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Support Mobility Plan 2035 for safe & sustainable streets! CF#15-0719

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

I support adopting the Mobility Plan 2035, including ALL of its proposed networks. I'm a 59 year old corporate attorney, I bike commute daily the 10 miles from Pacific Palisades (where I live) to Century City (where I work). During rush hours, it takes about the same time to bike as drive this commute. I support this Plan because it will make L.A. streets safer for me and better for all of us. I'm counting on you, our citywide leaders, to adopt the Plan and encourage safer streets; if you do, others will join me and the growing numbers of bike commuters.

A well-connected network of protected bike lanes offered in the Plan is critical to the safety of bicycle commuters, and when the full Plan is implemented more workers will feel safe getting out of their cars and joining those of us already commuting by bike. Please don't piecemeal the Plan to appease local naysayers; that would undermine the citywide network of bike lanes utility and growth of bike commuting, and would jeopardize the lives of bike commuters. Please show your citywide leadership on this citywide issue and support the Plan.

A councilmember's recommendation to remove bike lanes on Westwood Blvd from the Mobility Plan 2035 alarms those of us who commute by bike or envision a more walkable and bikable City of Los Angeles. We need more safe bike lanes connecting popular destinations like Westwood Village and UCLA to neighboring communities—not fewer. The L.A. Department of Transportation (LADOT) reports that half mile stretch has more than 8 times as many collisions between vehicles and bicyclists than similar streets in Los Angeles. As a bike commuter, I would like to more frequently ride Westwood Boulevard for shopping and restaurant options but without proper accommodation for bicyclists, riding in Westwood continues to scare not just me but the many students and faculty I see riding with me in this area every day. Please keep the Plan's networks intact and keep Westwood Blvd. in the Plan. The plan will be good for Westwood business, Los Angeles commuters, and **it is literally a matter of life and death** for those of us on bikes.

Please approve the Mobility Plan 2035 so that we can all travel safely on the streets of L.A.

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