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Supervisor Barger Calls for Improved Pedestrian and Traffic Safety in Altadena

Action taken following two pedestrian fatalities last month

In response to two separate traffic fatalities involving pedestrians that occurred a month ago in Altadena, Supervisor Kathryn Barger successfully introduced a motion during today's Board of Supervisors meeting directing Los Angeles County's Department of Public Works to assess traffic safety conditions on two highly transited local roadways.

"Keeping communities in my district safe is my top priority," said **Supervisor Kathryn Barger**. "Two pedestrians tragically lost their lives recently in Altadena in isolated traffic accidents – that's both heartbreaking and unacceptable. This motion mobilizes the County's roadway safety experts so they can identify corrective actions and make traffic safety improvements. We need to do everything in our power to mitigate any further injury or loss of life in this close-knit community."

Public Works' traffic safety professionals have 45 days to evaluate traffic conditions on two roadway corridors: one on Holliston Avenue, between Altadena Drive and New York Drive, and on Fair Oaks Avenue between Loma Alta Drive and Altadena Drive.

Barger's motion also directs Public Works to partner with the <u>Altadena Town Council</u> and the community to discuss data and trends related to traffic collisions and fatalities.

"The Altadena Town Council looks forward to working with the County to find real solutions to make our roads safer," said **Veronica Jones, Chair of the Altadena Town Council**. "We would like to wholeheartedly thank Supervisor Barger and the Board of Supervisors for putting our community's safety first. We will work together on this necessary first step toward making our streets safer for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. We all are accountable for helping keep our streets safe."

The motion passed with unanimous approval.