

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/22/2023 03:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to include the 18 “Green New Deal” positions and 4 litigation support positions that LADOT has requested in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. As a resident of Los Angeles (90020), I am deeply concerned about the current state of our city's transportation infrastructure. Los Angeles is currently facing a major crisis in traffic safety. Our city has one of the highest pedestrian fatality rates in the country, with over 100 pedestrians killed in traffic accidents each year. This is unacceptable and demands immediate action. Investing in the 18 “Green New Deal” positions would help LADOT design and implement safer street infrastructure for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit users. By doing so, we can reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our streets, and create more livable and sustainable communities. In addition to pedestrian safety, Los Angeles is facing significant challenges with traffic congestion. Our streets are often gridlocked, making it difficult for residents to get to work, school, or appointments on time. This congestion also contributes to air pollution, which can have negative health effects on our residents, particularly children and vulnerable communities. Investing in sustainable transportation infrastructure is necessary to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and create a more livable and connected city. The 4 litigation support positions that LADOT has requested are also critical to effective management and reducing the burden on upper management. Without these positions, management's time is taken up dealing with lawsuits instead of focusing on making our streets safer. These positions would also help prevent the department from being overburdened, which is necessary for effective administration. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

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Name: Angelo Mike

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, as someone who both wants drivers to have safer, less congested streets, and the same for cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users, I'm asking to grant the budget necessary for LADOT to hire 18 employees in the active transportation team. I think this is a critical step towards making LA healthier, happier, and more livable. There's the pollution aspect of getting more people to use transit/active transportation, contributing to asthma and cancer. There's the financial benefits of it, both saving people money on cars, reducing wear on roads, and improving commuters' access to jobs and businesses. And there's the connections we make on foot, bikes, other mobility devices, and transit. I'm also asking to budget for hiring the 4 litigation support positions that LADOT requested. I believe LADOT is best served and serves LA by alleviating LADOT's leadership of the burden of dealing with lawsuits over transit/pedestrian/bike infrastructure and free them up to deal with leading on transit issues. Thanks, Angelo

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles (90020) and a car owner, I am writing to strongly advocate for LADOT's proposal to evaluate all existing peak-hour travel lanes in the city. I believe that this evaluation is essential to improve the safety and sustainability of our transportation system, and to create more reliable and affordable transportation options for all residents, including myself. As a car owner, I know firsthand the challenges of navigating Los Angeles' congested roads and highways. I am constantly looking for ways to reduce my reliance on driving and to explore more sustainable transportation options. However, the lack of safe and accessible bike and bus lanes in many parts of the city makes it difficult to do so. Peak-hour travel lanes only exacerbate this problem by creating unpredictable and unsafe driving conditions. As a result, I fully support LADOT's proposal to evaluate these lanes and to remove them where necessary. By doing so, we can create more space for dedicated bike and bus lanes that would make it easier for residents like myself to rely less on cars and to reduce traffic congestion. In addition, removing peak-hour travel lanes would create safer driving conditions for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists. This is essential to reduce the number of accidents and injuries on our roads and to make Los Angeles a more pedestrian-friendly city.

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Comments for Public Posting: (I submitted this comment with the wrong File Number earlier)
Hi, I'd like to propose something I think many cities around the world have an understanding of to benefit drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and cyclists, which is the need for consistent, standard traffic design. To that end, I ask to approve LADOT's request to re-evaluate peak-hour travel lanes. I've driven a lot in LA, walk a lot, champion transit and use it, and bike a lot, and I think the impediment to moving forward with re-evaluating peak-hour travel lanes is driven by our uncertainty that there's something better that will make streets more accessible, healthier, and happier to travel on, and ease congestion, which is a willingness to fundamentally examine the benefits of providing transit options for people who don't want the financial or physical burden of car ownership. I've lost two cars to overnight hit and runs while my cars were parked in LA, and have since taken to cycling, walking, and transit, which can be a joy, but the infrastructure is lacking. I think other cities around the world have shown how these measures make life more livable, cities healthier both physically and financially, and will ease congestion. Thanks, Angelo

Communication from Public

Name: Elsa Duval

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Comments for Public Posting: As a regular bicyclist and bus, I urge LADOT to remove peak-hour travel lanes city-wide. These lanes are dangerous for both users and the people walking as people don't always know when they are used or not and drivers often suddenly have to swerve in and out of them at high speed to avoid obstacles such as cars. As a bicyclist they have put me in danger several times. When there is traffic, they do not sensible change the circulation for cars. Instead, dedicated bus lanes on boulevards would make a real difference in bringing the highest number of people to destination more efficiently.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a BMW (biking, Metro, walking) user and resident of L.A. I urge the city council to endorse LADOT's reevaluation of peak hour travel lanes across the city. Further, the city council should demand that LADOT eliminate peak hour travel lanes throughout the city in order to make way for additional bus and bike lanes, instead of perpetuate car-centricity. Peak hour travel lanes presents a challenge for implementing permanent bike or bus lanes. Peak hour travel lanes create hazardous conditions as drivers face changing traffic patterns throughout the day, which results in confusion and weaving around illegally parked cars.