

## Communication from Public

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**Council File No:** 14-0499-S5

**Comments for Public Posting:** /Users/alexlaborwit/Desktop/Melrose Uplift  
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## **What is your favorite thing about Melrose Uplift?**

- Losing 50% of merchant parking sending shoppers to park in front your house.
- Cutting traffic lanes in half so all that overflow causes cars to choke side streets in front of your house.
- Creating bike and scooter lanes in the middle of pedestrian sidewalks cause...what could go wrong?
- Watching small businesses on Melrose go under because this new plan gets rid of parking and makes the street so gridlocked and unpleasant that shoppers will go elsewhere.
- Trusting what the BID says about this project even though they can't even be bothered to keep clean the trash cans that they put on the street.
- Becoming another failed city experiment like Mar vista and Playa Del Del Rey that tanks our quality of life and decimates the values of our homes because depending on your life savings is overrated.
- Standing by helplessly while a loved one dies of a heart attack because emergency vehicles could not reach them in time but hey, we've got bike lanes!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana Turken

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 01:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Uplift Melrose project and would like to see it move forward. I've lived just off Melrose for 13 years. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David F

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**Comments for Public Posting:** RE: Support for Uplift Melrose, LA council file 14-0499-S5. Dear Council Members, I write you today in support of the Uplift Melrose project and the prioritization of safety for people who are walking and bicycling (and scootering too). Pedestrian Lives Matter. I'm jealous of this proposal, I wish this were proposed for my neighborhood. I hope the success of Uplift Melrose will inspire other communities to upgrade their substandard streetscape infrastructure. Council Member Koretz, as my representative I ask that you vote for improving our quality of life and safety by supporting the Uplift Melrose project.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nick Starr

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 09:42 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to make a comment in favor of this project. My business is a few blocks away from Melrose at 440 N Fairfax. Most of our customers are local, many high school age. These are people who often travel by foot, bike or scooter. Our business depends on a healthy safe environment not just on Fairfax but in the greater neighborhood. In short, we want our neighbors and customers to remain happy and healthy as they navigate the area. Melrose has become a desolate, dangerous unsightly speedway. Ideally, it would be a walk street but I believe this project presents a good compromise for all stake holders in the area. Please support this project in its current form. Further compromises to accommodation cars will not solve the problem.  
Best, Nick Starr

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John T Russo

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 10:49 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council, Contrary to what you are being told by the very well funded "Big Bike" activists pushing this plan, it does not enjoy wide community support amongst the people who actually live adjacent to this section of Melrose. Melrose Action, a local grassroots group that for years has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for the community that lives along Melrose Ave conducted a simple survey to see what THE COMMUNITY thinks about the plan to reduce traffic capacity by 50% and eliminate 50% of the street parking on Melrose between Highland and Fairfax. 144 people responded to this survey and 88.36% of the respondents live within 3 blocks of Melrose (survey results here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-MDML6YHB7/>). Unlike the Bureau of Streets Services survey which was heavily promoted by activist publications such as StreetsblogLA this is truly a survey of what the people who will be most impacted by this plan want to see in their community. Of those 144 who responded: 61.61% of respondents said they have a NEGATIVE OPINION of Road Diets! 43.84% stated in NO WAY do they support this plan! Just 17.81% of respondents said they support the plan to reduce traffic capacity on Melrose by 50% by removing traffic lanes and replacing them with bike lanes. ONLY 1.42% stated their main concern was "mobility choices such as more bike lanes"! 30.82% said they would support the plan IF there were a traffic mitigation plan to ensure that neighboring streets were protected from the overflow traffic...BUT CURRENTLY .NO SUCH MITIGATION PLAN EXISTS!! And in reality there is no possible mitigation plan. Melrose is a 40,000 car per day boulevard per LADOT car counts taken in 2019. The FHWA places the upper limit of a 'road diet' at 20,000 cars per day...there is no DOT in the country that would recommend a 'road diet' for a 40,000 car per day road! 67.39% of respondents stated they do not believe there should be any reduced parking along Melrose! 53.52% of respondents do not support the plan to eliminate left turns along Melrose. 76.71% of respondents said they walk to Melrose. Just 1.37% said they ride a bike to Melrose. 76.11% of respondents who have families stated THEY DO NOT ride their bikes around the area with their family. 45.61% of respondents stated that while they own a bike THEY DO NOT

ride it around the area. Another point that survey makes is everyone is more worried about their quality of life and crime than they are about the lack of bike lanes on Melrose. What the residents who live here want to see is that the time, money and effort that is being spent on this proposal that THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT SUPPORT would be much better spent on the "quality of life issues" plaguing the neighborhood. From the survey 67.59% think their quality of life has deteriorated, 86.96% do not feel "safer in terms of crime" and a whopping 94.4% favor more police patrols! The people pushing this claim it is a state grant and the money has to be used for bike lanes. While that is true there is no doubt the city will have to spend MILLIONS on traffic studies and LADOT crews that will help implement this and maintain it forever after. Based on the respondents' more pressing concerns this project is akin to watering the flowers while the house burns down behind you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benyamin Benarouche

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I do not support the project Uplift Melrose, with the spending that would come with it and the reduction of the parking spots too.