

Honorable Councilmembers,

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.

don matter what I'll be using this bridge! Try to make it a nice bridge, not just another piece of freeway.

Sincerely,

Eric Weinstein  
Santa Monica. CA

Please do no change the Hyperion Bridge!

The bridge barely handles the vehicle traffic as it stands. Loosing a car lane would make this commute a disaster and I've been driving this bridge for over 25 years now!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Wisse

A very concerned Atwater Village resident

Dear Council Member,

As a resident of Atwater Village that commutes over this bridge nearly every single day, I support "Exhibit 1," which is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation. We'll be preserving 4 narrowed traffic lanes and gaining traffic calming measures, 2 wide bicycle lanes, a wider ADA compliant sidewalk and many other improvements.

I certainly understand the desires of both the pedestrian and cycling communities to increase access from Silver Lake to Atwater, but no matter how you slice it, they will never compete on the sheer numbers that drivers will. And to limit the lanes from 4 to 3 for the limited number of walkers and bikers seems foolish.

This restoration project has been in the works for 13 long years. I urge you to vote in support of "Exhibit 1" and let's get this construction started!

Thank you,  
Corey Sanford

Dear Councilmember,

As someone who lives in Franklin Hills and works and shops in the Atwater Village area, I support "Exhibit 1" which is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation. Option 1 preserves four narrowed traffic lanes and gains traffic calming measures, two wide bicycle lanes, a wider ADA compliant sidewalk and many other improvements.

Under no circumstances should any vehicle lanes be lost in the restoration. Traffic is already severe enough along both sides of the bridge.

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Thank you,  
Sheri Cohen

Dear Councilmember,

As a stakeholder in the Atwater Village and Silver Lake area I support “Exhibit 1”; which is the most equitable choice for all modes of transportation. We’ll preserving 4 narrowed traffic lanes and gaining traffic calming measures, 2 wide bicycle lanes, a wider ADA compliant sidewalk and many other improvements.

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Warmest Regards,

Amanda Bowen

Atwater Resident

Hello,

Please support exhibit 1 and keep traffic congestion from Hyperion bridge.

Thank you  
Tim Bedwell

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**jonathan.m.batas**