

Communication from Public

Name: Jill Haber

Date Submitted: 01/08/2024 10:00 PM

Council File No: 23-0559-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Padilla, I am writing this email to you to let you know our concerns of the proposed Bike Path adjacent to the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park. Having the bike path adjacent to the dog is not a good idea and an accident waiting to happen. LA City Rec and Parks dog park standards are very clear that it states, "Be situated in areas of parks that are not heavily used for other recreational activities so as to reduce the potential for conflict". That is why this dog park is set back from the existing bike path on Victory that is 340 feet from the river way proposed bike path. This is not about taking "A Sliver of the dog park", (30' along the dog park they are taking). It is about putting the bike path at the fence of the dog park, making dogs aggressive at the fence potentially causing injury to dogs, people and cyclists. Taking out over 30 - 30 year old trees. Putting a gate in the parking lot so the cyclists take the little parking we have now and disrupt and cause injury to dogs and people while they ride through the area. The bike path starts on the South side, from Vanalden, it should continue on the south side, which is wider and away from the dog park, with nothing in the way, and if they want to switch to the north, do it at the orange line bridge instead of white oak. It is irresponsible to have the bike path cross at White Oak to come over intentionally to the north side to disrupt the dog park and dangerous for both dogs and people. A covered fence or block wall will only make matters worse and more dangerous as dogs will hear the sounds and will be even more aggressive at what they cannot see, as well as people throwing things over into the dog park will be a great concern. A block wall will echo into the neighbors across Victory and cause problems. BOE had stated they are working with the dog park advocates on what type of fence to put in. That is not true. They have never come to us about any fence and are not working with us. At 19 Million dollars a mile for 3.5 miles, we asked them about Security and Maintenance for this, we were told that was not in the budget. I was told specifically it was not in the budget. January 2020, a horse died a horrific death at the newly constructed Atwater bridge in Atwater Village. These are the same designers and staff of BOE that put stairs, slippery concrete and a sharp turn on a ramp, specifically for horses, exiting the bridge where a horse died a horrific death. 2 broken legs laying on its back after falling over the very short wall

after it slid down the slippery staired ramp. They were responsible for the construction and overseeing the design. This accident should have never happened, it was completely avoidable if they would have listened to the community. These are the same people that say it's okay to put a bike path next to the dog park. The death of a horse sparks safety concerns about a new L.A. River bridge | Atwater Village News | theeastsiderla.com Atwater Village bridge reopens to equestrians but some remain concerned about crossing | Atwater Village News | theeastsiderla.com Please take into consideration the alternatives that we have proposed that will make it safer for dogs, people and cyclists. and so that it works for everyone. Thank you, Jill Haber 818-317-6685

Communication from Public

Name: Kent Moorman

Date Submitted: 01/08/2024 10:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Padilla, I'm sending you this email to say I'm totally against putting the bike path next to the dog park. The city is knowingly, building an accident(s) waiting to happen. This bike path is the equivalent of putting a crosswalk on a freeway (nothing but bad things will come out of it.) If whoever's in charge, thinks dogs are going to ignore bicyclists, skateboarders and walking traffic, (including the homeless, are sadly mistaken.) Even if a wall is built, the problem will still be there (I should know as I live on a corner lot with a brick wall, and some of my client dogs go crazy when they hear a skateboard or people on bikes... or unseen voices in general.) Dogs, naturally chase things, and the city is basically going to destroy the general calm and positive mood of the park... knowingly! Dogs will be startled by bicyclist and vice versa, and I guarantee injuries will be common place and lawsuits will be in abundance. Otherwise, playful dogs may, and will be aggressive towards bikers/skateboarders/roller, skaters, and foot traffic. And this will translate to unnecessary, aggressive behavior of some dogs towards each other (and possibly innocent children) because the dogs are overwhelmed without a release of the stress and emotion created by the people on the bike trail. This will undoubtedly cause problems between dog owners that wouldn't have happened if the dogs weren't triggered (by an idea that has been built twice already... extremely close together.) So they decide to make a third bike lane in the center of the two... All going in the same direction! The idea is almost lunatic fringe!!! And it's not like we're in an incredibly overpopulated place like Tokyo, Japan. There isn't much traffic on either bike paths now or have ever been. Bottom line. It's a really stupid idea. Nothing less. What's next? Building methadone clinics next to grammar schools? Also, access gates from the bike trail to the dog park parking lot, so you can go to the dog park or bring your bicycle to go on the bike path or to bring your skateboard to go on the bike path or to bring your whatever and go on the bike path??? It's not built to accommodate that many people... period! So, for dog people, bicyclist, and roller skaters to visit the park/bike path, many will have to cross an extremely busy Victory Boulevard with your bike/dog/skateboard/rollerblades. Eventually, injuries and death will happen without a doubt. I am a professional dog trainer and

well respected in the dog park community over the years. I know dog behavior extremely well (and I know what to expect once your project is completed.) Absolutely “nothing” good will come out of this (and I think most of you are aware of this.) Example: Horse deaths on the new bridge. That is my personal conclusion, because building a “third” bike path next to a dog park is a terrible idea!!! Even if I’m wrong, which I hope I am. Nothing good can happen from you building this bike path NOTHING! I say what you propose is mad just considering the lawsuits alone! I could write to you how to train your dog not to be bike/skateboard aggressive as I have done at the nearby skate park. There is only one good answer (but that does not matter.) It doesn’t apply here. Whoever is responsible for this. You should be held accountable for what you are knowingly doing (perhaps consider this a wake up call....it’s not too late.) Sincerely, Kent Moorman bustercornbread@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee

Date Submitted: 01/08/2024 11:12 PM

Council File No: 23-0559-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee has concerns about the LA River Valley Bikeway as designed through the Sepulveda Basin. Current design runs along the existing concrete river levee and creates a significant impediment to restoring floodplain function to the LA River through the Basin, a critical climate adaptation strategy being advanced in the City's Vision Plan. While the design documents may be complete, implementing this stretch creates conditions that reduce the Basin's potential increased flood capacity by 50% and significantly limits the site's groundwater recharge potential. The construction and O&M costs of the engineered recharge facilities proposed to somewhat offset those losses would be markedly higher than the combined cost of redesigning the bikeway alignment and restoring floodplain function. The rider experience along a concrete channel would be inferior to one designed to follow along a living open space and/or a restored floodplain. "We already designed it" is a poor excuse for the loss of potential riparian ecosystem function, including critical flood risk mitigation, water supply augmentation, expanded habitat, biodiversity, carbon sequestration and temperature reductions. We can discern no supportable justification for moving the alignment from the south to the north bank for this 1-mile reach, taking riders off the path and missing the connection opportunities to the existing LA River Bikeway at Oxnard to the south, and practically replicating the existing Orange Line bike path 450 feet to the north at Victory Blvd If near-term connectivity is desired, a simple, cost-effective solution would be to create a bike lane along White Oak to Oxnard, and improve the existing LA River bikeway, that already connects into the Basin and the bikeway underpass at Balboa.

Communication from Public

Name: Tarzana Neighborhood Council

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Community Impact Statement - City Council and Committees

Clerk.CIS@lacity.org Wed 3/29/2023 6:59 PM To: clerk.CIS@lacity.org

Cc: j.mausner@tarzananc.org Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCSupport@lacity.org. ***** This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. *****

Contact Information Neighborhood Council: Tarzana Neighborhood

Council Name: Jeffrey Mausner Phone Number: 310-617-8100 Email:

j.mausner@tarzananc.org The Board approved this CIS by a vote of:

Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0) Date of NC Board

Action: 03/28/2023 Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information Date: 03/29/2023 Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees Council File Number: 22-0247

Agenda Date: Item Number: Summary: The Tarzana Neighborhood

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