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## Please approve the Mobility Plan 2035 100%, no changes

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Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing to strongly encourage you to please support the Mobility Plan 2035 as submitted, with no changes.

As a 13-year resident of Canoga Park, I have traveled the city extensively by bicycle and on foot, as well as by car, Metro Rail and bus. In that time, L.A. has made important strides toward making the city something more than just a conduit for cars. This is especially important as due to Metro's projections, L.A. will add 750,000 new residents by 2025, and it's safe to say we have no room to accommodate more cars.

Unfortunately, there are far too many "holes" in the system. For example, when I ride to a business meeting I have regularly on the West Side, there is no bike route for the 3-mile stretch between the Orange Line and the part of Sepulveda with bike lanes, and no east-west bike route east of Century City. In these places, which make up almost half of the ride, I have to mix with traffic, which isn't safe for me and only frustrates and frightens drivers. Even in my own relatively quiet neighborhood, I end up riding back alleys and sidewalks every day because most of the major streets have no space for bicycles.

I believe that Mobility Plan 2035 will solve these problems, but if and only if local objections are not allowed to create "holes" in the network. Unless there are consistent, unbroken, safe paths for biking and walking through the city, we stand no chance of getting more of our residents to reduce their use of cars. Without Mobility Plan 2035, we face a nearly citywide gridlock as new residents are forced to add hundreds of thousands more cars to our streets because they have no good alternative.

Please support Mobility Plan 2035 with no changes. Thanks for your consideration.

—BB

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