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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. As a person that commutes to work each day by bicycle, I strongly support this Plan because I believe that it will help make L.A. streets better for all of us walking, biking, taking transit and driving.

A well-connected network of protected bike lanes and other complete streets improvements the Plan includes will give people healthier options to get around our neighborhoods and our whole city. Calmer traffic and safer streets are critical to protect and enhance our quality of life. We need this plan to build on the progress made by the 2010 Bicycle Plan and make all modes of transportation work together for our city. The modal networks in the Plan were carefully crafted to balance the needs of all who will use them. We can't afford to piecemeal them to appease local naysayers without undermining their citywide utility.

I am especially distressed by a councilmember's recommendation to remove bike lanes on Westwood Blvd from the Mobility Plan 2035. At a time when the City of Los Angeles is working to become more walkable and bikeable, we need more safe bike lanes connecting popular destinations like Westwood Village and UCLA to neighboring communities--not fewer. According to the L.A. Department of Transportation (LADOT), along this half mile stretch, more than 8 times as many collisions occur between vehicles and bicyclists than similar streets in Los Angeles. Without proper accommodation for bicyclists, Westwood will continue to fail the thousands of students and faculty who ride to the campus every day, as well as the countless more who will come when the Expo Line opens next year. Not to mention anyone wishing to visit the area's shops and restaurants by any means other than motor vehicles. Please keep the Plan's networks intact and keep Westwood Blvd. in the Plan.

***My husband works at UCLA and wants to be able to commute by bicycle more often. Like many other people, he finds that riding a bike on Westwood blvd. during peak traffic hours is stressful and at times dangerous without the presence of a dedicated bike lane. We have a great opportunity to make a real lasting impact here. A bike lane already exists on Westwood Blvd for part of the way, let's connect the dots and finish this much needed lane for the many students, professors and staff that make this commute each day! A bike lane on Westwood Blvd is the most used and most direct route into UCLA. This particular population deserves to have this access.***

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

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