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CF 05-0173 Glendale Blvd./Hyperion Ave. Complex of Bridges

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Regarding Item No. 05-0173 the Glendale Blvd./Hyperion Ave. Complex of Bridges:

We, the undersigned – concerned Silver Lake residents - support Option Number One out of concern for the wellbeing, health and safety of all in Silver Lake and nearby communities. We concur with the findings of the Bureau of Engineering and we add the following.

Option Number One correctly addresses:

Multiple thousands of commuters who cross the bridge each day and would be affected most by a reduction in lanes. A minute of delay in one direction times 5 working days and 52 weeks in a year would be 260 minutes, more than 4 hours annually of lost productivity or time away from family for each commuter.

Air quality - reducing lanes would result in additional autos idling in traffic during the morning and 3-7 PM commutes releasing additional pollutants. A quote from the Move LA Conference of March 6, 2014 "The idling vehicle is the number one problem for clean air."

Safety concerns - under a 3 lane option one slow or stalled vehicle headed toward Atwater would result in a backup of traffic leading drivers to make hazardous moves jeopardizing pedestrians, bicyclists, and those in vehicles headed in both directions.

Emergency responders:

Ambulances traveling from Silver Lake to Glendale Memorial Hospital would be delayed by a single lane when minutes count.

A single lane into Atwater would restrict exodus from the central city in a disaster.

Pedestrians and bicyclists will have exclusive access to a bridge to the north and the proposed bridge to the south to be built on red car pilings, an exciting prospect. Yet under Option 1 both bicycles and walkers would still have safe routes across the Bridge.

Option One provides flexibility - the capacity to meet the demands of an expanding economy – nearly 4000 units and over 306,000 square feet of commercial plus additional theaters, hotels and expansions of existing businesses, all soon will be online in the City of Glendale with similar expansions in Burbank and other nearby cities. Additional commuters from those cities and both job seekers, shoppers and clients commuting from Los Angeles will add to current traffic across the Bridge.

Further, the future of transportation likely is autonomous vehicles utilizing alternative fuels still requiring lanes conventional automobiles use today.

Option 1 is an equitable division of the space on the bridge, promotes health and safety and allows flexibility to plan for the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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