



Reduced Speed Limit on Solano Avenue

City Council
September 19, 2022

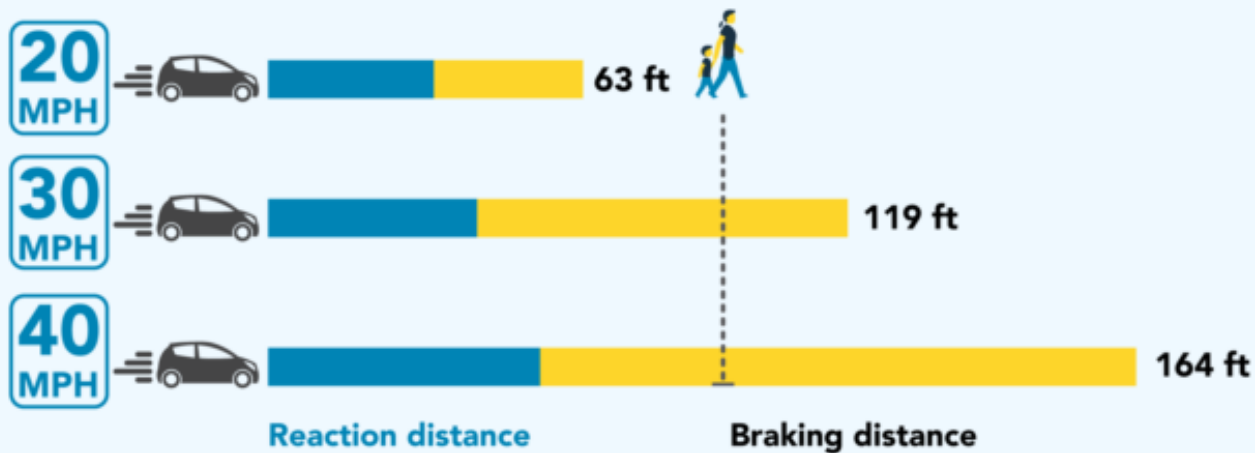
Background

AB 43 made several changes to California Vehicle Code, including the addition of Section 22358.9 allowing for a 20 mile per hour speed limit in “business activity districts” if the current adjacent limit is 25 mph.

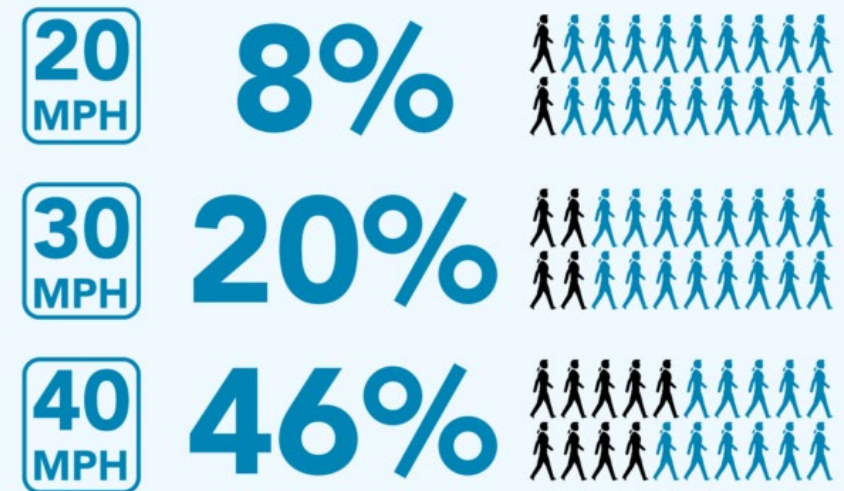
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Solano Avenue currently has a 'prima facie' speed limit of 25 mph as a residential or business district without posted speed limits.

Discussion



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (2015)

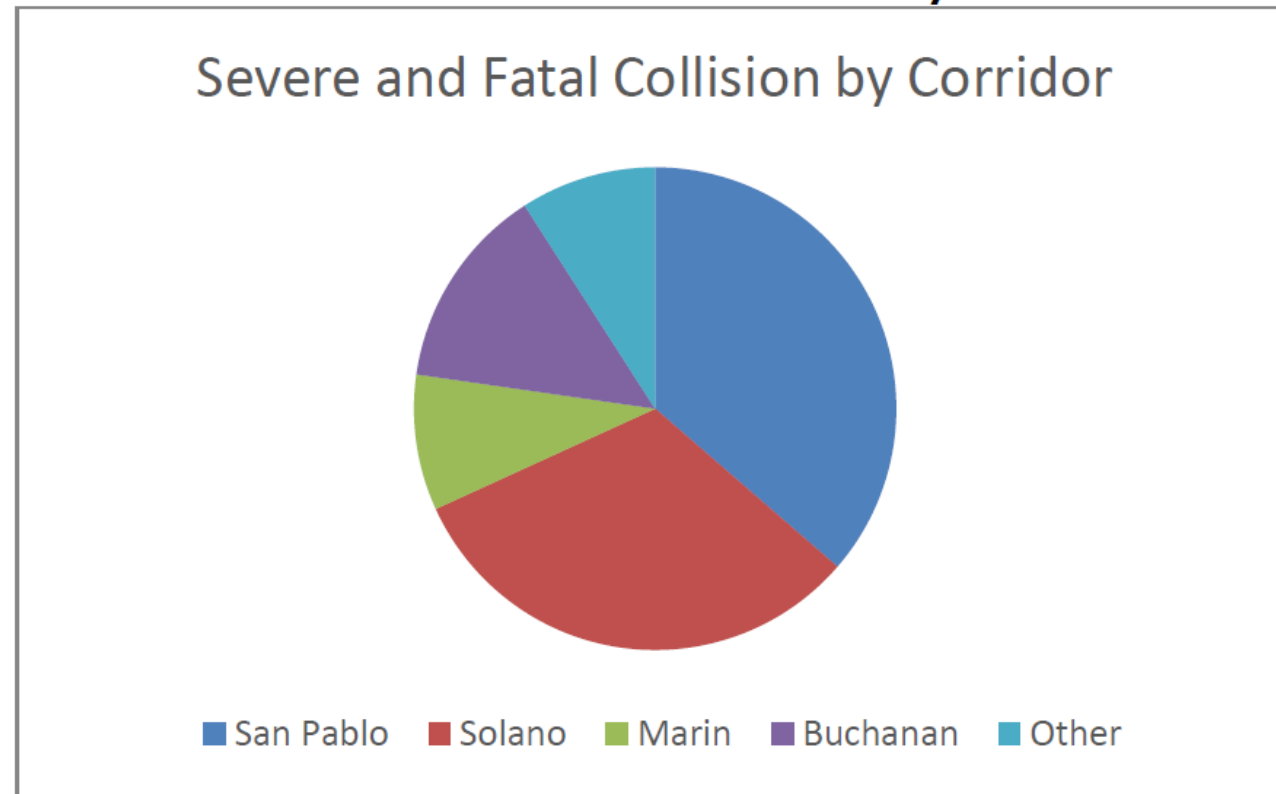


Likelihood of death for people walking if hit at these speeds

Source: AAA Foundation, Tefft, B.C. (2011)

Discussion

2013-2020 Severe and Fatal Collisions by Corridor



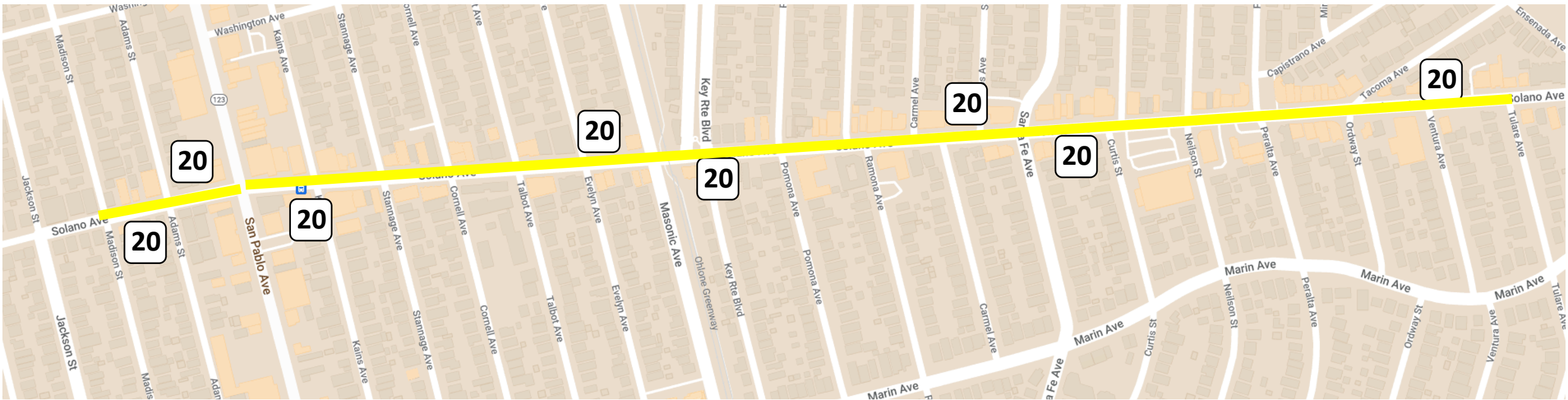
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Business activity districts for this purpose must meet three of the four requirements:

- **No less than 50 percent of frontage is retail or dining commercial uses that open directly onto sidewalks adjacent to the road**
- **Parking is located alongside the road**
- Traffic control signals or stop signs are located at intervals of no more than 600 feet
- **Marked crosswalks not controlled by a traffic control device**

Summary

Reducing the speed limit along Solano Avenue to 20 mph is a measure we can take to reinforce safe driving speeds along the commercial corridor.





Recommendation

That the Council introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-06 to amend Albany Municipal Code Section 9-1.3 to establish a 20 miles per hour speed limit on Solano Avenue between Madison Street and the eastern city limits.

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