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Comments for Public Posting: Returning Anaheim Blvd back to its original state should be of utmost priority. With the recent changes more accidents, traffic congestion and pollution has increased. Due to the heavy traffic more cars are idling due to being stopped by red lights which has health implications to the community as a whole. These changes are politically motivated with organization like HeyImWalkingHere, StreetsforAll and SBCC becoming more political, endorsing and promoting politicians that favor more bike lanes. (SBCC does not endorse candidates but are a political non-profit and partners with politicians) These groups are pushing this agenda which is having drastic implications upon the communities they target. The Wilmington community as a whole were not given the opportunity to give input on these changes and the Wilmington Neighborhood Council voted NO on these street changes. Aside from the data that shows the number of deaths, where is the data that proves the motorists are completely at fault for every death? Are bicyclists and pedestrians never at fault? Where is the data that proves communities with bike lanes actually benefit the community? Where is the data that proves bike lanes do not contribute to more pollution due to slower traffic and idling? Anaheim Blvd needs bright lighting, more lighting and beacon crosswalks with lights on the street along side the crosswalks. Pedestrians and bicyclists need to be educated on how to be a pedestrian and a bicyclist. Slowing down traffic and creating more traffic congestions is not the answer. These changes have brought more aggressive drivers trying to beat changing traffic lights and going around slow drivers. It has caused more havoc and chaos than good. Less than 1% of Angelenos ride a bike. It makes no sense to place more bike lanes in a community that has the most bike lanes in the city, especially on a busy street like Anaheim. Wilmington residents have also called for the return of two lanes on Avalon Blvd. as well. So there is already consensus from Wilmington residents voicing their displeasure of these changes in the community. It is time politicians listen to the ENTIRE community implementing their solutions, not just a few small groups, and “non-profits” that yell the loudest and who endorse candidates as well as having personal friendship with politicians.