



STREET SAFETY, DATA SHARING and COLLABORATION POLICY

Summary

- Response to request in File 2020-0928
 - Includes report with draft policy, action plan and appendices
- Jurisdictions and State have primary responsibility for street safety
 - Metro can contribute to safety via our multiple roles, especially for locations with transit nexus such as bus stops, rail crossings
- Passage of Policy would lead to:
 - Working group
 - Elaboration of actions, implementation when ready, annual progress reports
 - May apply for new Federal funding to advance



Street Safety Trends

- 719 deaths, 88,068 injuries in LA County in 2019
- Deaths rose in LA & nationwide in 2021
- **Disproportionately** Black, Latino, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander, pedestrian, cyclists, people experiencing homelessness

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To help reduce fatal traffic crashes, the city of L.A. has added new crosswalks that extend further into the street, such as this one at 43rd and Broadway. (Al Seib / Los Angeles Times)

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Action Plan

Action Plan based on Metro roles:

- **Operator:**
 - partner on bus priority; safety for transit vehicles; use vehicle data to identify unsafe locations and conditions.
- **Planner and Builder:**
 - safety considerations in Metro countywide plans; safe passage for all modes at construction sites. (*policy will not change 2013 Supplementary Modifications to Transit Projects Policy)
- **Funder:**
 - track and encourage use of local returns on safety; update discretionary grants requirements
- **Data collaborator:**
 - increase understanding of existing conditions and impacts of safety programs and interventions; support cross-agency data compilation, analysis and sharing
- **Legislative advocate:**
 - influence State and Federal safety policies and resources
- **Educator:**
 - educate communities along Metro's light rail system
- **Innovator:**
 - pilot and test technologies and approaches



Additional Context

- Jurisdictions and state have primary responsibility for street safety:
 - i.e. street design, speed limits, enforcement
- Government Partners are embracing safe systems approach to road safety, with new Federal funding available
- Draft policy also reaffirms and makes small adjustments to 2014 Complete Streets Policy
- Equity requires consulting with most heavily impacted communities and road users, and prioritizing reducing disparities

Next Steps

- If adopted, continue working group, elaborate action plan, produce progress report
- Engagement with COGs, advisory bodies, public during elaboration and implementation
- Potential to apply for Safe Streets for All grant to fund further planning and actions

Questions

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