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## Adopt the Mobility Plan 2035 including Westwood Blvd bike lanes

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I am writing as a resident of CD5 to voice my support for the Mobility Plan 2035 generally, and the Westwood Blvd bike lanes specifically.

There have been myriad calls for LA to modernize its approach to transportation (e.g. the LA 2020 report asserts that, "we are strangled by traffic"). The implementation of the Mobility Plan 2035 will face numerous challenges like the one spearheaded now by Councilmember Koretz. **Councilmember Koretz's suggestion to eliminate the Westwood Blvd bike lanes, like the inevitable similar challenges that will follow, should be rejected.**

It is a parochial, regressive attempt to prevent LA from moving forward. Our current transportation infrastructure is not sustainable, and will drag down LA's economic and human development. Councilmember Koretz's effort to prevent multimodal infrastructure is a myopic and disappointing response from a councilmember, who should be working to move our community forward rather than shackle it to the past to appease a small and decidedly misinformed subset of the community.

**The articulated reasons for opposing the bike lanes on Westwood Blvd are inaccurate, paternalistic, and disingenuous.** Opponents claim that bike lanes will make the street unsafe for cyclists, and will worsen traffic. In fact, numerous [studies](#) have shown that providing space for cyclists increases their safety. Transitioning LA to multimodal transportation would improve traffic projections, not worsen them. If Councilmember Koretz truly cared about cyclist safety, he would provide a reasonable, viable option now for the thousands of people who bike on Westwood Blvd. Instead, he hides behind a disingenuous alleged concern for cyclists. This red herring masks the kind of regressive, car-centric, and protectionist motives that have failed as policy approaches for the last half-century. The committee should reject them as bad for CD5, and bad for LA.

I understand that policy and governance requires compromise. The "remove nothing plan" for bike lanes on Westwood represents a compromise. A truly progressive plan would go much further in improving multimodal transportation in Westwood. Nonetheless, this compromise is far superior to Councilmember Koretz's suggestion to eliminate the bike lane plan altogether.

LA's transition to a more modern city with a transportation system that doesn't cripple the economy will be difficult. It will doubtless face many challenges like this one, and like this most will probably carry a veneer of thoughtfulness and concern for others. But I urge you to look at research and facts when making decisions, not rely on unfounded assertions motivated by narrow interests. And the research shows that not only is multimodal transportation our city's best hope, but that often people embrace such changes after they are made. **If LA is truly going to thrive, the committee must reject this attempt by Councilmember Koretz, and those like it, to hamstring LA's growth in favor of backward, closed-minded interests.**

Sincerely,  
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