

Communication from Public

Name: Angelo

Date Submitted: 10/28/2022 05:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Protected bike lanes benefit drivers as well as cyclists and would-be cyclists. Getting people out of their cars will help reduce traffic, reduce medical costs from crashes, improve the health of people who bike, and encourage those who have thought about biking but don't feel safe doing so to do it. I was someone who thought I'd never want a bike or to use public transportation until two cars were destroyed in overnight hit and runs in LA. Then, getting around on the bus, metro, bike, and scooter was a pleasure, minus the lack of proper protected bike lanes. Plastic bollards do not offer protected bike lanes against distracted drivers. It will be expensive to add protected bike lanes, but the problem is it will only get more expensive to do so in the future. We, meaning both drivers and cyclists, need protected bike lanes to actually get people out of their cars, onto bikes, and to keep cyclists safe from drivers and to keep them off the road. You'll be able to brag that you've improved traffic with this. And once bike lanes are here, it's almost a sure thing that cyclists who use them will say that they don't want them. Right now, driving in LA isn't necessarily a sign of independence for people, but a burden, because for a lot of people, having a car is a necessity. Since getting a bike myself, I've realized how much independence it's given me since I save so much money and time by not owning and maintaining a car, and getting around by bike is great exercise. It's urgent to prevent climate catastrophe to lead the way on getting people out of their cars who want the option of getting around with cars. Lead the way!

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Name: Danielle Salomon

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of adding protected bike lanes on Sunset Blvd. My husband rides his bike on Sunset and has had some scary close encounters with cars. Please support this initiative and add them soon. Thank you.

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Name: Michael Charboneau

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Transportation Committee, I am writing to express my support for Councilmember O'Farrell's motion to implement the Sunset4All project. This transformative project is long overdue. Adding protected bike lanes along Sunset Blvd would be a huge improvement to an already vibrant destination street, allowing more people to access the area—both local residents and people outside the immediate area. Despite its role as a crucial business/restaurant/nightlife corridor that sees lots of foot traffic, Sunset is on the high injury network—it's a dangerous place for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike. Over 1,000 people have been killed or injured in the area over the last 10 years. It's easy to see why. The current bike lanes on the street are squeezed between two lanes of speeding traffic and parked cars. I've biked this street many times, and it's especially hazardous because of double-parked vehicles and people opening their car doors when parked. This forces cyclists into traffic, putting them in danger and creating a hazard for drivers. There are also too few pedestrian crossings on Sunset, which makes it difficult to access the stores and businesses along this corridor. Currently, the street functions more like a four-lane highway filled with high-speed traffic—absolutely not what the neighborhood needs. This is completely unacceptable. I urge this committee and City Council to implement the Sunset4All improvements as soon as possible. It will be a transformative project for Silverlake, Echo Park, and Hollywood, and it will set a new standard for the entire city of LA. Sincerely, Michael Charboneau

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Farrell

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in strong support of Sunset for All. This project will modernize Sunset Blvd and make it a thriving business district. It is currently unpleasant to spend time in this area given the loud traffic, lack of shade, and unsafe walking and biking infrastructure. I strongly support the addition of protected bike lanes on Sunset. I use this road to commute to my downtown office location occasionally, but will do so much more often when it is safe. Sunset is on the high injury network. More than 1,000 people have been killed or injured in the last 10 years. The current door zone bike lanes don't keep anyone safe, and I don't feel comfortable using this infrastructure as it currently exists. I am a casual female biker, and I want my family to be able to visit the Sunset Corridor for shopping and dining safely. This project will improve the safety of the bike lanes significantly. Please move this plan forward as soon as possible!

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Name: Auguste

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Comments for Public Posting: We absolutely need this change and natural progression in urban planning & transportation for the sake of every Angelino - whether they drive or bike. As a non-driver but e-biker and user of public transit, I 100% support the addition of protected bike lanes on Sunset! I regularly bike between Laurel Canyon and Echo Park (and DTLA also) - taking... Sunset the entire way. Sunset is on the high injury network. More than 1,000 people have been killed or injured in the last 10 years. It is indeed overall not a smooth or reassuring ride, despite paint on the ground (lol?). The current door zone bike lanes don't keep anyone safe. For drivers such bike lanes will lead to uptake of alternatives to car dependency with one of the positive repercussions being less traffic! Win-win. LA is slow to learn this lesson. Let's open up safe and efficient options for those who want to commute on bikes.

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Name: Tieira Ryder

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Comments for Public Posting: Pedestrians & bike riders need access to equitable land use space. We have given drivers/cars absolutely too much land space in Los Angeles. The traffic violence is out of control, residents are dealing with massive noise & fuel pollution from the singular-use vessels. We need access to reliable, clean public transit, wide sidewalks, and to car-free land space for pedestrians. We need protected bike and bus lanes that drivers can't park in. Repeat; We DO NOT owe drivers as much land space as they are taking!