

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ted

**Date Submitted:** 08/17/2021 02:20 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0950-S2

**Comments for Public Posting:** At a time when our world is literally on fire, it is unconscionable to continue LA's near-exclusive reliance on private motor vehicles at the expense of transit users, pedestrians and people on bicycles — especially when presented under the guise of Complete Streets, which fail to meet even the most basic definition of the term. The Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035 calls for bus lanes on La Brea, yet this proposal inexplicably excludes them in favor of a lopsided Incomplete Street, instead of euphemistically titled Complete Street it promises. We can no longer afford to prioritize individual motorists in private cars over much more environmentally friendly and efficient transit. Similarly, the Mobility Plan, and the 2010 Bike Plan that was unanimously passed by the City Council, calls for a bike lane on Highland Avenue. Yet this proposal excludes any mention of a bike lane in the project, putting to lie any pretense of being a Complete Street. Again, we can no longer afford to prioritize climate-destroying motor vehicles over safe and healthful alternatives to driving. Even if Los Angeles somehow made a miraculous switch to electric cars in the next few years, the electricity to power those vehicles must come from somewhere, while we will continue to rely at least in part on dirty sources of power for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, particulate emissions from brake and tire residue will continue to foul our earth and air, and our lungs, regardless of how these cars are powered. The members of this council, along with the mayor, have repeatedly stressed the need for environmental responsibility, yet continually fail to put those words into action. If you can't make the difficult choices to it here and now, when our city, state and planet are already in crisis, when will you? Will we continue to talk until it's too late, and future generations curse us all? Or will you reject these plans as written, and demand the desperately needed changes that will serve all Angelenos, and make these the Complete Streets they pretend to be. I urge you to reject these proposals, and require them to be rewritten to include the bus lanes on La Brea, and bike lanes on Highland, that this council has already committed to by previous votes. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina Dunbar

**Date Submitted:** 08/17/2021 02:33 PM

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**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, LA 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 has been extremely disheartening to witness cities all over the world respond to the pandemic by claiming more space for slow streets, biking, and walking--while LA's drivers menace pedestrians and cyclists and our region chokes on pollution. Things almost feel like they are going backwards here. This is unacceptable. We know what we need to do! 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. I am a biker, walker, and transit rider in LA. Our city and our planet are both counting on your leadership. Thank you, Christina Dunbar

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Dixon

**Date Submitted:** 08/17/2021 03:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, It you happened to miss it, the latest IPCC report shows there needs to be an urgent and monumental move away from fossil fuels to mitigate the effect of climate change. Our state is literally on fire more than ever. While I commend the notion that City Council is building “complete streets” these streets will only continue to encourage the use of cars as primary transport if you do not include meaningful bus and bike lanes in your plans. Specifically on La Brea, you mention in the report that the street has a bus lane per the 2035 Mobility Plan. However, it’s now being suggested 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. I ask that if you proceed with the La Brea project, that you build the bus and bike 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, Anthony Dixon Los Angeles, 90042

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**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. 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, Sarah M Los Angeles, 90042

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelsey Stefanson

**Date Submitted:** 08/17/2021 12:30 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, I am discouraged, disheartened, frustrated, angered 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. Are you kidding me??? In a city whose weather and landscape BEGS for bike lanes and walkability? We cannot meet our climate goals without including realistic alternatives to the car. 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 (NOT SOON ENOUGH!). However, you then go on to say that you are suggesting we ignore our own plan, and rebuild the street without the bus lane. What??? I do not want more of my tax dollars to go toward the failed project of car infrastructure. 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. Hey, maybe even ask for the timeline to be sped up. It is NOT AN OPTION to ignore it. Our planet is counting on your leadership. Thank you, Kelsey Stefanson Los Angeles, 90026

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amelie Cherlin

**Date Submitted:** 08/17/2021 10:19 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is outrageous that in the year 2021 LA's City Council is building "complete streets" that don't include bus or bike lanes. Over and over you show how unserious you are about climate change, and how indifferent you are to the needs of Los Angeles's transit users, pedestrians, and cyclists. 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. 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 go only toward car infrastructure. I myself do not drive a car. 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. Amelie Cherlin Los Angeles 90027

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Bruegge

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Los Angeles, 90026

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Jenkins

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalie Chyba

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council - Please ensure any design for La Brea is inclusive of all intended uses outlined in the 2035 Mobility Plan. You approved the 2035 Mobility Plan for a reason. It was put together with significant analysis and travel demand modeling, with the outcome demonstrating that La Brea both can and should include facilities for transit, including bus only lanes. Not only does promoting transit have significant emissions benefits (personal autos are the #1 emitter in the City of Los Angeles) but also significant equity benefits, as we know that the majority of transit riders are no- or low-income, women, and/or people of color. Thank you, Natalie

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Olga Lexell

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is unconscionable that anyone would suggest omitting the bus lane on LaBrea. Stop trying to kill public transit. Some of us are trying to keep the city from being underwater in 10 years.