

RE: Council File: 05-0173, I support "Exhibit 1" for the Glendale-Hyperion Viaduct restoration project

Dear Councilmember,

As a stakeholder in the Atwater Village and Silver Lake area I support "Exhibit 1" (Council File: 05-0173); which is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation. It will preserve 4 narrowed traffic lanes and install traffic calming measures, 2 wide bicycle lanes, a wider ADA compliant sidewalk and many other improvements.

This restoration project has been in the works for 13 long years. Enough is enough, I urge you to vote in support of "Exhibit 1".

Thank you,

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Honorable Council-members,

I am distressed by the Bureau of Engineering's recommendation to remove one of the sidewalks on the Hyperion Bridge. At a time when the City of Los Angeles is working to become more walkable and bikeable, we need more sidewalks connecting popular destinations like the L.A. River to neighboring communities--not fewer. Traffic counts have shown that we can have two sidewalks and protected bike lanes and still keep traffic flowing between Atwater Village and Silver Lake. There's no need to rush a bad project through with so many questions remaining:

1. Why should people with disabilities be forced to walk over 15 minutes out of their way to access the one remaining sidewalk? Why does BOE consider people in wheelchairs less important than people in cars?
2. Why can't we keep access to the bridge's beautiful and historic belvederes on both sides of the bridge? Why do we want to prevent people from enjoying one of the city's best views of what will soon be a revitalized L.A. River?
3. Why did BOE change the traffic study only after they wanted to preserve four lanes? For more than a year, studies showed that there would be no impact from removing a vehicle lane.

I agree with Councilmember-elect David Ryu who supports Option 3 for a more people-friendly Hyperion Bridge with sidewalks AND bike lanes. This is a bridge that connects communities and matters to the whole city.

Please don't approve this plan without fully studying these issues.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kates