

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, see attached file for PUBLIC COMMENT in support of Healthy Streets L.A. (HSLA). I write to urge you to speed up the process of implementing the Mobility Plan and to make bicycle infrastructure a priority in the northeast San Fernando Valley communities. I have been advocating for SAFER streets for Bicyclists and for Pedestrians. I have volunteered to help Michael Schneider, Founder of Streets for All. I am asking for support from the City Council and from other Activists and Public Advocates on developing and implementing bicycle infrastructure in the east San Fernando Valley communities. I need support from the city council and from activists. I can't do this alone. -- Thank You!

September 26, 2022

Dear Los Angeles City Council Representatives:

I write to urge you to please speed up the construction of the **San Fernando Road Bike Path** in Sun Valley (**Council District 6**). As part of the **Mobility Plan**, I strongly urge you to strongly consider developing, implementing a safe bicycle infrastructure in the northeast San Fernando Valley. I am a bicyclist, and I want to be able to bicycle safely in my neighborhood and surrounding communities. I have made Public Comments before the City Council on this issue before. Like other fellow activists and advocates before me, I have advocated for better bicycle infrastructure and pedestrian safety in my community and surrounding neighborhoods. Lately, I have been actively involved in the [Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee \(LABAC\)](#) speaking up and advocating for more bicycle infrastructure in my community, such as the completion of the [San Fernando Road Bike Path](#) that should have been completed on June 30, 2022 but has not yet been completed. It has stalled for months. See [Streets-Blog LA](#) article on the [San Fernando Road Bike Path](#).

According to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the [San Fernando Road Bike Path \(Phase 3\)](#) should have been completed on June 30, 2022. It is months behind schedule and there are NO construction crews working on the project. I have also noticed a lack of sufficient Shade Trees along the route, and the remaining shade trees are being neglected by the city.

I would like for Council President Nury Martinez and the full City Council to look into this and urge the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to speed up construction so that bicyclists, myself included, can ride safely. It is urgent and important to follow up on these projects. It is part of the Mobility Plan and Healthy Streets L.A. to make our streets SAFER for everyone! Please!

I have attached photos and links to this document for your Reference, below.

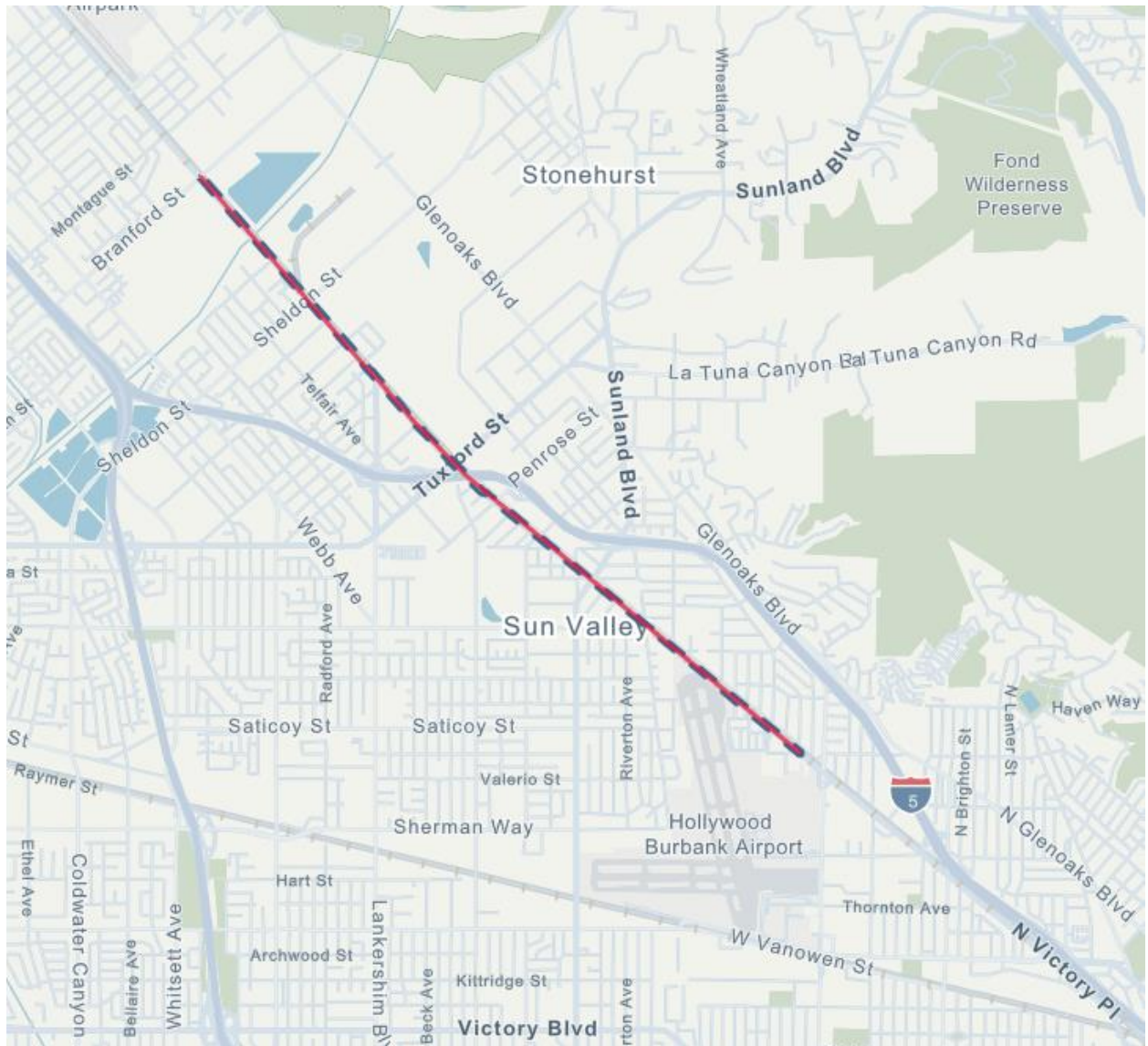
Sincerely,

Lionel Mares, MPA

Council District 6

Photo Attachments - **San Fernando Road Phase 3 Bike Path Project:**







Location: San Fernando Rd from Branford St to Cohasset St

Current Phase: Construction

The San Fernando Phase III Bike Path project will construct a new paved bikeway, including associated fencing, lighting, railing, striping, signage, curb ramps, driveways, landscaping, retaining walls, and traffic signal improvements. The project will also include a bike and pedestrian bridge over the Tujunga Wash and a realignment of the Arvilla Ave at-grade crossing.

This project is currently under construction, and is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2022.

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