

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: After a seven month trial period, I sold my last car thirteen years ago and became a car-free Angeleno. Relying on buses, bicycles, and walking to get around, one can't help but notice the many shocking failures in our transportation infrastructure. I live on Rowena, which essentially becomes Glendale Boulevard. When I walk to the Silver Lake Library on Glendale (despite being on the same side of the street as me) I must cross Glendale Boulevard, cross Fletcher Drive, cross Silver Ridge Avenue, cross Silver Lake Boulevard, and then cross back over Glendale Boulevard -- all because there is a gap in the sidewalk on the west side of Glendale Boulevard between the heinous intersection of Fletcher/Glendale/Silver Ridge and a point 450 feet south. I must pound beg buttons at each street in order to beg for permission from cars to minority inconvenience them. This often results in conflict since this intersection, in its present configuration, is a dangerous and noxious car sewer. More than a decade ago, I spoke about the need for a sidewalk on Glendale Boulevard during public comment at a Silver Lake Neighborhood Council and -- despite the prohibition against "back-and-forth" -- was shouted down by other stakeholders who for whatever warped reasons opposed creating a sidewalk here. I placed a row of cones on the fog line of Glendale Boulevard hoping that this act of guerrilla urbanism would spur a response but the cones were eventually destroyed by careening cars and nothing resulted. I ran for Neighborhood Council and was elected with the goal of improving mass and active transit infrastructure in Silver Lake. So much work for such a small ask. If we want to get people out of cars -- which we must do if we're to survive as a species -- we need to induce demand for walking by prioritizing pedestrian infrastructure.

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Name: Naima Merella

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Comments for Public Posting: The intersection of Fletcher and Glendale is one I would use more often as a biker and pedestrian if there was a bike lane and side walk there. When I have currently used this intersection as a biker I have feared for my safety as cars drive quickly on this street. Having a bike lane here would make this more accessible to the LA River bike trail and to get to the Silver Lake Reservoir, making it much easier to access these green spaces with out needing to drive. Furthermore as a driver its often hard to see pedestrians at that intersection and having an additional sidewalk would make the area much more walkable.