

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Siegel

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 10:23 AM

Council File No: 17-0950-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Very disappointed the City Council is building “complete streets” that don’t include facilities for buses or bikes. You can’t be a complete street without them. The La Brea complete streets plan, the street has a bus lane per the 2035 Mobility Plan. However, you are suggesting we ignore our own plan, and rebuild the street without the bus lane. I do not want my tax dollars to only go to car infrastructure, it is time we think about multi modality. I ask that if you proceed with the La Brea project, that you build the bus lane as is intended in the City’s own Mobility Plan, and further that you instruct the Bureau of Engineering to follow the mobility plan going forward. It is no longer an option to ignore it. Thank you, Michael Siegel 3847 Sunbeam, LA 90065

Communication from Public

Name: Liana Jegers

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 11:18 AM

Council File No: 17-0950-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am very discouraged that in 2021, with the UN telling us that we are facing a climate catastrophe, my City Council is building what they call complete streets that don't include facilities for buses or bikes. We cannot meet our climate goals without including realistic alternatives to the car - and electric vehicles are neither a silver bullet, nor will they come quickly enough to dramatically reduce emissions. Not to mention a great way to convince people to use public transportation (buses & trains) or bicycles is to have the proper infrastructure in place so people don't feel like guinea pigs when you *do* decide to put it in. Few things are more convincing than being stuck in traffic in your car and watching bicycles and buses zipping by freely! Specifically as to the "complete street" you are considering building on La Brea, you mention in the report that the street has a bus lane per the 2035 Mobility Plan. However, you then go on to say that you are suggesting we ignore our own plan, and rebuild the street without the bus lane. I do not want my tax dollars to only go to car infrastructure, it is time we think about multi modality. I ask that if you proceed with the La Brea project, that you build the bus lane as is intended in the City's own Mobility Plan, and further that you instruct the Bureau of Engineering to follow the mobility plan going forward. It is no longer an option to ignore it. Our planet is counting on your leadership. Thank you, Liana Jegers Los Angeles, 90004

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Gibson

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 01:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am very discouraged that in 2021, as we are facing a global climate catastrophe, my City Council is building what they call "complete streets" that don't include facilities for buses or bikes! We cannot meet our climate goals without including realistic alternatives to the car. Electric vehicles are neither a silver bullet, nor will they come quickly enough to dramatically reduce emissions. Specifically regarding the "complete street" you are considering building on La Brea: you mention in the report that the street has a bus lane per the 2035 Mobility Plan. However, you then suggest we ignore that plan, and rebuild the street without the bus lane. I do not want my tax dollars to only go to car infrastructure! It is time we think about multi-modality - for our climate, for equity, for the quality of life of people in Los Angeles. I ask that if you proceed with the La Brea project, that you build the bus lane as is intended in the City's own Mobility Plan, and further that you instruct the Bureau of Engineering to follow the mobility plan going forward. It is no longer an option to ignore it. Our planet is counting on your leadership. Thank you, Hannah Gibson Los Angeles 90032

Communication from Public

Name: David Fenn

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 04:14 PM

Council File No: 17-0950-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Members of the City Council, Please include facilities for buses and bikes as part of the “complete street” you are considering building on La Brea. This street is identified for a bus lane in the 2035 Mobility Plan. With a worsening climate crisis, we can't afford for our tax dollars to only go towards car infrastructure and low hanging fruit. If you proceed with the La Brea project, please include the bus lane as intended in the City's own Mobility Plan and instruct the Bureau of Engineering to follow the mobility plan going forward. In particular, bus lanes on La Brea would connect with facilities planned in West Hollywood and could serve as key connective infrastructure speeding bus trips to and from several Metro rail lines. Our planet is counting on your leadership. Thank you for your time and consideration! David Fenn Los Angeles, 90014

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Stauffer

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 06:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am very discouraged that in 2021, with the UN telling us that we are facing a climate catastrophe, my City Council is building what they call complete streets that don't include facilities for buses or bikes. We cannot meet our climate goals without including realistic alternatives to the car - and electric vehicles are neither a silver bullet, nor will they come quickly enough to dramatically reduce emissions. It is high time that we blanket this city in bus and bike lanes. I have been living without my own car for several years now. I rely on public transit, biking, and walking as my primary modes of travel. We should be doing everything in our power to make it easier to do what I have done. It's better for the environment, better for individuals' pocket books, and better for our main street economies. Why do anything less? Thank you, Matt Stauffer Los Angeles, 90006

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira Ryder

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 07:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Our streets in Los Angeles are designed like highways - they are extremely wide, and when drivers feel like they have a wide open road, they tend to drive faster. Street racing has become a particular problem in the city, taking advantage of our street design. I am highly supportive of the City re-designing streets to discourage bad behavior by drivers - including street racing. Specifically, I encourage the city to narrow lanes, add bus and bike lanes (these interventions can also calm speeding cars down), and add other things like speed tables and speed bumps, chicanes, and the timing of traffic lights that doesn't allow for uninterrupted speeding traffic. We need FEWER cars on the road, not more, so I ask that we really invest in a rapid public transit system that can account for a mass people mover. Also, this sounds crazy, but please consider giving street racers drift race tracks that are OUTSIDE of the city in vacant areas, far away from everyday civilians. If they want space to race, they can request it on a closed track but it can't be on our primary city streets and we have to hold everyday drivers to a set standard when they are behind the wheel. Thank you, Tieira
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Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Stein-Chester

Date Submitted: 08/16/2021 08:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We cannot meet our climate goals without including realistic alternatives to the car, and sometime ago, council voted to approve what was a great start to making this a reality for our city: the 2035 Mobility Plan. Yet here we are, about to reconstruct La Brea with no bus lane, as if the city hadn't already decided that La Brea needed one in that plan. The Purple Line subway will be done shortly, and this is really exciting. But, if we want this new line to really be a success, it needs good, reliable bus and bike connectivity. All of these modes work in tandem to assure that people have real choice and freedom when it comes to how they get around the city. This requires making some tough but righteous political choices, taking away some space for private vehicles and reallocating it to other ways of getting around - in this case, a bus lane, which will be a tremendous boon the predominantly working class people that makes up Metro's core ridership. Sure, you all might have some people yell at you for a bit, but by doing the right thing, you'll be helping people who don't have time to write in or call to city council because they're waiting at a bus stop somewhere after working a long day for a low wage. Think about *them* and how this bus line will make their life easier, how it will get them home earlier to see their family. And, by making it a fast and reliable service, which we know adding bus lanes help to do, you can attract new riders. In the long run, people will come to really appreciate these difficult political decisions when they see what kind of city we can have when we start really making public spaces for public use - less traffic, cleaner air, more time with our families, more time outdoors in a city with beautiful weather year-round, and more spontaneous connections with people. We can have all of this! You all just have to have the political courage to see them through. The most recent IPCC report should tell you all in government, the people who we've elected to really do something about this, that we haven't got any more time for half measures. I ask that if you proceed with the La Brea complete streets project, you build the bus lane as is intended in the city's own Mobility 2035 Plan. Likewise, I ask that you instruct the Bureau of Engineering to follow the Mobility Plan going forward. It should be the guiding document for how we allocate street space in our city.