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## I urge you to support the Mobility Plan 2035 for safe sustainable streets!

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

I support adopting the Mobility Plan 2035, including *ALL* of its proposed networks. As a cyclist, who bicycles around Los Angeles as my main mode of transportation, 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. I ride this difficult section of roadway frequently. 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's streets 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 Mobility Plan's networks intact and keep Westwood Blvd.

Removing this part of The City of Los Angeles's nascent bicycle network is going to affect EXPO's ability to become financially solvent in a big way. Thousands of EXPO trips won't be made for many years if there is no bicycle connection to UCLA. The numbers look like this: \$1.75 coming and going, times as many as 10,000 rides by students, staff and faculty each way, times years of delay. It's a very big number no matter how you count it. Think about what percentage of Metro ridership you will be giving up if there's no safe route to the station. And think also about California's new increased greenhouse gas reduction goals. Now balance that against a few condo owners who feel entitled to keep driving on "their" road just as it is.

Those roads belong to the entire City of Los Angeles. Find a way to keep them in the Mobility Plan. Please approve the Mobility Plan 2035 so that we can all travel safely on the streets of L.A.

Sincerely,

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