

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tanner Vandebosch

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 02:43 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support item 10 because LA should not be widening roads at all given record pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities this year (wider streets are more difficult to cross and often have higher vehicle speeds) despite the city's adoption of Vision Zero and the negative climate impacts of wider streets (more cars-> more greenhouse gases). Spot widening makes housing more expensive because of its cost and takes away land that could otherwise be green space and/or housing and turns it into asphalt that the community can't use. It also results in streets with varying widths that can make it more difficult to drive safely and put pedestrians and bicyclists in dangerous in sudden width changes. Please end spot widening now!! -90019, Mid City

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sebastian Silva

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 03:02 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support item 10 on the agenda because wider roads make LA more dangerous, spot widening worsens the climate and housing crisis in LA, and spot widening prioritizes driving above pedestrians or cyclists.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ayla Stern

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 05:58 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Street widening does nothing to alleviate traffic. What it does do: cut down trees, narrow sidewalks, encouraging speeding in residential neighborhoods, and making housing more expensive to build as developers eat these costs. I urge you to support the motion to phase out this outdated and harmful practice.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Salazar  
**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:02 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. Street widening and automatic street dedications needed to end a long time ago. We want a better city and don't need requirements that make our roads more costly to maintain, our air more polluted, and our streets overtaken with traffic. Please pass the motion to end street widening and automatic street dedications.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben Mayne

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:06 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion to end street widening. Wide streets are less safe for everyone (as stated in the Mobility Plan 2035) and adding this increases the complexity and cost of building new housing. The city needs fewer wide streets and more dense housing. Ben Mayne 90025

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:08 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to ask that street widening be ended, because it makes our city worse. It's very costly when we're trying to build new housing, it makes streets dangerous by encouraging speeding and accidents, and it increases pollution as well. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us, so it's time to stop widening streets!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allen N

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:11 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge the council to support this motion; widening streets makes them unsafe for us all and does NOT solve traffic. In fact, it can make it worse for everyone especially pedestrians. Please support a future free of car dependence and safe streets for all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sophie Nenner

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:11 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elsa Duval

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:13 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. They are also dangerous for pedestrians and bikes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenden Regulinski

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:14 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion to end automatic street dedications. Automatic street dedications and street widening hamper home building, make streets less safe by encouraging speeding and congestion, needlessly remove trees, and endanger pedestrians. Additionally, the haphazard and piecemeal construction is just silly and wasteful. Please vote to end street widening and automatic street dedications.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Burton

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:19 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. We need to prioritize getting more safe spaces for pedestrians, people on bikes, and users of personal mobility devices.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Esteban Gast

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:20 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider roads make the City more dangerous, polluted, congested, and costly to maintain. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin Carrus

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:23 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion to reevaluate the municipal code pertaining to the widening of streets. The best practices for street design have advanced and it's time to update our policies to reflect the current state of the art.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jay Ross

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:26 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider roads make the City more dangerous, polluted, congested, and costly to maintain. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Pohl

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:27 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I wholeheartedly support the motion to end street widening. Automatic street dedications ruin our city and make our roads more congested, dangerous, polluted, and costly to maintain.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benjamin Lord

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:40 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision. The only scenario where I can imagine any widening for new construction in LA being a good idea would be for protected bicycle parking. Thanks for listening.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Wright

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 06:43 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion: -We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. -Wider roads make the City more dangerous, polluted, congested, and costly to maintain. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. -Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. -Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. We need more trees for heat and carbon sequestration, not fewer. -Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. -Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision of promoting all types of mobility, including wide sidewalks for pedestrian use.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jonah

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 07:04 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion to end street widening. LA needs to stop killing trees and pouring asphalt - it goes against all the work the city has done to provide citizens with more transportation options and greener, more livable neighborhoods. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aryeh Cohen

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 07:17 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a pedestrian, bicycle rider, and driver, I support this motion. Wider roads encourage higher vehicle volumes and more speeding, make pedestrian crossings more difficult, and move us backwards from our climate goals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Grace Peng, PhD

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 07:57 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the City of LA to end street widening & automatic street dedications. They are confusing to all road users and do not alleviate traffic congestion. Wider roads have been shown to induce motorists to drive faster, imperiling people walking and biking. The Legislative Analyst's Office has said that CA is not on track and lacks a clear strategy to meet our 2030 climate goals. LAO says we need to reduce VMT by 25% by 2030 and 30% by 2035. We simply cannot encourage that amount of mode shift by creating more room for cars. We need to take space away from cars and repurpose them for active modes that are more spatially efficient, safer, and emit less GHGs. Climate Change is bringing juicier storms with higher intensity rain rates. We need to make our cities more permeable, not pave over more surface area. Protect those bike lanes with bioswales or trees. Assessing California's Climate Policies: The 2022 Scoping Plan Update  
[https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4656?utm\\_source=t.co&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=4656](https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4656?utm_source=t.co&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=4656)

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 08:19 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support this motion. Street widening is a retrograde idea, based on the faulty premise that streets are primarily for cars rather than for people. Wider streets are more dangerous for everyone. Our streets kill way too many people already. Please let's not make the problem even worse by mandating that they be widened.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Stieg

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 08:20 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** end street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider streets do not reduce congestion, instead they encourage speeding and make our streets less safe. They also eliminate green space, replacing it with asphalt which increases temperatures in the city and reduces the ability of the soil to capture rainwater. There is no reason for this practice.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tieira Ryder

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 08:23 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop widening streets and surrounding our communities with asphalt & violent drivers. We need wider sidewalks for pedestrians, access to green space, bike paths, and robust public transit systems. We do NOT need anymore space for car storage! Local communities in Los Angeles are dealing with excessive noise & fuel pollution, we've had enough. Cars do not need access on every side of our neighborhoods. We need more car-free spaces! Los Angeles is literally ASPHALT CITY. Enough already!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kurt Canfield

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 08:27 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Street widening is not a solution to traffic. It induces yet more drivers and cars and the congestion will remain constant. However, the pollution, degradation to communities, dangers to pedestrians, and effects of urban heating will remain. Not only this, but spot widening reduces land available for housing development and additionally drives up the costs of those developments. Wider lanes also allow drivers to feel more comfortable traveling at higher speeds. Please vote to end street widening and automatic street dedications.  
Thank you, Kurt Canfield

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Reuven Firestone

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 08:51 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** We do not need wider streets. We do not need additional parking. What we really need is more and more efficient public transportation and especially more BIKE PATHS to enable more people to get to work safely and healthily.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ray Dang

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 08:54 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. Also creating dangerous speeding. situations.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen Canady

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:07 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to support this motion to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They add costs, serve no useful purpose, add chaos to our city, and create traffic congestion, pollution, and maintenance burdens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Fishman

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:15 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications as they ruin our city and make our roads more dangerous, congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. Even the City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. Examples below: Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision. Thank you for reading.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:30 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Expanding the width of streets does not effectively alleviate traffic congestion. Instead, it results in the destruction of trees, reduction of sidewalks, an increase in speeding in residential areas and a hike in housing costs as developers bear the expense of these changes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Philip Labe

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:44 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to END street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. We need a bike-able city, with meaningful biking and transit infrastructure, which is why we need Sunset4All and similar programs. Let's make this reform!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Begley  
**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:57 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Widening streets leads to cars traveling at greater speeds, while also removing space for pedestrians and much needed tree canopy. With our dismal progress on Vision Zero, we have experienced the tragic and preventable rise in pedestrian and bicycle deaths, and injuries, in our City. Ending street widening is a simple step to take towards addressing this crisis. Also, all our various climate plans call for steep reductions in VMTs. Ending street widening and automatic dedications creates a more hospitable streetscape to folks walking/bike/taking transit. Enough with policy that encourages our streets to be used as racetracks, we can and must prioritize safety, Council file 22-1476 is an obvious step in the right direction. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jake Whitney

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 10:01 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion at hand. I am greatly concerned about the expansion of impermeable surfaces in the city of LA as it pertains to loss of sidewalk space and street trees. I believe sidewalks and greenery must be expanded in the city of LA rather than reduced. Please proceed with ending automatic street dedications and widening. -Jake Whitney Council District 5

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 10:06 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas Paganini

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 10:12 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** We should end street widening in all its forms, including automatic street dedications. Wider roads are more dangerous and unpleasant for pedestrians. Los Angeles's own mobility plan says that wider roads have negative impacts on us. Personally, I have lived on both narrow and wide residential streets, and the narrower streets feel much safer, shaded, and intimate, whereas, the wider streets encouraged speeding. Let's build a quieter, happier, more pedestrian friendly LA. Thank you, Nicholas Paganini

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lionel Mares

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 10:21 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Representatives: I am writing in support of this motion. We urge you to Ending Street Widening and 'Street Dedication'. Our city needs to focus on protecting street trees that provide shade and oxygen. Keeping our sidewalks wide enough for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our city needs to focus on pedestrian safety as well as bicycle safety. Widening the roads is counterproductive. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Dow

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 10:23 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction, and negatively impacts trees and walking space. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Erik Gillberg

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 10:34 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening in all its forms except to support pedestrians and slow human powered and electric transport. Wide streets ruin our city and make our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mimi Holt

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:20 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. Wider roads make the City more dangerous, polluted, congested, and costly to maintain. The City's own Mobility Plan 2035 states that wider roads have negative impacts on all of us. Requiring developers to widen roads adds too much to the cost of housing construction. Spot widening has a detrimental effect on our urban forest and often requires street trees to be removed. Wider streets encourage cars to speed through residential neighborhoods. Our streets look poorly designed and incoherent when they are spot widened in just a few places. Our streets should be intentionally planned block by block with a central vision. The climate is damaged. Every change to city streets needs to be considered through the lens of how will walkability and bike/skateboard/wheelchair/scooter/bus travel be enhanced or diminished. Room for trees needs to be considered as well. Trees soak up carbon dioxide. More trees make Los Angeles more pleasant and, more comfortable. All the above must be taken into account. Sincerely, Mimi Holt

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jesse Paster

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:21 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a resident of Mar Vista. My children go to school in the city of Los Angeles near Olympic and La Cienega and again on Mulholland Boulevard. I work in Encino as a commercial real estate broker. I get around the city quite a bit and I am aware of many of the developments that are taking place. I know a lot of developers as well too. We all know the challenges we face as regards to traffic however, I am not an advocate for adding more lanes of cars. I see this spot widening on parts of Barrington, and I wonder what is the city trying to accomplish here. Ultimately, I think there's too much asphalt in the city. There's a shortage of green space in the city and definitely not enough room to ride a bike or walk in many neighborhoods. I know developers are required to put in water retention components underneath the parking lots at great cost. Spot widening is not a cure for any of the cities problems. This ruling should be eliminated as it does unnecessary burden to housing builders and encourages more driving where they should not be more and is not part of a realistic comprehensive plan to improve the city. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer H.  
**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 05:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 22-1476  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As an Angeleno who would like to see coherent streetscapes and safer streets for all, I support an end to spot street widening.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 09:17 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion. We need to end street widening and automatic street dedications. It's a policy with unintended consequences and applies no rationale in how to handle unique streets. Wide streets ruin our city, make our roads more dangerous, anger out drivers with more claustrophobia and congestion. Please do what you can to address these issues. At worst it will reduce pollution and the cost of maintaining more square footage of roads.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Pierce

**Date Submitted:** 01/23/2023 11:26 PM

**Council File No:** 22-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote "yes" on this motion. Requiring developers to widen roads adds to the cost of housing construction at a time when we should be building much more housing. As a resident of the Echo Park area, I bike, bus and walk around Los Angeles all the time. I am contemplating getting rid of my car to reduce my carbon footprint. It is time to stop making LA so unsafe and inconvenient on those who choose not to own cars... and especially on those can't afford to own them. This motion is an important step. It's time to end street widening and automatic street dedications. They ruin our city by making our roads more congested, polluted, and costly to maintain.