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**Name:** Lionel Mares

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear PLUM Committee: I am writing in support of this motion. We urge you to Ending Street Widening and 'Street Dedication'. Our city needs to focus on protecting street trees that provide shade and oxygen. Keeping our sidewalks wide enough for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our city needs to focus on pedestrian safety as well as bicycle safety. Widening the roads is counterproductive. We don't want Street Widening! What the city needs to focus on is more protected bicycle lanes, pedestrian safety, and more shade trees. Having wider sidewalks to accommodate larger trees will greatly improve the quality of life for people. We need to transition to other modes of mobility. Wider roads put human lives in danger! Please, support this motion to end automatic street widening dedication! Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Donald Shoup

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**Comments for Public Posting:** No other city requires street widening on the piecemeal basis that LA uses. LA's piecemeal policy increases the cost of housing development because developers must pay for moving storm drains, telephone poles, and other infrastructure when they widen the street and narrow the sidewalk. It is so easy to end this insane policy. Please do it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Fishman

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I'm in support of this motion. Street widening must be ended as it make our roads more dangerous, congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. Instead of thinking about how to add more cars to our roads (induced demand!), we should be thinking about alternate methods of transportation and making our streets safer!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Peck

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Larger streets mean faster, more dangerous driving, more pollution, and more distance between locations. Instead, if we keep streets their current size, we can use that sidewalk space to plant trees, encourage walking, and generally make the visible area along the street more interesting and engaging for pedestrians, generating a virtuous cycle that encourages a more walkable city. (Read "Walkable City" by city planning legend Jeff Speck)

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**Name:** Chad Monk

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**Name:** Elias  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to encourage the phase out of street widening and automatic street dedicating. This is an expensive endeavor that will make our streets dangerous, polluted, and congested while creating the illusion of solving the city's traffic problem. Everyone hates traffic. However, widening our streets will not solve our problem. Doing so will only make it worst with induced demand and incentivizing more drivers on the road when other modes of transportation will suffice. Wider roads have a negative impact on everyone and especially the neighborhoods they run through. Our sidewalks, city trees, and patches of nature are all demolished or minimized to make way for bigger and wider streets. This type of infrastructure only further separates us from each other and creates a dangerous environment the moment we leave the front door of our home. This is a request to please stop widening our streets and to shift the focus to creating streets and roads that protect and encourage pedestrians and cyclist so we can have safer and cleaner city. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sally Machado

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**Name:** Michael Siegel

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Phase out automatic street widening! This is the silliest of rules... sillier than Baldwin Parks law outlawing anyone to ride a bike in a swimming pool or Hollywood's law against driving 2000 sheep down Hollywood Blvd. Not only is it sillier but it's just as antiquated. Let's make this make sense!

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**Name:** Haylee

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Widening roads allows drivers to be more comfortable speeding on said roads. If you design a road to be narrower, you force the driver to become a more alert, and careful driver. Not only would this be safer for drivers as well as pedestrians, it would be quieter and allow the space to be use more effectively. Instead of repurposing space in front of buildings to barely and unevenly widen the streets so cars can come and go through the space in a moment, perhaps allow the space for pedestrian infrastructure. Infrastructure at a human scale to make the immediate area more pleasant and inviting. A few feet is more useful space to a person than to a car after all. Use that space efficiently for trees, residents, a bike path, a public garden, or other purposes at a human scale. Don't take space away from the local pedestrians just to inefficiently give personal vehicles more space than they need to air and noise pollute when apathetically passing by.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mimi Holt

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2023 11:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider roads make the City more dangerous, polluted, congested, and costly to maintain . I'm going to add in unpleasant and loud from the perspective of a pedestrian, or someone who lives in a nearby dwelling. Wide streets invite cars to speed. It's an unnecessary expense when what's needed desperately right now is more stringent criteria for a driver's license at the state level, and an integrated, connected safe and pleasant system of bikeways so that some of us can get more exercise, safely, and not contribute as much to the consumption of fossil fuels. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods endangering pets, kids, and pedestrians. Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision

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**Name:** Francisco Espinosa

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of this motion. Wide streets are conducive to reckless driving and endanger the lives of pedestrians. Not to mention the warming effect asphalt has during heatwave. Please support this motion to end street widening and automatic street dedications.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/20/2023 10:20 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support ending street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider streets encourage speeding and not safety and walkability. They also make our roads more congested, polluted, and expensive to maintain. The City's Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Dworsky

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote to end street widening and automatic street dedications. I live 2 blocks off of Barrington Ave in West LA and often walk, run, and bike around the neighborhood to run errands. The curves in the sidewalk on barrington, which I believe are due to the street dedication policy, make the sidewalk narrow, congested, and generally hostile to pedestrians. People also speed like crazy on barrington through the parts where the street is wide, only to slam on the brakes when they have to navigate around parked cars. I am appalled to learn that it has been city policy to require these wider streets. This is wrong for street safety, for housing affordability, and for the tree canopy we need to survive climate change in this city. Please end this policy. LA should be widening sidewalks, not streets.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** L. Tran

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please put a stop to street widening and automatic street dedications. The wider roads make the city more dangerous, congested and are costly to implement and maintain. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. Additionally, wider streets take away the urban green space for items like trees and places which provide much needed shade in a world of increasing climate change, we need to preserve as much urban forests as possible. Wider streets make drivers believe they can drive faster which puts pedestrians and cyclists in harm's way, especially when this often happens in quiet residential streets. Lastly, these inconsistent widths are an eyesore, and limits the already scarce street making. Any benefits would literally take hundreds of years and are not worth the trade offs mentioned above. Please vote NO to street widening and automatic street deductions.