

Communication from Public

Name: George Hewitt

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 03:42 PM

Council File No: 22-1476

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion to end street widening. As an architect who works in multifamily housing, often in Los Angeles, I know first hand that this can really negatively impact the number of units possible on a site and whether a developer's interest will be maintained. The density perspective is in addition to the obvious safety issues that widening poses.

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Name: Mike Royce

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 04:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. Thank you for considering this motion!

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Name: Ann Dorsey

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Street widening results in street tree removal, narrow sidewalks, speeding in residential neighborhoods, more expensive housing and does not improve traffic conditions. Instead, streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Long

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 06:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. Please end street widening and automatic dedications. The policy makes no sense and has left entire neighborhoods with disorganized streets that change widths multiple times in one block. We should be narrowing streets, not widening them! Wider streets encourage speeding which is unsafe. Narrower streets allow more space for urban greenery and sidewalks.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support reforming the process to get rid of automatic street widening. It's time to make the change and prioritize other uses over travel lanes!

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Name: AM

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. Wild that this even exists. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They are backwards and counterproductive in numerous ways. Ultimately they ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain.

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Michell

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose automatic street widening. Spot widening forces cyclists to weave in and out of traffic lanes which is very dangerous and for this reason puts the city at risk to injury lawsuits. Any developer mitigations should support pedestrian and bike access.

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Name: John Kerr

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the proposed motion. Spot widening and automatic street dedications must end. The process creates haphazard, incoherent streets that are inhospitable to and unsafe for cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers alike. It encourages speeding, reduces the tree canopy, increases walking distances, increases maintenance costs for the city, and increases impermeable hardscape across the city. As a volunteer with the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and Land Use committee (but speaking only in my capacity as a private citizen), one of the most frequent requests from our neighbors and local businesses is to support waiving spot widening and street dedication requirements. The costs required can make impossible simple home renovations, opening a new small business, or building much needed new multifamily housing. Its a universally derided policy, one that ruins our city one that must end. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Burton

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Street widening does nothing to alleviate traffic. Instead, it reduces the precious limited trees we have, narrows sidewalks, encourages speeding in residential neighborhoods, and makes housing more expensive to build.

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Name: Jamie Chen

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider streets are unsafe because it increases the risk of "street takeovers" where risky and antisocial behaviors cause vehicular/pedestrian accidents in residential neighborhoods. High speeds through neighborhoods are dangerous especially in neighborhoods that do not currently have clear crosswalk markings; people are forced to jaywalk within their neighborhoods and it is impractical to have police officers posted at all hours; I have experienced people speeding and doing donuts in the street at odd hours after 1 AM and later in my own neighborhood. The wideness of the streets encourages dangerous behavior. At the County Level, road diets are being implemented; the City needs to do the same where applicable for consistency across the County. Widening streets also removes parkways or central medians where urban street trees could be planted. We need more space for trees in Los Angeles; our urban forest canopy is an important part of reducing the urban heat island affect in a time of high temperature summers, which are a public health safety issue.

Communication from Public

Name: Virginia Wexman

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 10:11 AM

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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. 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. 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:

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to ask you to end automatic street widening, since it discourages new construction while we are in a housing shortage and makes our streets more dangerous!