

City of Los Angeles Mail

Glendale/Hyperion Bridge support Exhibit 1

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Honorable Councilmembers,

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Thank you.

An Informed Community is an Empowered Community

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November 13, 2014

Council File 05-0173
Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 05-0173 supporting Exhibit 1 of the Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Improvement Project.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, along with the Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce, the Atwater Village Residents Association, and Friends of Atwater Village, in regards to the Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Improvement Project, vigorously supports Exhibit 1 as described by the Bureau of Engineering to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

We fully support the addition of bicycle lanes and an ADA compliant sidewalk that will travel the length of the bridge. We also support four motor vehicle traffic lanes which will provide the most flexibility when taking future needs of our community into account.

Every other exhibit would lock-in a three lane bottle neck configuration and would be a detriment to the future growth of our community, Council District 13, and the entire City of Los Angeles.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on November 13, 2014; the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council has adopted the following motion by a vote of 13 yes's, 4 no's, 0 abstentions, and has directed that this Community Impact Statement be filed with the City Clerk's office reflecting its position.

Motion by Sergio Lambarri: "I move that the AVNC support a Community Impact Statement which bolster our pervious Letter of Support that preferences Exhibit 1 for the Glendale/Hyperion Complex of Bridges as described by the Bureau of Engineers."

Seconded by - Monica Waggoner.



August 13th, 2014

The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mitch O'Farrell and Tom Labonge
City Hall, City of Los Angeles

RE: PRESERVING 4-LANE ACCESS TO THE GLENDALE-HYPERION VIADUCT

Dear Eric, Mitch and Tom:

The Glendale-Hyperion Viaduct is an important part of Atwater's vehicular infrastructure. It gives local drivers and far-flung commuters' easy access to surrounding communities, the 5 Interstate Freeway and nearby businesses. Since its construction the bridge has primarily served to facilitate vehicular travel. Today, the Hyperion Bridge remains a key artery for drivers to travel from, to or thru Atwater Village.

The Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce (AVCC) reaffirms its resolute support for design option #1.

This option is the best design out of the three deliberated by the Citizens Advisory Committee. It is the only design that will preserve the 4 traffic lanes on Hyperion's main bridge while providing for pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Preserving the 4 traffic lanes is of utmost importance to Atwater's small business community. Local consumers have shown time and time again that their preferred method of travel to shop in Atwater Village is by automobile. Forcing a "road diet", or a vehicular lane reduction, on the Hyperion Bride would cause unnecessary traffic congestion and delays for consumer seeking to visit Atwater Village. This would force consumers to other shopping areas as they change their driving routes to avoid the added congestion. The end result would be more traffic congestion, less road safety and a loss of income for small businesses.

On behalf of the AVCC and Atwater's business community we urge you to lend your steadfast support for design option #1.

Sincerely,

Luis Lopez
Executive Director
Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce

ATWATER VILLAGE



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 39654, Los Angeles, CA 90039

August 19, 2014

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

The Atwater Village Residents Association (AVRA) wishes to thank you, City officials and engineers who have labored tirelessly to finalize plans and initiate work on the Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Viaduct Improvement Project. As THE residential association in Atwater Village, AVRA fully supports the Exhibit 1 proposal for improvement, earthquake retrofitting and historic preservation of the bridge complex.

For years AVRA has served the entire community of Atwater Village; its residents, property owners and businesses. And for the last ten years, members have been significantly involved with the details of this improvement project. With the Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Bridge Complex as the gateway to and from our Village, we find that Exhibit 1 serves the needs of the entire community in a balanced, well thought-out and rational manner, with no special consideration given to one particular interest over another.

It is very important that the needs of the entire community of Atwater Village be considered when making the final decision of which exhibit to implement. Members of AVRA and others within Atwater Village have, for decades, worked tirelessly to improve many aspects that make this small piece of Los Angeles the flourishing community it has become. It would be a grave blow to have its combined needs ignored in favor of any special interest group.

Thank you again for the considerable work that has been given to this project. It is whole-heartedly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Waldner".

Mark Waldner
AVRA President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barbara Lass".

Barbara Lass
Special Interests Committee

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, CD 4
Wen Chyn, Bridge improvement Division, Bureau of Engineering (City of Los Angeles)
Board, Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC)



May 7, 2015

To: The Board of Public Works, Commissioner Kevin James

Friends of Atwater Village, a volunteer community group, has been involved with the Hyperion Bridge Retrofit Project since 2002. We, as local residents have attended many community meetings and through the years have given our input and voiced our concerns regarding the safety and historic restoration that would be involved in the project.

We believe the option of 4 vehicle lanes, 2 bike lanes and 1 extended sidewalk would be the most equitable choice to serve the needs of all modes of transportation. We applaud Council Members O'Farrell and La Bonge for their balanced common sense approach to this very complex bridge. We believe this is an all inclusive solution that does not elevate one groups needs over the others.

As residents of the Atwater Village community we feel that the reduction of vehicle lanes would negatively impact the flow of traffic in and out of our neighborhood. The bridge is a main thoroughfare, a truck route and also has a constant flow of vehicles exiting and entering the freeway off-ramps alongside the bridge. A road diet would only back up traffic on the already overburdened Hyperion and Rowena Avenues adding to more congested traffic through Atwater Village.

We look forward to the day when the I-5 northbound Glendale Blvd freeway offramp will be realigned, the Red Car River Park pedestrian/bicycle bridge built and our beautiful Landmark Hyperion Bridge Viaduct restored. So many have worked diligently over the years on this project and it is time to move forward or risk losing the funding that would make these improvements a reality.

Sincerely,

Netty Carr, Sandra Caravella, Luis A. Lopez
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Friends of Atwater Village Board Members
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June 1, 2015

Council File #05-0173
Honorable City Councilmembers of
The Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
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Enclosures:
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