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CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects

1 message

Jonathan Raspa <jmraspa@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 12:25 AM

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In addition to the form nature of this letter, I have something additional to add. I find it appalling and unprofessional, not to mention a gross misuse of his position of Councilmember, that Mr. Cedillo would seek to propose these plans for the North Figueroa Great Street. The lack of technical expertise in traffic analysis and street design, flippant approach to community outreach, and clearly backwards thinking in his approach to making his district safe, livable, and accessible for all residents and visitors utilizing a multitude of transportation modes. I think Mr. Cedillo should concentrate more on the concerns of his district, and less on his former projects as a state assemblymember. He is representing Council District 1 in the City of Los Angeles, and he would do well to remember that.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Raspa

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Los Angeles City Council
c/o Los Angeles City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

15 December 2014

RE: Council File 14-1680: Metro Call For Projects

Honorable Councilmembers,

As an Angeleno who utilizes many different forms of transportation to get around town, I write to express my opposition to a recent proposal within the City of LA Task Force Committee's recommendations for Metro's 2015 Call For Projects, "Pedestrian Improvement" #1: "North Figueroa Great Streets Corridor - Phase 1." The proposed plan to reconfigure N. Figueroa Street between Ave 55 & Ave 60 with diagonal parking is ill conceived, and would be detrimental to the safety of both drivers and people on bicycles on N. Figueroa.

Addition of unneeded surface parking to this area will only congest the area by prioritizing travel by car, and limit access for bus riders and bicycle commuters. This is not a project worthy of taxpayer money or City Council support.

Besides the fact that the area has an excess of available surface parking, N. Figueroa is also a part of the 2010 Bicycle Plan, and incorporation of diagonal parking spaces would prohibit needed bike lanes for the safety bicycle commuters. The Northeast L.A. community has consistently expressed unwavering support for a "Figueroa For All," supportive of the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users. This proposal flies in the face of that community voice and was been developed exclusive of community input.

The proposed project – which excludes the needs of cyclists for safe mobility – does not meet Caltrans' definition of a Complete Street: "A transportation facility that is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers, and motorists." Thus the project does not meet Metro's Complete Streets Policy adopted in October of this year.

Please re-scope this project application to represent a Complete Street incorporating accommodations for people on bicycles, or remove it from the Task Force list to ensure that proposed projects are in-line with community needs, city planning efforts, and regional complete streets policies.

I thank you in advance for your consideration, and for standing up for the quality of projects submitted for Metro funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael MacDonald", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael MacDonald
Architect, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C



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Jack Baker <jackbaker@oxy.edu>
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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 9:34 AM

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Best,
Jack Baker
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Jack Baker
KOXY Station Manager
Class of 2015



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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 10:16 AM

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Sincerely,

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Best,
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December 15, 2014

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, President
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Proposed Applications to Metro 2015 Call for Projects
Lack of Consistency with Los Angeles General Plan
CF# 14-1680**

Dear President Wesson and Council Members,

The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) is generally supportive of the list of proposed projects to apply in Metro's 2015 Call for Projects. Overall, the list represents a city that is forward-thinking and developing projects that are consistent with complete streets and LADOT's new Vision Zero goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities in the city by 2025. LACBC particularly appreciates the emphasis on protected and low-stress bikeways, as well as the incorporation of complete streets into the RSTI and Goods Movement projects.

Unfortunately, LACBC must also point out one project that is glaringly inconsistent with the draft Mobility Plan 2035 and adopted 2010 Bicycle Plan, both of which were supposed to be screening criteria for the project list. The "North Figueroa Great Streets Corridor – Phase 1" project (Ped Improvements #1, page 5) is located along the Bicycle Plan's Backbone Network as well as the Mobility Plan's Bicycle Enhanced Network. The Backbone Network is characterized by Class II bike lanes while the Enhanced Network is designated to include protected bike lanes. Neither of these bikeway types is included in the proposed project scope on North Figueroa. These inconsistencies leave the project subject to CEQA challenge, if awarded funding.

Metro's new Complete Streets Policy defines complete streets as those that serve "all categories of users, including pedestrians, users and operators of public transit, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, seniors, children, motorists, users of green modes, and movers of commercial goods...within an integrated transportation network." Metro will evaluate individual projects against those city planning documents that define the layered, multi-modal transportation network—namely the draft Mobility Plan's enhanced networks for transit, bicycles and vehicles. This project, which proposes to reconstruct curbs and pavement without incorporating the bikeway required by the city's transportation plans, is unlikely to comply with this policy.

North Figueroa is the heart of Highland Park's historic business district and also a key facility in the citywide bikeway network, which is only as useful as the sum of its parts. These improvements would be highly complementary—bicycle improvements have been shown in cases from across the country, indeed the world, to promote vibrant local retail districts. The available local data suggests North Figueroa is primed for growth in bicycle ridership. In fact, the street already has



among the highest bicycle use of any street in Northeast Los Angeles—higher even than streets that already have bike lanes. Unfortunately on Figueroa, approximately half of these bicyclists are currently riding on the sidewalk through the business district. This is an unsafe condition for both the people riding and the people walking in and out of the many local shops that line Figueroa, which this project would only exacerbate as it makes an already unsharable street even narrower with diagonal parking.

It would be inappropriate for the city to spend limited resources securing funding for projects that are not consistent with the city's own plans. This project's failure to incorporate planned complete streets elements threatens to undermine the careful compromises at the foundation of the Mobility Plan's multi-modal networks, which tempered the ambitions of the Bicycle Plan by focusing on a much more limited network of higher quality infrastructure. The citywide significance of this issue is made all the more evident by the citywide response from your constituents included in this council file.

Everyone agrees that North Figueroa is in critical need of improvements. LACBC has worked extensively with community stakeholders to advance safety improvements for the entire length of North Figueroa for half a decade, participating in every planning process and project development workshop. LACBC would be proud to support a project in this location that respects the community's vision of a "Figueroa for All" and truly serves all who live, work and visit Highland Park. Until this project is re-scoped to align with this inclusive vision and to be consistent with the City's general plan, LACBC is compelled to register its opposition to the project with both the City and Metro. LACBC encourages the City to remedy these issues by including the missing project elements or removing this project from the Call for Projects application list.

If you have any questions about these concerns, I can be reached at (213) 629-2142, ext. 127. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Bruins", is positioned above the printed name.

Eric Bruins
Planning & Policy Director



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1 message

Kacey Morgan <kcyclivist@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 11:54 AM

Dear City Council Members,

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I personally commute almost entirely by bicycle or metro and complete streets such as the North Figueroa corridor are integral to enabling me and many others to do the same thing, safely. Not only is being consistent important locally, but developing a strong network also aligns with current state legislation as well, including SB 375 which targets reduction of GHG emissions through local and regional planning that focuses on sustainable development. Your decision on this will have a lasting impact for our community, I hope you all can see that maintaining the vision for a complete street is the right choice.

Sincerely,

Kacey Morgan

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1 message

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To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 12:22 PM

Dear City Council Members,

The proposed project on North Figueroa is not consistent with a "Figueroa for All." People have been coming out time and time again to ask for a safer Figueroa that accommodates walking, bicycling and driving more equally. In fact, the City of L.A. Bicycle Master Plan affirms the importance of bicycle infrastructure in Los Angeles and includes Figueroa Street. Councilmember Cedillo should not flout the importance of and block the implementation of this city-wide plan. Since Cedillo has refused to make Figueroa safer for all, the dangerous climate on Fig persists, and people have lost their lives as they have been run over by drivers.

The proposed project on North Figueroa is not consistent with the community's wants, does not meet the City's plans, and does not meet Metro's requirements for a "complete street". Please modify this proposal to include a "complete street" or remove it from the list.

Very sincerely,
Kathryn Savage



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Andy Wong <andycwong@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 1:01 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I grew up in Los Angeles and lived over half of my adult life driving everywhere like most people. I was raised to fear riding a bike or walking the streets mainly reasons of vehicular safety. I'm now 41 years old, fortunately enough to own a home in downtown LA, ride my bike and pair it with public transportation to freely get around LA including my daily commute to Studio City and that is my preference even though I can afford multiple cars (I share a car with my wife who also rides her bike), paid parking, maintenance, repair, insurance, etc. Times are changing and that includes demographics of the City (younger, less cars but more mobile), economics (a localized business experience is more satisfying and on the rise) and the realities of how our city is growing and needs to adapt its transportation priorities (everyone hates traffic and more people are becoming intolerant of it).

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Andy Wong

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Jenni X <jennix@jennix.com>
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Dear City Council Members,

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

Cathy Des Lauriers

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Being an avid cyclist who often is commuting on North Figueroa, I implore the council to move forth with complete bike lanes for Figueroa. I feel this will improve not only the safety and visibility for cyclists, but the community feel of the traversed neighborhoods

Sincerely,
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CD1 Resident
90042



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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1 message

Leslie Mylius <goleslie9191@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 2:07 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Cc: info@la-bike.org

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Complete streets for N Figueroa (Council File # 14-1680)

1 message

David Matsu <davidmatsu@earthlink.net>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 2:08 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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As a long time resident, homeowner, and business owner in the city of Los Angeles, I urge you to move the city forward with safe, complete streets designed for everyone and refuse to cave in to backward thinking that puts the lives, livelihood, and quality of life for myself, my children, and my neighbors at risk.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles, CA 90065



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1 message

Karen Canady <karen@canadylortz.com>
Reply-To: karen@canadylortz.com
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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 2:10 PM

Dear City Council Members,

My family and I are well aware that the City of Los Angeles is at an exciting time for transportation. With bike plan implementation well underway, "Great Streets" and "Vision Zero" in the conversation, an innovative new Mobility Plan around the corner and new projects being built on our streets all the time, we've seen Angelenos of all types embrace new transportation options. As the City looks to fund future transportation projects with limited resources, it is absolutely critical that every project meets the City's strategic objectives and be consistent with the general plan, so that our investments live up to their potential in creating safe, livable and prosperous neighborhoods. After all, what good is a bike lane that only gets me to the next major arterial, if I have no safe means of completing my journey? As a mother who has put significant effort into helping her children develop a patchwork route for biking to school (as well as my own commuting route), I am quite familiar with the work yet to be completed. Now that all three of our children are young adults, all of whom have chosen to live car-free, I am even more mindful of the dangers pedestrians and transit users face each day as they endeavor to make their way to their jobs and daily errands.

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I urge you to remember that our streets are used by all of us, including our children. We must plan and design as if our children's lives depend on it – because they do.

Sincerely,
Karen Canady

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Los Angeles, CA 90019



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1 message

Ryan Johnson <rjohnson1848@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

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1 message

Kevin C Murray <kevincmurray@gmail.com>
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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 2:28 PM

Dear City Council Members,

When I bought a house in Northeast LA, it was at a time when the future of the neighborhood looked bright, but tentative. With vision and optimism, we might continue to improve the neighborhood in a smart, inclusive way.

Things have been changing, especially along North Figueroa, at an exciting pace. So much so that Marketplace opened an office in the neighborhood to track the progress of these changes and report on it. But one visionary change that somehow continues to be stifled: including bike lanes on N. Fig.

As a commuter who uses both 110 and N. Fig every day, I can understand some of the hesitance to rearrange the street that carries so many to work and school and shopping. But I would much rather have a slight delay on a safer, more inclusive street than a fast street that continues to cause bike and pedestrian accidents. Therefore I'm disappointed to hear that the latest proposal for North Figueroa not only does not improve the street but is designed to prevent bike lanes from being installed.

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1 message

Jonathan Frame <jonframe@gmail.com>

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To: cityhall@empowerla.org

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This issue is very important to me and my neighbors, as walking, bicycling and public transit are our main modes of transportation. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to take a walk around my neighborhood with a Council District #1 representative to discuss some of the many safety concerns we have.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Frame
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L.A., CA 90065



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

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1 message

Howard Outdoors <outdoorshoward@yahoo.com>
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Howard Naness
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Los Angeles, CA 90041

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



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1 message

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To: cityhall@empowerla.org

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Thanks,
Jen Tokash

5542 Eagle St.
Los Angeles, CA 90022



Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Don't let the extremists destroy Figueroa St.

1 message

John Cork <johncork@mac.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 2:50 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Imagine if we discovered a killer was stalking N. Figueroa St, a killer who struck in broad daylight, seemingly randomly, a killer who had attack 822 Angelenos, and killed 9 in the past decade.

Can you imagine the outrage if the city said it would not put any further resources into the area to make the citizens safe from such a danger?

Can you fathom taking the position that years after we identified the problem that we should ignore a danger that kills and injures Angelenos with sickening regularity?

No. We cannot imagine such a scenario.

But the killer exists - a street that provides a vital corridor from Silver Lake, Echo Park, Atwater and other areas to downtown that has been poorly designed and constantly places pedestrians and cyclists in danger.

There are extremists out there - those who say we should not care about those killed, those who say we should not worry about those injured. They say that there is only one priority: move more cars faster.

Los Angeles cannot stand by the status quo. We have blown away so much of the smog, cleaned up so much of the city, used smarter policing to reduce so much of the crime. And we have a plan to make the city so much less congested.

That's a plan the city approved. I went to outreach meetings. I watched it evolve. The city embraced Complete Streets. The city embraced a bicycling plan for which it should be rightfully proud.

Every year, I visit New York City. Who would have thought that I, a father, would feel safe putting my son on a bike in midtown Manhattan and riding beside him to Flushing Meadows in Queens. But the entire ride was on streets made safe for cycling.

Right now, I would not take my son to ride from Silver Lake down Figueroa to the vibrant downtown he so loves. Not until the killer is reigned in.

Those pushing against the future just want one little crack in the plan, one precedent to unspool all that hard work.

Figueroa is like those first murals testing the ban on advertising. There he was - an American soldier on the side of a building, the owner daring the city to force that patriotic mural to be ripped down. And when the city didn't force that, he was soon selling the building side as advertising space. And the chaos continues. That is why you make a long-term plan and you stick with the plan.

In this case, it isn't just outraged neighbors and real estate magnates. It is lives. Honest to God human lives.

No one wants one more single pedestrian or cyclist crash on N. Fig. I know this. You know this. But you have the chance to re-endorse the plan that reduces that risk the most. This is a contentious issue. The odds are there will be about 80 pedestrian and cyclist injuries on N. Fig in 2015...and one fatality. Do you want to vote with those odds, or vote to reduce those odds? That's the question. The answer should be simple. I hope none of you ever face an election flyer that shows a brutally injured Angeleno and asks why you voted to keep N. Fig unsafe when you knew of the danger?

Vote for a safer LA. Vote against the extremists who want to preserve the danger. Vote to put an end to grim track record of injury and death that has plagued N. Fig.

Thank you,
John Cork
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1 message

Allison F-L <allison.fussell.louie@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org
Cc: info@la-bike.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 3:16 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I live and work in the neighborhood of Highland Park. I use public transportation, cycle, walk and even drive a car in my neighborhood and throughout the city. North Figueroa is home to schools, a library and parks that children and families frequent. We deserve safe access, regardless of their transportation mode, to these destinations. The project proposed by Gil Cedillo's office to add diagonal parking spaces to Figueroa will not create a safer environment for all users of the street and gives priority to vehicles over more vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. The citywide bike plan should be implemented on North Figueroa because the research shows that it will make the street safer for *all users*. Please uphold the integrity of the citywide bike plan and follow the wishes of the community for a complete street.

Allison Alvarez

5701 Baltimore St

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CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects

1 message

Nathan Lucero <nathan@nlucero.com>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 3:20 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Dear City Council Members,

The following is a prewritten letter from the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, and I fully agree with its message. I would like to add that I am a resident of Eagle Rock and I work in Downtown Los Angeles. Safe road features along North Figueroa, like bike lanes, would make my commute safer by bike or by car. This is a personal matter for me. I care about the safety of my family, my neighbors and my fellow commuters. I hate the fact that people have been injured or have died in North East Los Angeles because our streets promote fast car traffic. I think it is a tragedy. Many City Council Members have take this safety issue seriously and have installed bike lanes and pedestrian crosswalks. I encourage the rest to follow their example.

What has happened in Council District 1 is not just insulting, it dangerous. Bike lanes are a road feature that have been proven to slow traffic and reduce vehicle collisions. Do not allow a plan to go forward unless bike lanes are included.

Thank you.

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1 message

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Sincerely,

Robert Richman

Mt. Washington Cyclist



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1 message

Ariana Moseley <ariana.moseley@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 4:45 PM

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1 message

Todd Razorcake <todd@razorcake.org>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 5:09 PM

Dear City Council Members,

It's a real shame that, after so many meetings I personally attended as a community member, and witnessing first-hand the need for safe streets, that Gil Cedillo's proposal contains - literally - putting people into reverse in their motorized vehicles on the busiest street in Highland Park. This doesn't make any sense from a safety point of view. It makes the already-hazardous act of negotiating Figueroa even more dangerous.

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To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 5:19 PM

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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 5:23 PM

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Resident and property owner,
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Los Angeles, CA 90039



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Avila, Betty <betty@multicultimobility.org>
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David Wolf <info@architectstoolbox.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 6:05 PM

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Figueroa Development Plan

1 message

Blair Huizingh <blair.huizingh@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 6:54 PM

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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 7:21 PM

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Michael Shifflett <romanovsky4@gmail.com>
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Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 8:04 PM

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Darren Hall <darrenhall.dh@gmail.com>
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 9:34 PM

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As a resident of Eagle Rock, I have actively participated in and supported the LADOT plan to implement a "road diet" on North Figueroa. Such treatments have a proven track record for increasing safety for all users regardless of their mode of transportation and improve access for those who chose to travel by means other than an automobile. Regrettably, that carefully thought out plan which was arrived at after considerable community involvement, was shelved. In its stead, a new proposed project on North Figueroa has been presented to you, a plan that has not received the scrutiny of stakeholder review and input and which clearly fails to address the community's desire for a complete street.

I urge you to reject this proposed project for North Figueroa. It does not have community support and it is not in line with either City plans or Metro's Complete Streets Policy. A good plan was in place, one for which, furthermore, funding was already secured. Please do not squander the City's limited resources on this new project that fails to move Angelenos forward.

Sincerely,
Darren Hall
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Los Angeles, CA 90041



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1 message

Victor Cuevas <vcuevas@me.com>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 9:56 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Cc: info@la-bike.org

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Pat Griffith <patgriffit@earthlink.net>
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Mark Mallare <nachimark@outlook.com>
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Dennis Uytiepo
4167 Trent Way, 90065



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1 message

Jeff <wwlasers@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 10:55 PM

To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>, "sharon.gin@lacity.org" <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

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Sent from my iPad

Los Angeles City Council
c/o Los Angeles City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

15 December 2014

RE: Council File 14-1680: Metro Call For Projects

Honorable Councilmembers,

As an Angeleno who utilizes many different forms of transportation to get around town, I write to express my opposition to a recent proposal within the City of LA Task Force Committee's recommendations for Metro's 2015 Call For Projects, "Pedestrian Improvement" #1: "North Figueroa Great Streets Corridor - Phase 1." The proposed plan to reconfigure N. Figueroa Street between Ave 55 & Ave 60 with diagonal parking is ill conceived, and would be detrimental to the safety of both drivers and people on bicycles on N. Figueroa.

Addition of unneeded surface parking to this area will only congest the area by prioritizing travel by car, and limit access for bus riders and bicycle commuters. This is not a project worthy of taxpayer money or City Council support.

Besides the fact that the area has an excess of available surface parking, N. Figueroa is also a part of the 2010 Bicycle Plan, and incorporation of diagonal parking spaces would prohibit needed bike lanes for the safety bicycle commuters. The Northeast L.A. community has consistently expressed unwavering support for a "Figueroa For All," supportive of the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users. This proposal flies in the face of that community voice and was been developed exclusive of community input.

The proposed project – which excludes the needs of cyclists for safe mobility – does not meet Caltrans' definition of a Complete Street: "A transportation facility that is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers, and motorists." Thus the project does not meet Metro's Complete Streets Policy adopted in October of this year.

Please re-scope this project application to represent a Complete Street incorporating accommodations for people on bicycles, or remove it from the Task Force list to ensure that proposed projects are in-line with community needs, city planning efforts, and regional complete streets policies.

I thank you in advance for your consideration, and for standing up for the quality of projects submitted for Metro funding.

Sincerely,



Michael MacDonald
Architect, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C



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Dear City Council Members,

The City of Los Angeles is at an exciting time for transportation. With bike plan implementation well underway, %u201CGreat Streets%u201D and %u201CVision Zero%u201D in the conversation, an innovative new Mobility Plan around the corner and new projects being built on our streets all the time, we%u2019ve seen Angelenos of all types embrace new transportation options. As the City looks to fund future transportation projects with limited resources, it is absolutely critical that every project meets the City%u2019s strategic objectives and be consistent with the general plan, so that our investments live up to their potential in creating safe, livable and prosperous neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, the proposed project on North Figueroa leaves out critical elements of a complete street, falling short of the community%u2019s ambitious vision of a %u201CFigueroa for All.%u201D At the last community meeting, and many community meetings before, residents overwhelmingly spoke in favor of streets that accommodate all travelers safely: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers. In July, the LA Times said this about North Figueroa: %u201CUnless some demonstrable miscalculation was made in the bike plan, or unless there's a real safety issue, individual City Council members should not be tinkering with the plan, which was designed carefully with the whole city in mind.%u201D We are now asking for the full City Council to uphold the integrity of its citywide plans and the community%u2019s longstanding request for a complete street.

The scope of the proposed project on North Figueroa does not represent the community%u2019s vision, is not consistent with City plans and does not qualify under Metro%u2019s new Complete Streets Policy. Please either re-scope this application to include a complete street or remove it from the list so that the community can have more of a voice in making our streets safe for everyone.

Sincerely,
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