus lanes), and bike lanes when re-paving streets, as included in the General Plan-Mobility Element 2035, ask that the City Council approves an ordinance that automatically implements the Mobility Plan 2035 when repaving streets, using the exact language as written in the initiative, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

Facts and background:

1. A small portion of roads (3%) have been re-striped in the past seven years to comply with the Mobility Element.
2. In 2021, 289 persons were killed in traffic collisions (21% increase) and 1,465 were severely injured (30% increase). 486 pedestrians were severely injured by drivers (35% increase), and 128 pedestrians were killed (6% increase). Cyclists' injuries increased (22%), and cyclist deaths increased (13%).

Findings and justifications:

1. Pedestrian, bicycle and bus improvements will encourage use of those modes, and reduce use of cars.
2. Los Angeles has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the country, and the Los Angeles Basin ranks worst in the nation for year-round ozone emissions and 5th worst for particle pollution.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

/s/ Jamie L. Keeton

Jamie L. Keeton, Chair WLASNC

cc: Len Nguyen, Gaby Markley, Council District #11