

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Not only is the proposal to create a system of bus priority infrastructure a great idea, it is absolutely necessary in order to address the problems of climate change and road congestion. Improving bus speeds and reliability has to be a priority in order to convince motorists to take public transportation, as time is usually the number one consideration when choosing a transportation mode. Even those who are sympathetic to the idea of using public transportation decide not to due to most trips on the bus taking twice as long as driving. The recent Flower Street bus only lane clearly showed that more people can be transported through a street with a dedicated bus only lane. A city wide network of these bus only lanes would allow people to move throughout the city more efficiently. Transitioning to electric buses also makes this proposal a win-win situation by reducing congestion and emissions. Additionally, the bicycle infrastructure in this city is severely lacking and motorists show disregard for the safety of bicyclists. This proposed network of bicycle infrastructure will help save lives and address emissions. Again, a win-win scenario. The bottom line is if the city builds these proposed infrastructure that prioritizes bus and bicycle transportation, people will switch to these modes of transit.