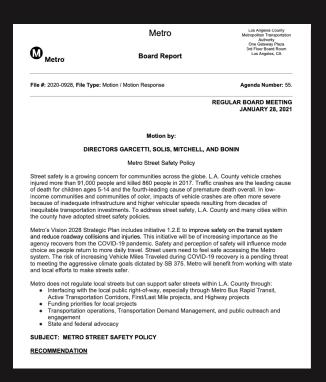
# **Metro Street Safety Policy**

Background / Metro Roles / Discussion
November 2021



#### BACKGROUND: Board Motion 2020-0928, adopted January 2021



#### **THREE GOALS:**

- 1. Develop a Street Safety Policy
- Create a countywide data collection program
- 3. Assess internal risk and liability to safety of all Metro-provided public transportation services

Recommends building on METRO ROLES



# Significance of street safety

## Public health crisis

719 deaths, 88,068 injuries in 2019.

<u>Disproportionately</u> Black, Latino, pedestrians, cyclists, people experiencing homelessness

## Pedestrian deaths have risen

incomplete streets, larger vehicles, homelessness

## Impacts Metro's mission

Safety concerns discourage active transportation + transit use

#### Los Angeles Times

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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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## Staff working group have focused on relevant Metro roles

Metro does not control street design, speed limits, or enforcement. To help Metro collaborate to advance street safety, staff have considered how to leverage Metro's roles as:

Operator

Legislative Advocate

Planner & Builder\*

Educator

Funder

Innovator

Data Provider

\*This policy is not meant to change Metro's 2013 Supplementary Modifications to Transit Projects Policy, which addresses requests for Metro to pay for upgrades to third party facilities (betterments).



# KEY OPPORTUNITIES + EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

- Update Complete Streets Policy
- Help advance safety and increase bus speeds
- Gather/ share data to enhance state information

To maximize equity benefits and avoid disproportionate burdens:

- Outreach to Equity Focus Communities and vulnerable road users
- Nuanced conversations on enforcement
- Use Funding and data as equity tools



## **Next Steps**

- Broader public outreach, including CBOs + advocacy groups
- Staff develop draft policy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of outreach for comments
- Take to Board

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