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Dear Councilmember.

I support Councilmember Ryu's and Krekorian's motion to require the LADOT to get smarter about improving road safety and I hope you will, too. This commonsense proposal comes before the Transportation Committee on February 14, 2018. It directs the LADOT to fix the most dangerous streets in LA, instead of wasting money and risking lives on pet projects like the disastrous road diets in Playa del Rev and Mar Vista.

Recent SWITRS data shows that in both PdR and Mar Vista, accidents and injuries increased after the implementation of road diets. Not only on the roads dieted, but on the residential side streets as well, as drivers searched for alternatives to the gridlocked boulevards.

Instead of these kind of dangerous boondoggles, Councilmember Ryu's and Krekorian's motion would give priority to projects having the largest impact on reducing injuries and fatalities for all roadway users. Furthermore, it would require the LADOT to use honest data to determine what streets actually are most dangerous. That means any "road repurposing" would have to address actual contributing factors leading to accidents, rather than using the current "take our word for it" method that has resulted in dangerous conditions and gridlock on streets subjected to road diets.

Please let the Transportation Committee members know that you want a smarter approach to making our streets safer and give the thumb's up to Ryu's and Krekorian's motion. (http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1137 mot 10-04-2017.pdf)

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