



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement



TITLE: [Council File 23-1168 \(Speed Safety System / Policy / Impact Report / Locations / Public Information / AB645 \(Friedman-Santiago-Ting\)\)](#)

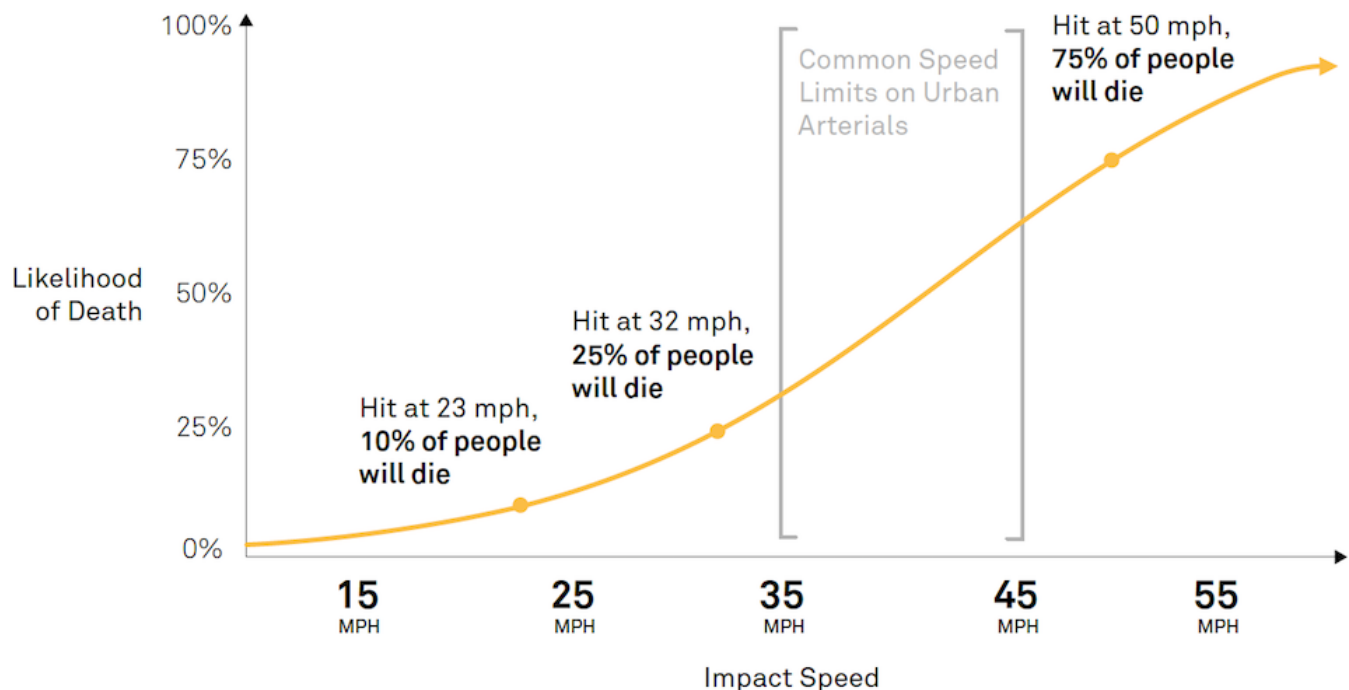
COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (T&I) Committee

POSITION: SUPPORT

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Neighborhood Council supports the motion to immediately implement AB 645 in Los Angeles by establishing a Speed Safety System Pilot Program to reduce speeding.

BACKGROUND: In 2022 alone, 312 people were killed in car crashes in Los Angeles. Fatal crashes have taken place in Mar Vista on streets like Centinela and Venice. Speed is the single biggest factor in determining if someone survives a car crash. [A person hit by a car traveling at 35 mph is five times more likely to die than a person hit by a car traveling at 20 mph \(NACTO\).](#)

THE LIKELIHOOD OF FATALITY INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY WITH VEHICLE SPEED³²



Many of our major arterials in Mar Vista are signed at or near 35 mph, and the actual rate of speed is often 40-50 mph. At these actual speeds, individuals in a car crash are more likely to die (versus be injured) according to the graph and estimates above.



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[Speed cameras \(referred to as "automated speed enforcement \(ASE\) devices" in the Council File\) and traffic-calming measures are known to be effective in reducing speed and, therefore, speed-related crashes \(CDC\).](#)

In early October, Governor Newsom signed AB 645 authorizing the City to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program to reduce speeding, including speed cameras and traffic-calming measures. This Council File urges LADOT to report back on a draft program by January 5, 2024, including staffing and budgetary needs to fully implement AB 645.

For these reasons, the Mar Vista Community Council supports Council File 23-1168 and encourages the City to move expediently in installing speed cameras and establishing traffic-calming measures on the streets where they are installed. We further ask that speed cameras be installed in an equitable way (not concentrated in any one specific location) and that the revenues generated be used to redesign streets to discourage speeding and make them safer for all users.

DIRECTED TO: LA City Council Transportation Committee



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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC T&I Committee meeting, November 1st, 2023

Motion of support moved by XXXX, seconded by XXXX

Motion of XXXX approved by MVCC T&I Committee XX-XX-XX

MVCC Board Meeting, MONTH 1st, 2023

Motion of support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX