# Towards a Micro-Mobility Eco-System:

The South Bay Local Travel Network

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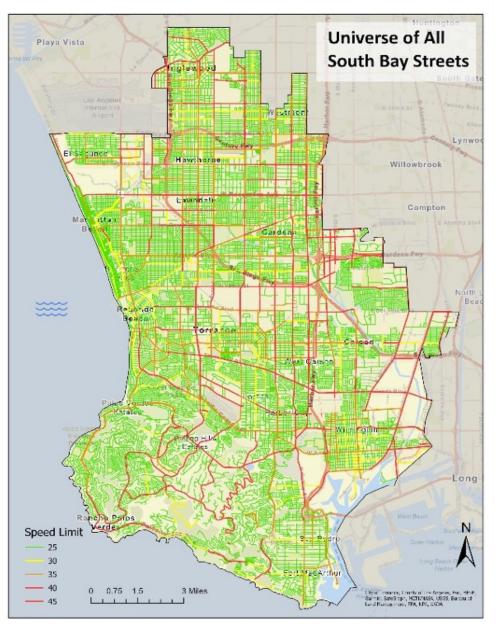




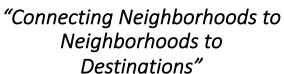


#### South Bay Local Travel Network

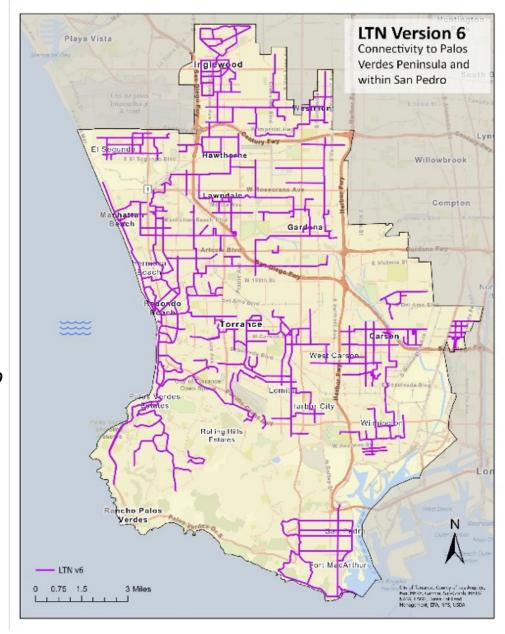
- ➤ A 243-mile route-network overlayed on the South Bay's 2,000 miles of streets in order to provide safe routes for residents to reach frequent destinations
- Routes carefully chosen from low speed, low volume streets in order to safely facilitate mixed modes
- > Street markings with branded wayfinding signs



Refinement:
2000 Miles of South Bay
Streets to
243-Route Miles for
Local Travel Network



Crossings at Controlled Intersections



## Zero Emission Micro-Mobility Modes on Local Travel Network



#### **Rolling Turtle**



**Branded Wayfinding** 





← Destination 2

→ Destination 3

### Why Build for Micro-Mobility...Why Now?

Sustainability

Accessibility

Safety

**Equity** 

Congestion Relief

Cost Effective

#### Micro-Mobility: Resident Benefits

- Satisfies mobility needs
  - 70% of trips are local less than 3 miles
  - 90% are less than 10 miles -- within range
- Safe due to slow speed
  - Maximum speed varies from 10 to 25 MPH
  - Low mass, low impact
- Equitable -- affordable zero emission mobility
  - Low purchase cost relative to a personal vehicle \$1,500 to \$12,000 used half price
  - Low maintenance costs
  - Low fueling costs
- Delivers high quality mobility service
  - Door to door, on-demand

#### Micro-Mobility: Society Benefits

- Reduce congestion on major arterials by spreading the traffic out into neighborhoods at very low volume (currently 80% traffic on 20% of streets)
- Improve air quality by eliminating cold starts and use of more ZEV modes
- Reduce GHG emissions through electric drive
- Supports public transit services
  - First/last mile reduce demand for rail feeder services
  - Mobility hubs increase service speed by reducing local stops
- Very low-cost infrastructure investment without long lead times
  - No construction costs
  - Level 1 charging, L2 not required.
- Makes housing more affordable
  - Reduce household mobility costs freeing budgets for housing costs
  - Reduces construction costs by allowing limited space for parking
  - Incentivizes planners and project developers to locate goods and services near or as part of the local travel network

#### Micro-Mobility: Community Benefits

- Access to lower cost zero emission mobility
- Vehicles designed for mobility-challenged
- First/Last Mile services
- Improved Street Safety for local trips
- Improved Air Quality
- Reduced GHG Emission

### The Opportunity & The Challenge

Where Does Micro-Mobility Fit in Terms of Transportation Strategies, Policies, and Allocation of Resources?



#### Changes to Policy

 Add the option for designated slow speed networks to the Caltrans "Complete Streets" definition

- Acknowledge micro-mobility as a mode and an ecosystem Examples:
  - Advocate for DMV to track unlicensed micro-mobility devices
  - Collect data on micro-mobility use and incorporate findings into planning documents."

#### **Funding Needs**

To SBCCOG for pilot projects, scalable to other jurisdictions

- Pilot "Drive what you need Tool"
- Pilot "Ride and Drive" events
- Public education programs
- Pilot "mobility hubs" in DACs
- Pilot traffic monitoring system to evaluate impact on arterials and LTN
- Expand ZEV rebate programs to include a broader range of micro-mobility devices beyond e-bikes
- Advocate broadening criteria for Strategic Growth Council Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities program to include micro mobility ecosystem in addition to transit adjacency

#### QUESTIONS?

#### Thank You!

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