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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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Supporting a multi-modal transportation network - has tremendous promise to put our most vulnerable populations mobility needs first - youth, seniors, individuals with disabilities, low income families who rely on walking, bicycling and transit to get to school, work, the doctor.

As the City struggles to address the affordable housing crisis - having low cost transportation options (transit, walking and bicycling) that are efficient and safe - is a great way to lessen household transportation costs in a time where every dollar counts for so many of the city's residents.

Thank you for your leadership to make Los Angeles an even better place for all of us to call home.

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The Honorable Jose Huizar, Chair, Planning & Land Use Management Committee
The Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee
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Support for Mobility Plan 2035 with No Amendments

Dear Councilmembers Huizar and Bonin and Committee Members,

The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) writes in strong support of Mobility Plan 2035 as currently drafted. The Mobility Plan is a forward-thinking, balanced approach to Los Angeles's transportation challenges and provides the necessary framework for strategic investment in our city's transportation system for the next two decades. We urge you to adopt the Mobility Plan with no changes.

The last comprehensive update to the circulation element was adopted in 1999. Since then, we have come to realize that transportation is at the root of so many of the city's challenges. Traffic collisions—the 4th leading cause of premature death in Los Angeles County—kill over 200 people in the city every year, with the highest rates occurring in low-income communities of color. Obesity, caused primarily by lack of physical activity and lack of access to healthy food, continues to rise while also disproportionately afflicting low-income communities of color. Our cars and trucks generate almost half of the city's greenhouse gas emissions responsible for climate change, which poses one of the greatest threats to our health, security and quality of life. Our transportation system is deadly, unhealthy and unsustainable.

As we face these unprecedented challenges, we also have unprecedented opportunities to build upon promising trends: we now have regular CicLAvias, everyday bike ridership has spiked and the voter-approved expansion of the region's transit system is rapidly under construction. Our streets are now seen as places for people, not just thoroughfares for cars. Technologies like real-time transit info, ride hailing apps and bike share promise to give Angelenos new tools to take full advantage of the new infrastructure being built. The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, adopted earlier this year, has grounded mobility conversations in the context of health and equity, recognizing that better transportation policy provides economic mobility for underserved residents while promoting community health and active transportation. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Sustainable City pLAn calls for increasing walking, biking and transit to 35% of all trips in just 10 years to help meet the city's greenhouse gas reduction goals. The LADOT Strategic Plan sets a goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities by 2025. The Mobility Plan embraces these challenges and opportunities by weaving together mobility, environmental, health and safety goals into a strong policy framework.



The plan before you was the result of years of thoughtful input, deep engagement and strategic compromise to achieve a balanced, multimodal network that puts safety first, while providing access, choice and reliable travel for all Angelenos. *It is critical that you maintain these carefully constructed networks in order to realize the benefits of this plan.* LACBC is deeply concerned about the efforts by a few vocal residents to jeopardize multimodal access to UCLA by removing the university from the proposed Bicycle Enhanced Network. An estimated 3,000 students, faculty and staff ride bicycles to campus every day for their commute, 800 of whom ride on Westwood Boulevard. There are currently no continuous bikeways to UCLA from the transit hub at Wilshire and Westwood or the soon-to-open Expo Line station on Westwood Boulevard south of Pico. Creating these multimodal connections is the primary means by which the Mobility Plan proposes to reduce congestion and increase transportation options. UCLA has been a tremendous partner in the city's efforts to reduce the number of commuters driving alone: 65 percent of students, faculty and staff already take alternative modes. Untangling gridlock on the Westside—and throughout Los Angeles—depends on the city doing its part to improve safety and convenience for people biking, walking and taking transit.

Maintaining the integrity of the proposed networks is a citywide imperative that requires leadership by City Council members that support multimodal transportation. Planning staff developed these networks in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, as reflected by the broad support demonstrated for the Mobility Plan among business, environmental and community groups across the city. The City Planning Commission and Mayor Garcetti concurred with staff's recommendation to keep Westwood Boulevard in the Mobility Plan, despite Councilmember Koretz's request to remove it. LACBC urges you to agree with Mayor Garcetti, the City Planning Commission and staff by adopting Mobility Plan 2035 with no changes.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (213) 629-2142, ext. 127 or eric@la-bike.org.

Sincerely,

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TO: The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** AND the **Transportation Committee**

RE: OPPOSE Mobility Plan 2035 in current form

Dear Hon. Councilmembers,

The Cheviot Hills Homeowners' Association ("CHHOA") has serious concerns about the Statement of Overriding Considerations ("Statement") recently approved by the City Planning Commission for Mobility Plan 2035 ("MP 2035"). We are dismayed that, despite years of engagement and arduous efforts by our community and the Westside Neighborhood Council to get our issues included in the study, we have arrived, not with a plan, but with an absolute capitulation.

Regardless of money spent, time taken, professionals employed and lobbyists engaged, MP 2035 is an abdication of the Planning Department's responsibility to provide Los Angeles with a workable plan for more livable communities. This document does anything but, and its failures are clearly codified in the Statement which plainly says, "*The MP 2035 Final EIR concluded that, despite the adoption of feasible mitigation measures, the MP 2035 would result in the following unavoidable significant adverse impacts which are not able to be mitigated to a less-than-significant level: transportation (circulation, neighborhood intrusion, congestion management plan and emergency access); noise and vibration (excessive noise from buses and permanent noise increase from buses); and biological resources (sensitive species/habitats, Wetlands).*" Most troubling to CHHOA is the acceptance of additional delay to emergency first responders, increased traffic congestion, and the imposition of additional bike lanes on Westwood Boulevard.

CHHOA is anticipating the pending startup of the Exposition light rail in our area where Expo has "shoehorned in" three sequential at-grade crossings and two train stations within ½ mile. Like MP 2035, Expo says the trains will also add delay to first responders, but contend that the delay is acceptable. We know that LAFD response times on which Expo's environmental study relied were much longer than reported, so Expo's 280 daily street level crossings across Westwood Blvd. and Overland Ave. will have a much greater impact than projected. **Is Expo's first responder delay still acceptable when combined with the additional significant and unavoidable delay of MP 2035? We say NO and hope that you will agree with us.**

Further, MP 2035 fails where the 2010 Citywide Bike Plan also fails, namely in its omission of any analysis of the impacts of making changes to City streets in favor of bicycle traffic which represents less than 1% of all travel trips. In our area the Bicycle Enhanced Network (BEN) for Westwood Blvd. directly conflicts with the pathway of the new Expo light rail line. It also conflicts with the intention and operation of the Transit Enhance Network (TEN) bus which seeks to increase ridership by speeding up the buses through Westside streets.

The Expo Phase 2 light rail proposes to nearly double bus ridership along Westwood Boulevard in order to bring passengers to the Westwood Station. That station, which will handle over 5000 daily boardings (the highest on the line), has no patron parking. While there may be streets where lane reductions, parking removal and traffic calming are appropriate, such measures on major bus routes like Westwood Boulevard are counter intuitive to increased mobility and transit use. **If a single bicyclist is allowed to impede a bus carrying 60 passengers to the light rail, then intelligent, efficient transit has not been achieved.**

Expo projects significant new traffic congestion and increased air pollution around our two light rail stations. Because of Expo and the recent imposition of bike lanes replacing vehicle lanes, access to and from Cheviot Hills is increasingly limited for residents and emergency responders. **How can our neighborhood, sitting at the crossroads of the I-10, the I-405 and the Expo light rail, safely endure the additional traffic and density encouraged by MP 2035 when we are already at the 99% level of traffic congestion and at the 89% for diesel particulates in our local air?**

Residential density in Los Angeles metropolitan area already ranks second of all national metropolitan

areas. Our power grid is stressed and our water mains erupt daily all over the City. City services for our urban forest are vastly insufficient. Our sidewalks and streets are failing, and we are in a drought. MP 2035 provides no rationale for smoothing the way for additional density under those circumstances. **This *stealth upzoning of 80 percent of the city*, and the resulting unmitigated environmental impacts, especially along the Expo corridor, is unjustifiable.** To borrow from Yeats, surely "the centre cannot hold."

We hope that you will carefully consider the foregoing and act against the ratification of MP 2035 by the City Council to help preserve a safer and saner mobility future for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bike lanes and mobility plan

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Is there a particular reason that some don't want the lane on Westwood Blvd? That's a path I personally take on bike and car and I would LOVE a bike lane. If there is a good reason to not have the lane, I'll listen to it...

Please approve the Mobility Plan 2035 so that we can all travel safely on the streets of L.A. and let me know why we wouldn't out a bike lane on a street that bikers already use to get from Palms to Westwood already.

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As a staff member at UCLA, I bike and/or ride transit to work 5 days a week, and 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. The intersection of Wilshire/Westwood Blvd is consistently terrifying for pedestrians and bicyclists; with cars whizzing by, failing to yield, and between the hours of 7am to 9am and 3pm to 7pm - blocking the intersection and crosswalks entirely. Without proper accommodation for users on foot and bike, Westwood will continue to fail the thousands of students, faculty, and staff who ride and walk 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 personal vehicles. Please keep the Plan's networks intact and keep Westwood Blvd. in the Plan.

Angelenos should not have to continue fearing for their lives the moment they step out of a vehicle to travel their city by bike or on foot. Please approve the Mobility Plan 2035 so that we can all travel safely on the streets of L.A.

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Dear Honorable Councilman Koretz:

As a resident of CD5, a parent, and a cyclist who commutes to work at UCLA via Westwood Blvd, I am distressed by your recommendation to remove bike lanes on Westwood Blvd from the Mobility Plan 2035. I've had many close calls on Westwood and currently do not allow my children to ride their bikes there. Opposition to the lanes seems selfish, misinformed, and inconsistent with the city's stated transport goals.

At a time when the City of Los Angeles is working to become more walkable and bikeable, we need more, not fewer, safe bike lanes connecting popular destinations like Westwood Village and UCLA to neighboring communities. According to LADOT and transportation consultants Ryan Snyder Associates, there is funding to install bike lanes along Westwood Boulevard and space to do so without removing any traffic lanes or parking. The campus community, Westwood Village business owners, UCLA Hospital, and residents have come out to countless public meetings and hearings to speak in favor of bike lanes. Please don't let a persistent, vocal minority block the safety improvements Westwood so desperately needs.

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Sincerely,

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1 message

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

1 message

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Mon, Aug 3, 2015 at 1:21 PM

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

I support adopting the Mobility Plan 2035, including ALL of its proposed networks. As cyclist, 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.

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

Thank you for your efforts to create a Los Angeles where pedestrians and cyclists prosper.

All the best,
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Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

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It is further distressing that these vulnerable populations constantly have their safety compromised by special interests using tired excuses and their "democratically" elected representative whose main responsibilities seem to be protecting the property values and parking spaces of single family homes. Some of us, whether by choice or circumstance, are already making changes in our behavior to reflect the needs of others as well as for the continued health of the city, but when some are unwilling to make the change themselves it becomes the civic duty of our government to make that change for us, for the better of all.

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

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"Give me an ounce of civet, good apothecary, to sweeten my imagination."



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