

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandeep

**Date Submitted:** 11/13/2023 10:53 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0559-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember Padilla, I am posting to say that I am totally against putting the bike path next to the dog park. It is irresponsible and asking for trouble between dogs and bikes. An 8' wall that will be immediately covered with graffiti will not mitigate the problem; dogs will still hear the bikes and chase them. If it shuts off the sound completely, we won't hear a biker on the path in distress either. Without a budget or enforcement plan this is a Public Works disaster and shouldn't be forced onto the community at all. The 19 million dollars that is planned for this one tiny section is ludicrous, especially considering that there are two other bike paths in close proximity, one on victory that is only 350 feet away and the other on Oxnard, a third of a mile. A far more reasonable plan is to put the path on the south side of the wash, where the only impediment is an unused ball field, or start on the south and change to the north at the bus overpass. OR maintain what is already there as the Oxnard path is not well maintained and considered "seedy". The BOE is using the same designer who installed the disastrous walkway at the Atwater bridge. It was supposed to be for horses but had a constricted turn and stairs. A horse fell and broke two legs and had to be euthanized before it even opened an example of a total lack of understanding of animal behavior. This bridge also went over 16 million dollars when the cost was originally donated to the city. In conclusion I am totally opposed to this plan and ask that you use your influence and put this back onto the Public Works drawing board. Sincerely, Sandeep Babu

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ter Lieberstein

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023 11:22 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathleen Crawford

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023 11:25 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0559-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember Padilla: I am posting to say that I am totally against putting the bike path next to the Sepulveda Basin dog park. It is irresponsible and asking for trouble between dogs and bikes. An 8' wall that will be constantly covered with graffiti will not mitigate the problem; dogs will still hear the bikes and chase them. The parking lot will be impacted, and the homeless population can make the area a nightmare. The 19 million dollars that is planned for this one tiny section is ludicrous, especially considering that there are two other bike paths in close proximity, one on Victory that is only 350 feet away and the other on Oxnard, a third of a mile. A far more reasonable plan is to put the path on the south side of the wash, where the only impediment is an unused ball field or change to the North side at the busway overpass. The BOE is using the same designer who installed the disastrous walkway at Atwater bridge. It was supposed to be for horses but had a constricted turn and stairs. A horse fell and broke two legs and had to be euthanized before it even opened. They are obviously not animal behavior experts and will not listen to the dog park patrons who tell them that their dogs will be triggered. This will not be the "safe place" for them that it has been for the last 30 years. My many years as a taxpayer has only shown increasing waste in city spending but this is outrageous. At a cost of 19 million dollars for a mile of bikeway alongside two that already exist is beyond irresponsible. In conclusion I am totally opposed to this plan and ask that you reconsider it and use your influence to move this away from the dog park and possibly stop it and use the funding to fix what already exists and needs attention. Why build these paths and not maintain them?  
Sincerely, Kathleen Crawford

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catina Lesavoy

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023 11:29 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** LARRY HIRSCH

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023 11:33 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0559-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** COUNCIL MEMBER. I have used the dog park twice a day [2 hours] every day for 20 years. Even with problems with grass, plumbing, and fallen trees, it's a wonderful home for our critters. It is used by 2000 to 3000 "VOTERS " every week. I don't see 25 bikers[ VOTERS] on Victory each week. I believe a bike path will be a waste of money, as well as costing you a lot of votes. This money should be spent on important issues of which there are many. We dog people like our critters are loyal, I hope you don't make this mistake. I have attached a couple of emails I know you'll get LARRY HIRSCH, US ARMY VETERAN RTD

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debbie Reiss

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023 11:41 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0559-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Imelda, I am Debbie Reiss that Rachel Menitoff from KTLA interviewed that stated "dogs go nuts for anything on wheels". I use both of the park large & timid sides 5 times a week. People & dog walkers come from 20 miles around. From 6 am to closing you can see the dogs and groups of people in needed socializing. In the summer after 10 am the large park with it's few trees is blazing hot. The sidewalk on Victory bld. is NEVER used any day or time. Parking on the weekends is so packed people park on the grass area that has plumbing under it. I have witnessed homeless people stripping down to use the water pump. One guy even set the porta potty on fire! The handles of the pumps have been stolen having everyone lugging gallons of water in. Occasionally, someone on a bike will use the dirt path along the fence and I have witnessed the dogs in pursuit. There is already 2 bike paths. There plan is Not Needed & Not Wanted. Thank you for your consideration & please help save the dog park! Debbie Reiss

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janie Thompson  
**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2023 11:47 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0559-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember Padilla, Hope this finds you doing great. I am posting to share my concern of the ill fated proposed bike path next to the dog park in Encino. As a dog lover and woman of superior common sense I do not support putting a bike path next to the dog park. It is totally irresponsible and asking for trouble between dogs and bikes. Please have some compassion for the dogs and their human owners. Surely you are aware that at least 2000 dog owners/lovers have signed a petition requesting an alternative to this irresponsible action. The supposed \$19 million dollars that is planned for this minute section is money better spent elsewhere, especially considering that there are two other bike paths in close proximity, one on victory that is only 300 feet away and the other on Oxnard, a third of a mile. This does seem like a waste of taxpayer funds when their are already existing bike paths. A far more reasonable plan is to put the path on the south side of the wash, where there is an unused ball field which has been vacant for years. According to many involved it has been stated that BOE is using the same designer who installed the disastrous walkway at Atwater bridge. It was supposed to be for horses but had a constricted turn and stairs. A horse fell and broke two legs and had to be euthanized before it even opened. Let's avoid this type of tragedy. I'm sure you too are a woman of superior common sense ready to demonstrate to your constituents that you have their best interest at heart especially when it comes to man's best friend. I thank you in advance for any and all efforts on behalf of all dog lovers in Encino, Lake Balboa, and he the entire San Fernando Valley. Respectfully, Janie Thompson Vice President Encino Property Owners Association