Leading with Health; Complete Streets and Active Transportation Planning in Los Angeles County

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Funds cities & community organizations

Fosters policy change to develop healthy, safe, and active environments

Collaborates with outside agency and community stakeholders

Provides low-resourced cities direct technical assistance

Collaborates across County Departments on healthy design
Jurisdictions that have received funding or technical assistance from PLACE
Step by Step Los Angeles County; Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities
The Need for a Pedestrian Plan

  - 20% are youth under 20
  - 26.2% are adults over 60

- 24% of adults in LA County obese, 23% of kids obese
  - Even **higher** in some **project area** communities
What the Plan Includes

• Countywide framework for pedestrian policies, programs, and procedures
  – Roadway design, maintenance, lighting and landscaping, planning, enforcement

• Community-specific pedestrian plans with proposed safety projects

• Built to be expanded to include other unincorporated areas as resources allow
How the Plan was Developed

• Summer 2016 – Winter 2017: Gather community input to develop plans
  • Stakeholder interviews, surveying & tabling at school/community events, walk audits, photovoice
  • Community Advisory Committees of youth, seniors, homeowners, non-profits, businesses

• Fall 2017 - Summer 2018: Community review & comment on draft plans
  • Presentations at community meetings
  • Demonstration events
    • 110th/Denker in WWA
    • Camina en Walnut Park
Plan Vision & Goals

Los Angeles County will be a place where walking is a safe, convenient, and enjoyable option for people of all ages and abilities to travel for work, school, shopping, recreation, and other daily activities.

Streets and sidewalks will be transformed to promote healthy and active lifestyles and increase public safety.

• Goal 1: Safe Streets
• Goal 2: Make Walking the Easy and Healthy Choice
• Goal 3: Connectivity
• Goal 4: Equity
• Goal 5: Safe Communities
• Goal 6: Sustainability and Preservation
• Goal 7: Coordinated County Implementation
Countywide Programs

• Safe Routes to School and Crossing Guards
• Safe Passages
• Wayfinding
• Open Streets Events and Demonstration Projects
• Business and Community Partnerships
• Artistic Street Features
• Green Street Features
• Walking Clubs
• Online Information and Service Requests
Community Pedestrian Plans

- Background information on each community
  - Demographics
  - Health Outcomes
  - Land Use
  - Parks Access
- Existing Conditions
  - Collisions
  - Crime
  - Bike & Pedestrian Facilities
  - Walk Audit Observations
- Documents community outreach
Community Pedestrian Plans

Proposed Safety Projects

• Crossing Improvements
• Curb Extensions
• Increased Accessibility
• Sidewalk/Path Improvements
• Public Space
• Future Corridor Studies
Vision Zero for Unincorporated LA County

Collision Concentration Corridors

Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works’ Collision Database, collisions occurring between 2013 and 2017
Creating Culture Change

HIT-AND-RUNS
About 10% of all fatal and severe-injury collisions in our unincorporated communities are hit and run collisions, meaning that the driver did not stop or report the crash. Drivers leaving the scene without stopping or calling for help can delay or prevent treatment. Because severe injuries are more likely to turn fatal if not reported within 30 minutes, changing cultural norms around stopping to help after being involved in a collision could save lives.
THANK YOU!

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