

**Testimony to the House Committee on Transportation Policy
on House Bill 2682-2**

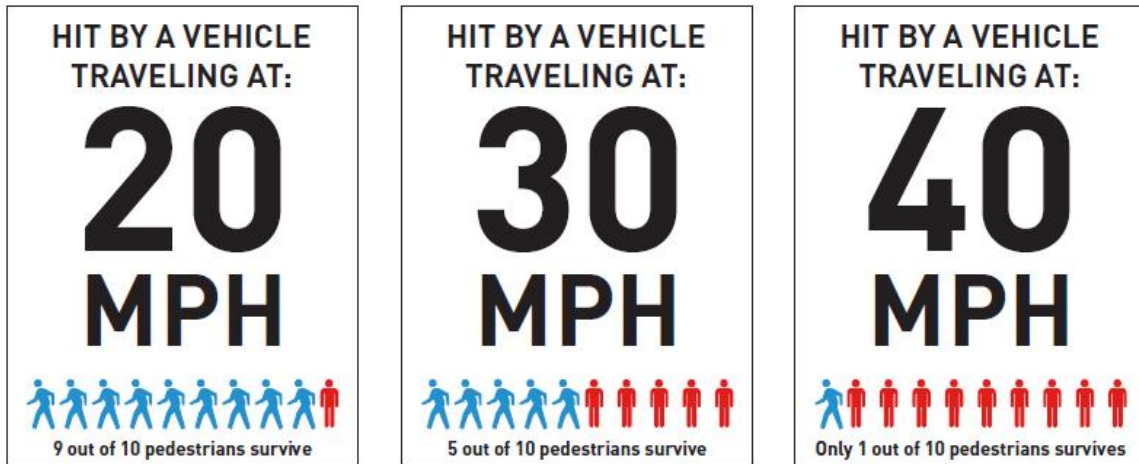
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The Street Trust supports HB 2682-2, which authorizes the City of Portland, by process established by rule, to establish designated speed for certain residential streets without first seeking approval from Department of Transportation.

We also would like to see this bill go further in allowing the City of Portland and other jurisdictions to also lower speed limits on arterials and other high-speed streets, including those designated as high crash corridors.

We are committed to Vision Zero, which is the goal of achieving zero serious injuries and fatalities on our roads. Excessive speeding is one of the most dangerous challenges we face in making our streets safe:



The majority of the residential streets in the City of Portland covered by this bill are posted at 25 miles per hour. Many people drive above the speed limit, and providing for a five mile per hour reduction will save people's lives in the event of a crash. Using this Vision Zero type of approach to limiting serious injuries and fatalities is an important way to increase safety on our streets.

We support HB 2682-2 and ask that you consider expanding local control over speed limits and extending this bill to include high speed and high crash areas where speeding presents the greatest safety risk. Thank you for considering our position on this important legislation, please support HB 2682-2.

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