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SUBJECT: **HEALTHY DESIGN WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES AND 2017
WORKPLAN (ITEM 7, AGENDA OF JANUARY 23, 2012)**

This memo and attached Annual Report summarizes the 2016 accomplishments of the Healthy Design Workgroup (HDW) and includes a description of the group's work plan for 2017. The HDW brings together County departments involved in planning, designing and building healthy, livable communities.

Background

On January 23, 2012, the Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved in concept the Healthy Design Ordinance, developed to increase levels of physical activity and access to healthy foods in Los Angeles County unincorporated areas. In response to a motion on that date, the Board 1) declared that the intent and policy of the County is to encourage design of public and private facilities in a manner that encourages pedestrian activity, bicycling, use of public transit and outdoor physical activities, and 2) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to coordinate an interdepartmental effort to review best practices; determine which practices should be mandated or encouraged by the County; develop an implementation program; and identify potential funding mechanisms. This interdepartmental initiative became known as the Healthy Design Workgroup. The CEO transferred leadership of this workgroup to the Department of Public Health (DPH) in 2013. DPH provides annual updates to the Board of Supervisors on the progress of the workgroup.

On February 5, 2013, the Board of Supervisors formally adopted the Healthy Design Ordinance, which changed existing zoning and subdivision regulations to legally establish community gardens and farmers markets throughout the County and create more specific requirements for bicycle parking and sidewalk design.

Major Outcomes in 2016

A final draft of the Livable Communities Design Guidelines was completed and includes a series of design measures intended to guide development based on the General Plan's goals and policies to provide safe, healthy, and active communities within the County of Los Angeles. The draft document was presented to a focus group of key stakeholders in November, and to the Department of Regional Planning's (DRP) Development Advisory Group on December 13, 2016. DRP staff will take the Guidelines to the Regional Planning Commission in mid-2017.

The Equity Indicators Toolkit Committee worked to address your Board's 2015 motion regarding equitable implementation of the County General Plan. DRP, in collaboration with other departments, identified how existing data sources could be utilized, gathered potential applications for the toolkit, prioritized equity indicators, and developed an Equity Indicator Outcomes Framework. The Equity Indicators Toolkit Committee also began coordinating and aligning these efforts with the Los Angeles Cohort of the Government Alliance for Race and Equity (GARE).

The Tree Committee developed a community-focused, youth engagement model of tree planting. The model utilizes community-based organizations to train at-risk youth to be tree ambassadors, educating community members on tree care and the benefits of trees. Community education is critical because residents are responsible for watering trees planted on the parkways in front of their homes. Outreach and education will take place before and after trees are planted to increase resident tree acceptance rates and improve tree health and survival.

Planned Activities in 2017

Encourage safe multi-modal travel among County employees and residents.

- On February 14, 2017, your Board approved a motion to implement Vision Zero, including the establishment of a Vision Zero Steering Committee and development of a Vision Zero Action Plan for unincorporated Los Angeles County. Vision Zero strategies are a part of the 2017 HDW work plan.
- For some employees, there are challenges with reimbursement for taking the bus or train, or using bike-share, to get to off-site meetings. The new Multi-Model Transportation Reimbursement Committee will work to clarify the process, and develop programs and policies, that aim to facilitate reimbursement for work-related, midday transportation using alternative modes.
- The Bicycle Parking and Implementation Committee will continue installation of approximately 150 bicycle racks at County facilities and will assess the feasibility to re-apply for funding to continue bicycle education and safety courses for County employees.

Prepare the County to pursue funding for healthy communities.

- The Grants Committee will collaborate on joint funding opportunities, such as pursuing California Climate Investments (Cap-and-Trade) funding under the Urban Greening Program and Transformative Climate Community Program.
- The Affordable Housing and Sustainability Communities (AHSC) Committee will continue to identify processes to effectively collaborate with developers on the State AHSC grant opportunity. For example, in early 2017 the Committee hosted an informal "study session" with affordable housing developers.

Plan for climate change and address mitigation:

- The Climate Committee will continue developing an urban heat island reduction plan, which identifies ordinances, incentive programs, and demonstration projects to promote the preservation and expansion of the urban forest, increases in green space, and the adoption of cool roofs.
- The Tree Committee will continue implementation of a tree planting, community education, and youth development initiative for unincorporated communities.

Develop tools to institutionalize equity and collaborate across sectors.

- The Equity Indicators Toolkit Committee will continue developing a set of indicators to guide equitable implementation of the General Plan, including development of a GIS-based tool for decision-making and resource allocation.
- The Project-Based Community Outreach Committee plans to develop a standardized approach to engage the community across various Department of Public Works projects, as well as a process by which outreach will be coordinated with other County departments
- The Interdepartmental Project Coordination Committee will collaborate on healthy design projects, including providing technical advisory functions, with a specific focus in 2017 on Walnut Park and Westmont-West Athens.

The attached Los Angeles County Healthy Design Workgroup Annual Report provides further information about HDW accomplishments in 2016 and the 2017 Work Plan.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTHY DESIGN WORKGROUP

Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

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OVERVIEW OF HEALTHY DESIGN WORKGROUP

The Healthy Design Workgroup (HDW) brings together County departments that are involved in planning, designing and building healthy, livable communities. In 2016, the following departments participated in the Workgroup: Public Health (DPH), Public Works (DPW), Regional Planning (DRP), Fire (FD), Parks and Recreation (DPR), Community Development Commission (CDC), Chief Information Office (CIO), Beaches and Harbors (BH), Arts Commission (LACAC), Chief Executive Office (CEO), Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (AGW), Sheriff's Department (SD) and the Internal Services Department (ISD)/Office of Sustainability, and the Department of Human Resources (DHR).

DPH leads and coordinates the activities of the HDW and its subcommittees. The workgroup meets regularly to develop and implement strategies for creating healthy communities. The interdepartmental nature of this effort is well aligned with County efforts to encourage collaboration across County departments. The activities described below were selected by member departments as high priority and include:

- Interdepartmental Grants Coordination;
- Bicycle Parking Implementation and Education;
- Climate Action Implementation;
- Livable Communities Design Guidelines;
- Interdepartmental Tree Coordination;
- Interdepartmental Project Coordination;
- Equity Indicators Coordination;
- Project-Based Community Outreach; and
- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Funding Collaboration.

PART I: 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUMMARY OF 2016 OUTCOMES

Healthy Design Workgroup Committee	2016 Outcomes
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted nine (9) joint grant applications for approximately \$8 million and received \$6.6 million in total funding with \$2 million still pending
Bicycle Parking Implementation and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed eight (8) on-bike classes (open to public) and 48 bike safety and education courses (LA County employees only) • Educated 665 County employees and 55 members of the public on principles of bike safety
Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced outline for the Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan
Livable Communities Design Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized Livable Communities Design Guidelines
Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed model tree planting, community education, and youth development initiative for unincorporated communities, as well as methodology for evaluating the initiative • Secured Prop A funding for tree planting and youth development initiatives

Healthy Design Workgroup Committee	2016 Outcomes
Interdepartmental Project Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held joint community workshop (DRP and DPH) in Westmont-West Athens related to pedestrian planning and transit oriented development planning • Initiated interdepartmental collaboration for Pacific Boulevard revitalization in unincorporated Walnut Park
Equity Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed framework for Equity Indicators Toolkit
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated process for collaborating with developers to identify funding and build affordable housing projects in unincorporated areas

OVERVIEW OF 2016 OUTCOMES

Interdepartmental Grants Coordination

DPW, DRP, DPH, DPR, ISD and LACAC continued to collaborate closely on livable communities grant applications in 2016. Joint applications have the potential to create greater synergy for the County, reduce redundancy, increase competitiveness and increase the amount of grant funds awarded. Toward this end, the grants committee convened regularly to identify potential grant opportunities, brainstorm and select high priority projects, share data across departments, and comment on draft applications. Nine joint grant applications were submitted in 2016 for approximately \$8 million with some grants still pending. Grants funded totaled over \$6.6 million and furthered the goals of the County General Plan. They include:

- Metro Express Lanes funding in the amount of \$6.6 million
 - Eaton Wash Bike Path Phase I
 - Vermont Green Line Intersection Improvement Project
 - Firestone Blue Line Station Intersection and Bikeway Improvement Project

In addition, DPW, with data and input from other departments, developed an online, GIS-based web portal that identifies where the County has requested and received grant funding. The web portal allows users to understand grants in relationship to the community or area for which the grant proposal was written or funding was received. Understanding where grant funds have already been allocated can be used as leverage and strengthen other grant applications that will benefit the same or adjacent area.

Bicycle Parking Implementation & Education

In 2013, the County was awarded a Mobile Source Reduction Commission (MSRC) grant for bicycle parking and a bicycle education program for County employees. The match for the grant came from the County's AB 2766 Subvention Funds, which funds the Department of Human Resource's Office of Work Place Programs and Marketing (WPM) Rideshare Program. In 2016, the WPM hired a consultant to deliver bicycle education and safety courses for County employees and the public. They conducted eight on-bike six-hour classes that were available to the public, and 48 one-hour "lunch and learn" bike safety and education courses for County employees only. The programs reached 665 County employees and 55 members of the public. In May 2016, the Board passed a motion promoting the Bike Safety and Education Courses to employees and a countywide email was distributed to employees informing them about the classes. Class course information was also included on mylacounty.gov and the Rideshare website.

ISD, in collaboration with DPH, CEO, and DHR, continues to assess County facilities to install bicycle parking in which park facilities are being prioritized. To date, ISD has surveyed over 10 County locations and is in the process of acquiring bicycle parking racks for approximately 150 bicycles. ISD assigned a new lead for this program and has met with several departments to accelerate site surveys and installation of bicycle racks.

Climate Action Implementation

DPH, DRP, DPW, DPR, BH, FD, and ISD met throughout 2016 to develop components of an Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan (Plan). The Plan, which is expected to be complete in 2017, will include recommended new ordinances, incentive programs, and demonstration projects to promote the preservation and expansion of the urban forest, increases in green space, and the adoption of cool roofs. The committee developed an outline for the Plan, met with each department to develop elements of the Plan, and is currently drafting the final document. The Plan, once implemented, will take important steps towards reducing the impacts of heat for unincorporated Los Angeles County residents.

Livable Communities Design Guidelines (formerly Healthy Neighborhood Design Guidelines)

In response to the Healthy Design Ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2013, the Livable Communities Design Guidelines were developed to include specific design measures that will be used by Regional Planning staff, developers and decision makers to develop projects that encourage walking, bicycling, outdoor physical activity, public transit use, and access to healthy foods. In 2016, the Guidelines were revised to address Regional Planning staff feedback regarding ease of implementation, and Public Works staff input on mobility, street lights, and street trees. In November, Regional Planning staff conducted a focus group with key stakeholders, and on December 13, presented the Guidelines at a Development Advisory Group meeting. The committee will no longer convene because the final document was completed in October and will be presented to the Regional Planning Commission as a discussion item in 2017. In 2017, DRP will focus on training the staff to use the document.

Interdepartmental Tree Coordination

An interdepartmental tree committee is developing a set of holistic strategies for preserving, maintaining and expanding Los Angeles County's urban forest. Staff from DPH, DPW, DRP, DPR, FD, ISD, SD, and AGW convened to brainstorm and prioritize several short-term and long-term projects. In 2016, the Tree Committee developed a community-focused, youth engagement model of tree planting to be piloted in four unincorporated areas in 2017. Funding for the project was allocated from Proposition A and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds for a total of \$1.16 million. An evaluation plan was also developed, in partnership with the non-profit organization contracted to plant the trees, to document how this new approach affects street tree survival, community connectedness, and youth development and job-readiness. In addition, the Tree Committee has been preparing for a grant application to establish a County-wide street tree inventory which will serve as a precursor to the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan for unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Interdepartmental Project Coordination

The HDW continues to increase coordination and collaboration across County departments involved in healthy design projects in specific unincorporated communities. This includes serving as the technical advisory committees in support of DRP's West Carson and Westmont-West Athens Transit Oriented District Specific Plans as well as DPH's Pedestrian Plans. In 2016, this committee enhanced cross departmental collaboration in the community of Walnut Park, specifically around the revitalization of Pacific Boulevard. Through the committee CDC, DPW and the Sheriff's Department are collaborating to install security cameras along Pacific Blvd. In addition, CDC and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs are collaborating on developing an outreach plan to the businesses along Pacific Blvd. Two community workshops were held bringing multiple departments to hear from and report to community members on planning efforts and upcoming improvements in Walnut Park. In the community of Westmont-West Athens, DPH and DRP also coordinated on outreach efforts, holding a joint community workshop for the development of a pedestrian plan and the TOD specific plan.

Equity Indicators Coordination (formerly “Prioritizing Projects for Grants”)

In 2016, DRP convened the Equity Indicators Toolkit Committee with staff from DPH, DPW, DPR, CEO, ISD, CDC, FD, PD, DCFS, DHR, and LACAC with the goal of developing a tool that would support the consideration of equity approaches in decision making related to land use and development; this approach can also be applied and utilized by other County departments. The tool will guide short term and long term implementation strategies and inform decision making processes and procedures. It will also be used by the HDW Grants Committee to guide and prioritize projects for federal, state, and local grants. The Committee began coordinating and aligning these efforts with a cohort of eight County departments participating in the Southern California Advancing Racial Equity Learning Year of the Government Alliance for Race and Equity (GARE). The Center for Social Inclusion, who leads GARE, conducted a racial equity training for the Committee and invited the Committee to a special speaker event with Rinku Sen, author, activist and the President and Executive Director of the racial justice organization Race Forward to hear contemporary thinking on best practices that can strengthen the County’s commitment to addressing equity issues.

Project-Based Community Outreach (formerly “Project Initiation and Feasibility”)

A Project Feasibility document was developed by DPW Project Development Division staff with input from other DPW divisions, DPH, and DPR for use during the grant development process to ensure all involved DPW divisions are aware of the project and give their approval before a grant is submitted, ensuring smooth implementation upon award of any future grants. In 2016, the committee identified that a coordinated community outreach and feedback approach is a necessary first step before developing a project initiation checklist to ensure that new and retrofitted County facilities incorporate active design. The Committee will focus on community outreach and engagement for various Public Works projects moving forward.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Funding Collaboration

Supported by several County departments, CDC and DRP are leading the effort to develop opportunities for the Strategic Growth Council’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) annual funding. In 2016, the AHSC Committee participated in an LA Thrives AHSC Workshop to learn how to effectively assist and collaborate with developers to bring AHSC funds to Los Angeles County. They also convened a learning meeting with City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department and Enterprise Community Partners to learn about the City of Los Angeles’ AHSC grant development approach. Finally, they began planning study session(s) with developers that will take place in 2017.

PART II: 2017 WORK PLAN

The 2017 HDW work plan identifies specific strategies that will be implemented via multiple subcommittees, each consisting of two departmental co-leads, as well as additional interdepartmental participants. The 2017 HDW work plan builds from existing momentum and direction from the Department Directors and the Board.

The following Healthy Design Workgroup (HDW) strategies were selected through interdepartmental meetings and were based on criteria such as feasibility, County control, and potential for improving community health. Each of the strategies is being implemented via a subcommittee consisting of two departmental co-leads, as well as additional interdepartmental participants. Participating departments include: Public Health (DPH), Public Works (DPW), Regional Planning (DRP), Fire (FD), Parks and Recreation (DPR), Community Development Commission (CDC), Chief Information Office (CIO), Beaches and Harbors (BH), Arts Commission (LACAC), Chief Executive Office (CEO), Agricultural Commission/Weights and Measures (AGW), Sheriff's Department (SD), Internal Services Department (ISD)/Office of Sustainability, and Department of Human Resources (DHR).

CONTINUING PROJECTS

Collaboration on Funding Opportunities

All departments involved in the Healthy Design Workgroup will bring potential joint grant opportunities to the workgroup's attention and will encourage joint applications for livable communities related funding opportunities.

Summary:

The HDW and its subcommittees will continue to track and identify opportunities for interdepartmental collaboration on grant applications. Joint applications have the potential to create greater synergy and efficiency for the County, reduce redundancy, increase competitiveness and increase the amount of awards. The committee's work will have a special emphasis on seeking funding for community-based planning and creative placemaking as a key strategy for ensuring that healthy design and livable communities projects are firmly rooted in community need.

References:

County Strategic Plan

MSRC Bicycle Parking Grant Implementation

DPH, DPR, ISD, DHR, and BH will collaborate to implement bicycle parking and bicycle education programs at County facilities and for County employees per a Mobile Source Reduction Committee (MSRC) grant.

Summary:

In 2013, County departments received MSRC funding for bicycle parking, bike infrastructure, and bike education and encouragement programs as well as clean trucks and other allowable items. The grant provides a dollar-for-dollar match to support the purchase of bicycle racks as well as signage and lighting to enhance bicycle parking areas. DPH and ISD will continue to work together to install bicycle parking in locations based on identified need and likelihood of high bicycle ridership. In addition, the Office of Work Place Programs and Marketing will assess the feasibility of re-applying for MSRC funding to continue bicycle education and safety courses for County employees and the public in 2017.

References:

Board of Supervisors Motion, December 16, 2014

Healthy Design Ordinance

General Plan

Climate Action Implementation

DPH, DRP, DPW, DPR, BH, FD, and ISD will continue to work together to develop an urban heat island reduction plan, which implements the Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan. The development of an urban heat island reduction plan may include ordinances, incentive programs, and demonstration projects to promote the preservation and expansion of the urban forest, increases in green space, and the adoption of cool roofs.

Summary:

Climate change mitigation and adaptation cannot be undertaken by one department alone; rather, they require the foresight, commitment, and creativity of all County departments working collaboratively. This committee is helping to implement the County's Community Climate Action Plan by working collaboratively with other departments on developing an Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan. Urban areas typically experience higher temperatures than surrounding rural areas, leading to heat-related illness and other health problems. An Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan will take important steps towards reducing the impacts of heat for unincorporated Los Angeles County residents.

References:

General Plan/Community Climate Action Plan

Interdepartmental Tree Coordination

DRP, DPW, DPR, DPH, ISD, ACWM, FD, and SD will develop a set of holistic strategies for preserving, maintaining, and expanding LA County’s urban forest in low income, tree-poor neighborhoods, working in collaboration with community partners and youth leadership groups.

Summary:

Trees are an essential part of the urban environment and contribute positively to climate control, storm water collection, air quality, and the comfort of people who travel along the street. In addition, street trees provide a psychological barrier between pedestrians and motorized traffic, making walking more enjoyable. The committee’s priorities are to secure funding to develop a comprehensive tree inventory for unincorporated areas, increase the communities’ awareness of tree benefits through public education utilizing at-risk youth, streamline the process by which a resident can request tree services, and make free shade and fruit trees available to residents in unincorporated areas for planting on their private property.

References:

The Model Design Manual for Living Streets

Healthy Communities Report: Active Transportation Design Guidance and Recommendations

General Plan /Community Climate Action Plan

Interdepartmental Project Coordination

All HDW departments will continue to collaborate on healthy design projects including providing technical advisory functions, coordinating joint outreach in unincorporated communities, and engaging in new collaborative healthy design and creative placemaking projects. In 2017, the committee will continue to enhance cross departmental collaboration in the communities of Walnut Park and Westmont-West Athens and develop guidance for community outreach.

Summary:

HDW departments collaborate when feasible to identify new methods of working together and sharing information collected through community outreach. Since many County planning projects are grant funded and require a technical advisory committee to be established, the HDW will continue to provide a technical advisory function to the departments’ planning projects, ensure healthy design elements are included, and coordinate outreach. In 2017, coordination efforts in the Walnut Park surrounding the revitalization of Pacific Boulevard and Westmont-West Athens will continue. To further coordination and support staff on outreach, this committee will convene special meetings with key agencies to develop guidance and/or models for community outreach and coordination.

References:

County Strategic Plan

Community Parks and Recreation Plans

Equity Indicators Coordination (formerly “Prioritizing Projects for Grants”)

DRP, DPH, DPW, DPR, FD, ISD, CDC, CEO, DHR, DCFS, LACAC, and PD are developing an “Equity Indicators Toolkit,” which will include a set of indicators to guide equitable implementation of the General Plan and help evaluate and ensure that equity is addressed in decision-making and planning efforts throughout the County. The Equity Indicators Toolkit could also be used by the HDW Grants Committee to guide and prioritize projects for federal, state, and local grants.

Summary:

In 2015, DRP worked with HDW members to spearhead the development of the Equity Development Tools Report for the Board, which includes strategies to address equity in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County through the implementation of the General Plan. As a result, the Board directed DRP to work with other County departments to develop an equity consideration support tool from a land use and development perspective, which can be applied and utilized by other County departments. The Equity Indicators Toolkit Committee was formed to develop this toolkit and their work will continue in 2017. Two subgroups, the Equity Indicator Policy Advisory Technical Subgroup and GIS/Data Management Subgroup, were created to divide the work. The Policy Advisory Technical Subgroup will shift its focus to outreach and engagement once a preliminary mock-up of the Toolkit is developed. DRP will also continue to convene a broader stakeholder group for input on the toolkit and for general feedback as it implements the Equitable Development Work Program.

References:

Board of Supervisors Motion, February 28, 2012
Board of Supervisors Motion, December 8, 2015

Project-Based Community Outreach (formerly Project Initiation and Project Feasibility)

DPW will work with the HDW Coordination Committee to coordinate project related community outreach to enhance design concept development.

Summary:

In order to update the Project Development Concept form (a checklist that ensures new and retrofitted County facilities incorporate active design), the Department of Public Works developed an internal committee to address active transportation and community-based planning more broadly. As part of this committee’s needs assessment, Public Works’ staff identified a coordinated community outreach and feedback approach as a necessary first step before updating the Project Development Concept form. In 2017, the Committee will develop a standardized approach to engaging the community across various Public Works’ projects, which may include increased outreach frequency, different outreach typologies, and a process by which outreach will be coordinated with other County departments. DPW will utilize the Project Feasibility document finalized last year that enables them to more quickly implement grant-funded active transportation projects, as all of the involved DPW divisions will have approved the proposed design and scope of the project before requesting funding.

References:

The Model Design Manual for Living Streets
Healthy Communities Report: Active Transportation Design Guidance and Recommendations
General Plan

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Funding Coordination

CDC will work with DPW, DRP, and DPH and outside partners to develop opportunities for the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) annual funding.

Summary:

Supported by cap-and-trade revenues, the AHSC funds land-use, housing, transportation, and land preservation projects to support infill and compact development that reduces greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions by improving mobility options. Regular, on-going coordination with DPW, DRP, and DPH as well as outside partners is needed to identify and develop competitive projects annually for this funding opportunity. In 2017, the Committee will identify resources to develop a County-wide process to effectively assist and collaborate with developers to bring AHSC funds to Los Angeles County and identify tools and resources to target areas for affordable housing development.

References:

County Strategic Plan

Community Climate Action Plan

NEW PROJECTS

Los Angeles County Vision Zero

DPH and DPW will work with FD, SD, and DHS to conduct baseline data analysis to understand severe and fatal traffic collisions (who, what, where, why) in unincorporated Los Angeles County, and engage the HDW to inform a report to the Board of Supervisors that includes potential next steps to launch Vision Zero in Los Angeles County.

Summary:

Traffic-related deaths are the leading cause of premature death among 5 to 14 year olds, and the fifth leading cause of premature death in Los Angeles County overall. Recent statistics show that the number of traffic-related fatalities in California is increasing. Vision Zero is a traffic safety approach that asserts that fatal collisions are preventable, and our collective goal should be zero deaths due to the transportation system. On October 4th, 2016, the Board passed a motion directing Public Health, in consultation with the Healthy Design Workgroup, to analyze data related to traffic collisions for unincorporated County areas and develop potential strategies and actions to implement a Vision Zero Initiative for the County unincorporated areas.

References:

County General Plan, Mobility Chapter

Department of Public Works Goals

Department of Public Health's Community Health Improvement Plan

Board of Supervisor's Motion, October 4, 2016

Multi-modal Transportation Reimbursement Coordination

DPH, DRP, and DHR will work with other County departments to identify ways to facilitate reimbursement for midday, work-related transportation using alternative travel modes.

Summary:

On-road transportation comprises the second largest portion of Los Angeles County's carbon dioxide emissions. As the employer of over 100,000 people, County employee policies have a broad impact on the environment. While the County supports and encourages employees to use public transit for their work commute, for some employees the challenges associated with getting reimbursed can disincentivize taking the bus, train, or bike-share to an off-site meeting. Often, transit is significantly less expensive and a more convenient way to travel for work-related meetings, especially to urban centers such as Downtown Los Angeles. A new committee will work to clarify the process and/or develop programs or policies that aim to facilitate reimbursement of work-related, midday transportation using alternative modes.

References:

General Plan/Community Climate Action Plan