



February, 2024

**Subject: Hyperion Street Safety**

Dear Hyperion Street Safety Coalition,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for the Hyperion Street Safety Coalition, a civic organization that includes business owners, tenants, residents, and schools in the Los Feliz and Silver Lake communities who seek to prioritize safety and mobility on the 1.5 mile stretch of roadway extending from Hyperion Avenue at Rowena Avenue to Fountain Avenue at Sunset Boulevard. I thank you for your continued work over the past six years in petitioning local elected officials and city departments for street safety improvements. Specifically, I want to acknowledge your efforts in voluntarily preparing a collision analysis of Fountain Avenue; hosting walk audits; staging pop-up events; and holding numerous in-person and virtual community meetings to grow this effort. The Coalition's Avenue Plan has the tentpole goals to reduce speed and crashes, to create safer facilities for people walking and biking, a safer, more engaging and beautiful environment through streetscape improvements, and finally a strategic method of funding and ensuring these improvements.

Notable detailed desired outcomes include:

- Slowing speeds on Hyperion Avenue and Fountain Avenue;
- Improved safety, ADA access, and pedestrian facilities at five "Priority Intersections" along the corridor, including Hyperion/Evans, Hyperion/Scotland, Hyperion/Delongpre, Hyperion/Fountain, and Fountain/Bates;
- Streetscape improvements, including: more shade trees, planted parkways and green space areas, wider and accessible sidewalks, accessible curb ramps, and pedestrian level lighting to make active mobility along the corridor safer and more enjoyable.

To date, my office has worked with City staff to address some of these concerns in a short term manner as we concomitantly work on identifying funding sources for long term solutions. Thus far, we have taken the following actions:

- Instructed the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to conduct signal studies at two priority intersections (Hyperion/Delongpre, and Hyperion/Scotland). They are currently working on these studies;
- Instructed LADOT to implement Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) and to explore signal timing changes to increase safety at the existing traffic signal at Lyric Avenue and Hyperion Avenue;
- Introduced Council File [23-0011-S6](#) which directs LADOT to install two speed tables on Hyperion Avenue, between Fountain Avenue and Lyric Avenue, and two speed tables along Hyperion Avenue, between Lyric Avenue and Tracy Avenue. These speed tables are anticipated to be installed by the end of the third quarter of calendar year 2024. In addition, the Council File instructs LADOT to implement, to the extent feasible by law, to lower the posted speed limit on Hyperion Avenue by five miles per hour (5 mph);
- Applied for \$2.5M in grant funding under the State of California REAP 2.0 program to fund planning/design and community engagement, tactical treatments, and construction costs. Unfortunately, this application was not successful;

I'm excited to continue working with you in moving forward on achieving shared goals. This corridor remains a priority for our office, and we look forward to both short term and long term improvements that can come online soon.

If you have any questions, please contact my Field Deputy for Los Feliz, Jennifer Hull at [jennifer.hull@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.hull@lacity.org) or 213-645-7721.

Sincerely,

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