

To: Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Re: Council File 12-0303, CPC 2005-6082 CPU, CPC 1997-43 CPU -- Hollywood
Community Plan Update

The HCP Update needs to redo the open-space element. We need more local parks closer to residents. The \$950 million Hollywood Cap Park is one of the worst boondoggles in history. We already have the 100 acre Griffith Park only 1 1/2 miles from the Hollywood Freeway. That money could create a lot of local parks closer to residents throughout all of Hollywood.

Covering the Hollywood Freeway is dangerous and a health hazard. Commuters would be subjected to a twice daily 5 days a week gassing with exhaust fumes as they idle their way through Hollywood. No one would really want to engage in any activity directly above thousands of vehicles with their engines running. Doctors recommend not exercising in an air pollution environment.

The project would require continuous energy use for ventilation and lighting.

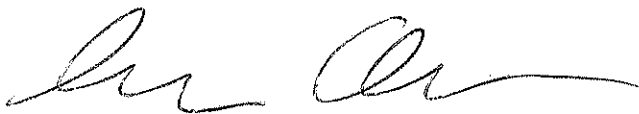
A fire would most likely result in injuries and deaths, cripple a major traffic artery and destroy the structure, just as a tanker fire recently destroyed an overpass on the Pomona Freeway in Montebello, a bridge that is still being rebuilt.

Just look up the news stories of major catastrophes at the Antelope Valley-Golden State Freeway tunnel intersection:

10/13/2007 -- A crash in a tunnel on the 5 Freeway quickly turned into a fiery, chain-reaction pileup that mangled several trucks, killed at least two people and shut down the key north-south route as the wreckage burned for hours and sent people fleeing for their lives. Firefighters hauled the mangled, blackened debris of more than a dozen big-rig trucks out of the tunnel.

12/13/2011 -- A collision involving eight big rigs in the truck lane tunnel caused a temporary closure of the route. Four tankers containing gas, crude oil, milk and chemicals and four box trucks were involved in the collision that 51 Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters responded to.

We need many more local real parks made out of real dirt, not one massive, air polluted, energy wasting hazard to health and to life.



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