

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Silver Lake resident and frequent patron of businesses along Sunset Boulevard who prefers to walk and bike over driving and searching for parking, I wholeheartedly endorse the Sunset4All motion introduced by Mitch O'Farrell and CD13. I believe that Sunset4All can improve our community for all users of the corridor and city as it will address and improve safety for this high injury network street towards Vision Zero, aligns with City and Regional Transportation Plans, improves transit connections to Metro Rail and Bus networks, closes an existential network gap in the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure network, creates a “green” transportation corridor, and supports equity goals by improving access to jobs, schools and opportunity for people who lack access to costly private autos. We will create a stronger community if our major corridors are more inviting to people, and we do that by improving sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes, and by reducing the number and speed of through vehicle traffic.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In this proposal, upgrading sidewalks and intersections would be an excellent option, making Sunset Blvd. safer for everyone while maintaining the livability of the community. However, the detriments of the proposed protected bicycle lane may outweigh the benefits. I have served on several neighborhood organizations during three decades as a resident of Silver Lake including as co-chair of the Neighborhood Council Transportation and Public Works Committee for four years. These are my observations of neighborhood concerns. There are very few bicycles using existing bicycle lanes along Sunset Blvd. On the very rare occasion when there are a couple of bicycles such as this past Saturday at noon, there are an equal or greater number of motorbikes and scooters in the existing bicycle lanes. These conveyances can overtake bicycles, foretelling collisions in an enclosed bicycle lane where crashes would be more likely to occur. Here are several Neighborhood concerns: (1) The proposal to reduce the width of traffic lanes along Sunset Blvd. in order to accommodate a protected bicycle lane is not safe. • Existing lanes are barely wide enough for larger vehicles such as large SUVs and the multiple trucks servicing businesses along Sunset. Narrower lanes will increase collisions. • Especially concerning is when delivery trucks often park in the center lane creating a challenge for vehicles to safely pass. • Uber and Lyft block parts of a lane when picking up and letting off passengers. (2) Sunset Blvd is a major east-west artery resulting in near gridlock weekdays from 2:30 PM through the evening traffic hour. • There are no alternative routes for drivers to take. • Narrow, steep hillside streets such as Marathon, Effie and Scott Ave. are hazardous and not appropriate to accommodate added traffic. (3) Untenable plans for parking: • The proposal includes a reduction of 40 or was it previously stated that 65 parking spaces would be lost along Sunset Blvd. and just around the corners. This would result in a loss of 24 hour residential parking along neighborhood streets. Note that also on the Transportation Committee's agenda for November 1, 2022, is a permit parking proposal for several streets in this same area highlighting existing parking concerns. • Parking for businesses would be more difficult and confusing for patrons and could result in a loss of customers. • The Sunset4All proposal is to create diagonal parking along Vendome and another

street. This hillside community built in the 1920's has garages immediately adjacent to sidewalks and curbs. Diagonal parking would likely result in making garage parking inaccessible. Diagonal parking would potentially add more cars that would have to park on the street! • There is no evidence that an added 30 parking spaces can be created and would actually result in a net addition of parking spaces for residents. Should there be parking meters as previously has been proposed to be installed around those corners on our residential streets, residents would have to move their vehicles during hours meters are in operation. • Existing parking lots along Sunset are being repurposed for high-density residential projects. Thus, even more restaurant and club patrons will try to park on residential streets, worsening existing residential parking headaches. There is a critical lack of residential parking currently for residents to access their homes. • Parking is so difficult that on a regular basis multiple patrons of restaurants and clubs park their vehicles in the red along Silver Lake Blvd. and on neighborhood streets. This is a hazard that would only increase with a reduction in parking spaces. • Hundreds, likely thousands of market rate units are under construction or now approved for construction along the proposed route. The plans for these new units lack adequate parking. Thus, more vehicles will spill over onto existing parking-poor residential streets. An essential part of planning should include an evaluation of existing similar projects involving protected bicycle lanes in similar high density, older, hillside multi-family neighborhoods. A protected bicycle lane in the Silver Lake neighborhood would serve very few bicyclists, is not likely to improve overall safety, is detrimental to the parking needs of neighborhood businesses and residents, and may not be a priority for the use of limited city resources. Sprucing up Sunset Blvd. with trees and plants, repairing sidewalks and curbs would do more to assist local businesses and give pride to the community. Thank you for considering the concerns of our neighborhood residents.