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As a member of Franklin Village, I am disheartened by the Hollywood Plan and how it will relate to our area.

We are a historic neighborhood brimming with character that you can see in our 1920 era apartment buildings and craftsman houses that line our street. We also have several small businesses in our neighborhood that have helped keep our neighborhood bustling, comfortable and relevant. Even though we are right in the middle of city that is the definition of car culture our neighborhood is also a pedestrian (walking) neighborhood. We walk our dogs, go up to the canyon (via Beachwood and Bronson), to the grocery store and our local restaurants, stores and coffee shops. For those of us that do use Public Transportation we walk to Hollywood Blvd. We do have the Dash and hope to keep it here as it is a wonderful and essential asset to our neighborhood.

We would like to see more trees, greenery and neighborhood improvements. In the past we have asked for crosswalks, (there is only one light at Wilton Ave between Bronson Ave and Western) only to be denied. We have also asked for a parking structure several times on the south side of Canyon and Franklin to no avail and have explored the building of a parking structure in area just south of Franklin Avenue along Yucca and Carlos with the CRA with a pedestrian bridge across the 101 to Tamarind, that would not only benefit our neighborhood but Hollywood as a whole.

In regards to the mobility plan what is the plan for cut through traffic (Program M.1.87.2 in the Mobility Plan) other than a study? What are specifics that you plan to implement?

Franklin Ave is a major entry point to the 101 entrance at Argyle and traffic is often backed up as far as Van Ness with people wanting go to the Valley. This is a phenomenon that seems to only affect the north side of Franklin while the south side, those going East, is rarely congested even though there is another 101 entrance just south of us on Hollywood Blvd. How will a proposed bicycle lane from La Brea to Vermont affect the congested north side of Franklin?

Recently, we've have just now become aware of a redistricting plan that possibly cuts our neighborhood in half – north side of Franklin to District 4, south side to District 13. This not only threatens our ability to get things done for our neighborhood but our relevancy in Hollywood as a whole which seems to be reflected in the Community Development plan as well. In short Franklin Village was formed so that we could have a voice, support our neighborhood, our community and be a vital part of Hollywood.

Sincerely

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