

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to installing protected bike lanes along Riverside Drive, east of Fletcher Drive in Council District 13 (CD 13).

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (O'Farrell – Krekorian):

1. DIRECT the LADOT to install protected bike lanes along Riverside Drive, east of Glendale Blvd and continue them into Elysian Park along Stadium Way, following the route recommended in the City Bicycle Plan and the Elysian Park Master Plan.
2. DIRECT the LADOT and the DPW, in consultation with the CAO and Department of Recreation and Parks, to report on the cost to install both the ADA sidewalk from Riverside Drive along Stadium Way into Elysian Park, which currently abruptly ends at Landa Street, and the recommended Pedestrian Activated Signalized Crosswalk at Elysian Park Drive and Stadium Way, as recommended in the Elysian Park Master Plan, which would assure the most underserved and mobility challenged residents safe passage and connectivity from the Los Angeles River through Elysian Park, to both active and passive recreation as well as the commercial centers of Downtown, Echo Park, and Dodger Stadium.
3. DIRECT the LADOT to report with the level of engagement and resources needed to accomplish the above direction.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

(Also referred to the Public Works Committee)

Summary:

On November 1, 2022, your Committee considered a Motion (O'Farrell – Krekorian) relative to installing protected bike lanes along Riverside Drive, east of Fletcher Drive in Council District 13. According to the Motion, in CD 13, connecting communities, in particular those that are infrastructure underserved, has been a mobility priority. This began in 2013 with the design and then installation of the Fletcher Drive Streetscape and bike lane project which was followed by the Design, Build and Construction of three non-motorized bridges spanning the Los Angeles River in CD 13.

Also, the North Atwater, Red Car, and Taylor Yard Bridges, connecting pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians for the first time to schools, parks and recreation, and commercial centers without the use of a motor vehicle were all designed, completed and built in the last ten years. The Red Car Bridge in Atwater Village was an early start mitigation to provide safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists when the much larger restoration and renovation of the Glendale/Hyperion complex of bridges commences construction in early 2023. This project will include protected bicycle lanes, ADA accessible sidewalks, that for the first time will safely connect pedestrians from Atwater Village to Silver Lake, as well as a pedestrian activated signalized crosswalk, in Atwater Village.

All of these Bridges, shared paths and increased access points along the Los Angeles River meet the goals and objectives of many of the City's planning documents, including the City of Los Angeles River Master Plan, River Improvement Overlay Plan, Los Angeles Bicycle Plan, and Elysian Park Master Plan, among others. To further enhance these vital community connections, CD 13 is taking the next logical steps, to increase connectivity and safety, including dovetailing off of the recent successful implementation of protected bike lanes along Riverside Drive west of Glendale Boulevard, furthering the goals and objectives of the City's Bicycle Plan and to further create safer routes around schools and parks and communities, and creating a fully connected network from the Los Angeles River to Elysian Park and beyond. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
BONIN:	YES
HUTT:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT

ARL
11/1/22
CD 13

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-