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Fwd: CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects

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From: **Catherine Rivard** <clrivard@zianet.com>
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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, "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. As an Occidental College alum and one who has worked in downtown Los Angeles for a number of years, I am particularly supportive of the City's progress in developing a revitalized, inclusive, and sustainable urban corridor in the Northeast area.

Unfortunately, the proposed project on North Figueroa leaves out critical elements of a complete street, falling short of the community's ambitious vision of a 'Figueroa for All.' 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: "Unless 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." We are now asking for the full City Council to uphold the integrity of its citywide plans and the community's longstanding request for a complete street.

The scope of the proposed project on North Figueroa does not represent the community's vision, is not consistent with City plans and does not qualify under Metro's 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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