



February 19, 2026

Chair Whitburn
Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
City of San Diego
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

SUBJECT: Speed Management Plan Implementation Priorities

Dear Chair Whitburn and Members of the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee:

On behalf of the Vision Zero Coalition, we are writing to express support for the City's Speed Management Plan, and urge the City to adopt a formal policy prioritizing implementation in school zones.

We know that higher speeds increase the lethality of crashes. The City of San Diego cannot achieve Vision Zero without effective speed management, including targeted speed limit reductions. The Vision Zero Coalition applauds the City's Speed Management Plan as a positive step in this direction. The plan proposes to reduce speed limits on 679.4 miles of City streets, accounting for 21 percent of the City's street network.

It is not enough to make an unspecific commitment to reduce speeds across a long time horizon. Vision Zero requires prioritizing changes where they will reduce the most human harm. Not every location presents the same level of danger. The Vision Zero Coalition urges urgent adoption, implementation, and prioritization of speed reductions in school zones. We also request that you quickly fast-follow this policy with physical traffic calming measures to actually slow down drivers.

Over the past six months, San Diego has been stuck by repeated tragic instances of children being killed by traffic violence. Six-year-old Hudson O'Loughlin was killed by a negligent driver two blocks from a school while riding his bike with his family. Twelve-year-old Andrew Olsen was killed while walking to school. Six-year-old Lucas Louis was killed by a hit-and-run driver while crossing the street with a guardian. This pattern must end. The City must prioritize making sure that children can walk to school, bike with their family, and cross the street safely. Any delay in implementing life saving speed limit

reductions in areas frequented by children serves as a sustained public health risk, endangering more of our children's lives.

The Vision Zero Coalition urges you to urgently adopt the speed management plan, fund and prioritize implementation, and adopt a formal policy that prioritizes implementation in school zones.

Sincerely,

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