

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I would ask that the council work with community organizations to find areas to improve for pedestrian safety. By increasing bike safety, adding protected bike paths, and increase green spaces including benches, safety can be greatly increased. Other cities, including Chicago, are taking this time to add bike lanes and separate bus lanes to increase public transport. Los Angeles is incredibly behind other metropolises in providing public transportation and making the city walkable. The majority of land in LA is devoted to vehicles. With an affordable housing crisis, we should be spending funds not on widening roads but on adding measures that provide alternative transport and add housing and green spaces in areas that are overrun with freeway on ramps and vast parking lots. The community of Los Feliz has numerous locations that could be easy fixes for Vision Zero. The first and easiest is to add a stop sign on the 5 southbound freeway exit on Los Feliz Blvd. Currently, there is nothing stopping traffic from rapidly exiting the freeway over a crosswalk, where pedestrians and bicyclists may cross near Griffith Park. Adding a stop sign is an easy fix that can also help the area transition to add a bike path. Another fix is to remove the rarely used turn lanes on Los Feliz Blvd and Riverside Dr and add protected bike lanes. The lanes would be protected by parking and retain parking spots. This would connect the communities of Los Feliz, Atwater and Silverlake. And would result in the first bike path connecting to the LA River. LA needs to do better to create a safer city for pedestrians. Vehicles choke our cities and create poor air quality. Vision zero can be used to create a safer community for us all.