

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Moskol

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 08:22 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: I support Bike Infrastructure on Reseda Blvd.! Protected infrastructure is woefully missing in the San Fernando Valley, and considering removal of a Great Streets/Vision Zero project is incomprehensible.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 08:31 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to submit my opposition to Council member Lee's motion to undo the bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. cyclists are put in danger due to being adjacent to ongoing traffic on most streets in LA and the surrounding areas. This upgrade has been a safety improvement! The upgraded portion of Reseda Boulevard has experienced no traffic deaths since 2012. Other parts of Reseda Boulevard have continued to experience serious levels of traffic death and injury. Not only is cyclist and pedestrian safety a major issue in LA County, but We are in a climate crisis. Electric cars aren't going to solve traffic problems. Getting people out of cars and making it safe to do so will. Stop prioritizing cars over lives and keep these protected bike lanes on Reseda.

Communication from Public

Name: Lorenzo Mutia

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 08:40 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: Just wanted to comment in support of the Reseda protected bike lanes, if anything there should be a study to improve the lanes even further (to protect bicyclists from being hooked by right-turning cars as well as extending the lanes. While I understand the concerns of those who drive and park on Reseda in this section, is it any better that bicyclists be subjected to this (as they were before the changes)? If you want to protect drivers exiting their vehicles from speeding traffic, consider narrowing the lanes and lowering the speed limit. Cars are the problem, not the bicyclists. Removing the lanes would be a step back and jeopardize the safety of everyone but especially those who walk, bike, and get around outside of driving.

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Name: Clare Lintereur
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 08:45 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: For a healthier community, PLEASE add protected bike lanes both on Reseda Bl and everywhere possible. Thank you!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 08:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are protected bike lanes in many cities around the country (and yes, as well as in many other countries) that have been successfully implemented. Both motorists and cyclists understand how they work -- motorists drive in traffic lanes, cyclists ride in bike lanes. and both look before exiting their lane and entering the adjacent lane. I'd like to believe that LA drivers aren't stupid and that if they just take the time to learn what needs to be done, they, too, will learn how these supposedly confusing protected bike lanes work. And as for drivers being unable to enter and exit their vehicles without getting hit by other vehicles traveling along the road, there is only one solution: look before you open your door and exit your car!

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Name: Jonathan Weiss
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 09:29 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: Please retain protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. We need more safe places for people to get around without having to drive.

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Name: Joshua

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 09:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a personal injury attorney who specializes in representing injured bicyclists. My clients represent every demographic, social economic status and culture across the spectrum. It would be a huge mistake to remove the protected bicycle lanes on Reseda Blvd. Climate change is worsening and cities need to undertake massive efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Angelenos spend way too much time stuck in traffic. Household debt and housing costs make car ownership prohibitive. The bicycle is a cheap, easy fix. This City needs to do everything it can to encourage safe bicycling. Everyday I see firsthand the damage cars inflict on bicyclists, their families, lives and finances. Protected bicycle lanes reduce bicyclist fatalities by 90%. The City needs to be doubling down, not backtracking on installing protected bike lanes. Please do not remove the protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd.

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Name: Ivan Sanz

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 04:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Reseda Blvd parking-protected lanes make our public spaces safer for non-car users. I strongly oppose Councilman Lee's motion to remove these lanes. The city should be moving to expand the number of protected lanes, not decrease the number of protected lanes.

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Name: Andres Quinche
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 04:41 PM
Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: As a tax paying citizen of Los Angeles I write to STRONGLY OPPOSE council member John Lee's motion to remove protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. I am a citizen who moves about the city without a car and completely oppose the erasure of the very little protected bicycling infrastructure that we have in this city. As a tax paying citizen I also have to live with continued unhealthy levels of air quality and polluted air - protected bicycle infrastructure has proven to encourage more cycling nationwide. Given our current climate change crisis, we need to continue supporting and rapidly building alternative modes of transportation for all of our citizens. Last, but not least, our city continues to face a horrific traffic collision health crisis, where cyclist and pedestrians are dying in record numbers at the hand of distracted and irresponsible motorist - protected infrastructure decreases the chance of someone getting hit by 50% - the removal of this infrastructure will be another step backwards to meeting the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative and 2035 Mobility Plan.

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Name: Zachary Rynew
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 04:42 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: As someone who takes Metrolink, transit and bikes to access the Northridge area, I fully support keeping the LA Great Streets Project as implemented and not waste tax payer dollars on another study.

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Name: Barbara Yates

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 04:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to keep the Reseda Protected Bike Lanes so my family can use the street safely. I hope the councilmember shows some respect for children's lives.

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Name: Michael L Charboneau

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 04:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, My name is Michael Charboneau, I'm a Los Angeles resident, and I frequently use my bike to get around the city. I am writing to express my opposition to Councilmember John Lee's motion to potentially remove the protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. If the Department of Transportation does move forward with an evaluation of the bike lanes, I would urge that the department prioritize the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, our most vulnerable road users, in that analysis. Protected bike lanes such as the ones on Reseda are an invaluable asset to active transportation in LA and have been proven to reduce injuries and fatalities on our streets. Sincerely, Michael

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Name: Michael Fishman

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 04:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Tarzana for almost my entire life and I don't want to see protected bike lanes removed from Reseda Blvd. LADOT should prioritize SAFETY in this evaluation. Here is a quote from Councilman Blumenfield taken from a Daily News article in 2018... "In the San Fernando Valley more people die from traffic collisions than from murder. We need to make Reseda Boulevard a safer street." Removing bike lanes does NOT make Reseda Blvd a safer street.

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Name: Robert Reyes

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 05:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would NOT like to see the protected Bike lanes removed from Reseda Blvd. Not having a protected bike lane on Reseda Blvd. would make it significantly more dangerous to commute by bike on that street. Please prioritize SAFETY in your evaluation.

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Name: Victoria Englert

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 05:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a cyclist and pedestrian and a driver in Los Angeles this kind of motion from CM Lee is unacceptable. This city has adopted a Vision Zero policy yet our council constantly undermines the ability of LA DOT staff to do their jobs and reduce the unacceptable number of preventable traffic deaths in Los Angeles. At the very least if this study proceeded it should require the use of qualitative data methods as adopted as best practice by the industry, and include metrics measuring safety and deaths in the corridor. Streetsblog LA has conveniently collated all existing statistics on crashes and deaths available in this corridor. <https://la.streetsblog.org/2019/12/04/lee-motion-could-undo-reseda-blvd-protected-bike-lanes/> I've also uploaded a pdf of the article for your convenience. These numbers alone should convince you this study is not only unnecessary but only prioritizes the lives of the wealthier residents who choose to drive daily and not our most vulnerable neighbors who risk their lives daily simply by the need to commute to jobs.

Lee Motion Could Undo Reseda Blvd Protected Bike Lanes

 la.streetsblog.org/2019/12/04/lee-motion-could-undo-reseda-blvd-protected-bike-lanes/

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Yesterday, Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee put forth a council motion that could undo the city's [first parking-protected bike lanes](#), located on Reseda Boulevard in Northridge. The Lee motion seeks a Transportation Department (LADOT) evaluation of the Reseda Boulevard lanes, with the possibility of “return[ing] to the original street design.”

The [motion \(council file 19-1515\)](#), seconded by Valley Councilmember Paul Krekorian, states:

Since the [Reseda Boulevard Great Street] project was implemented, there have been ongoing complaints about the difficulty in navigating the lane markings and bike lane. Additionally, exiting and entering a vehicle that is parked on-street can be dangerous, as the driver is immediately adjacent to ongoing traffic.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to report in 45 days with an evaluation of the Reseda Boulevard Great Street pilot project, including a community opinion survey and a recommendation to improve the project or return to the original street design

The motion language is car-centric. The “ongoing complaints” about “navigating the... bike lane” are highly unlikely to be from bicyclists (who should be the only people navigating the bike lane.) The only danger referenced is drivers endangering other drivers. As [Keep Rowena Safe pointed out](#), the motion makes no mention of the evaluation including objective safety data, instead Lee just calls for a subjective “opinion survey.”

Northridge's Reseda Boulevard parking-protected bike lanes in 2015. Photo: Joe Linton/Streetsblog L.A.

Northridge's one-mile long Reseda Boulevard protected bike lanes extend from Plummer Street to Parthenia Street. The parking-protected bike lanes were an upgrade from existing conventional bike lanes, which LADOT implemented [after advocates caught the department denying parking removal plans in 2009](#).

The protected bike lanes were implemented by LADOT in April 2015. They are part of the Great Streets Initiative championed by Mayor Eric Garcetti and then-councilmember Mitch Englander. Per LADOT, the safety upgrade design responded to this stretch of Reseda Boulevard reporting 209 car crashes from 2009-2014.

According to LADOT's Livable Streets map, the upgraded portion of Reseda Boulevard has experienced no traffic deaths since 2012. Other parts of Reseda Boulevard have continued to experience serious levels of traffic death and injury.



Reseda Boulevard – photo via LAFD Flickr

On October 5, 2019, the L.A. City Fire Department (LAFD) rescued five injured people from a two-car collision that took place on Reseda Boulevard near Halstead Street, a couple blocks north of the Great Streets project.

Crashes south of Parthenia Street prompted LADOT to make plans to extend Reseda Boulevard's safety features. LADOT's Reseda Boulevard Complete Streets Project will be located partially in Lee's district and mostly in Bob Blumenfield's district: Reseda Blvd between Parthenia and the Metro Orange Line. The project will add "new traffic signals, crosswalks with flashing beacons, bus boarding islands, protected bicycle lanes, pedestrian islands" and paratransit passenger loading zones. According to LADOT, from "2009 and 2017, 70 people were killed or severely injured on this section of Reseda Blvd." These included a horrific triple-car collision that sent one car crashing into a building at Gault Street on February 11, 2017.

John Lee took office in August, 2019, after winning an off-year special election. He campaigns against Bus Rapid Transit and for "keeping safe and clean streets."

Next year, Lee is the incumbent in a general election that will again pit him against Loraine Lundquist. Safe streets advocacy groups Bike the Vote L.A. and Streets for All have endorsed Lundquist whose campaign prioritizes a "new clean energy green economy" including green transportation. The primary election will take place on March 3, 2020.

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Name: Dana Rouleau

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 05:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: These bike lanes need to exist. For a state that appears to pride itself on being physically active, cycling is very dangerous in many areas, often resulting in hit and runs and on many roads that were simply not designed for bike use (safely), or aggressive drivers. With the seemingly continual increase in population and no viable traffic solution in the works (adding tolls to highways is not a viable solution), the public should be encouraged to get around by bike for shorter or more leisurely trips, and have more options available.

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Name: Clint
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 05:16 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not remove the protected bike lanes. Cyclists are dying all over LA because of lack of infrastructure. Let's prevent those deaths not enable them.

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Name: Kathleen Smith
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 05:24 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: The protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. need to remain as is. Lives are being saved by their presence. We need more protected bike lanes in LA city, not less. We need to achieve Vision Zero.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 06:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not remove protected bike lanes from Reseda Blvd. The City Council should be doing everything it can to encourage alternative transportation, from cycling to public transit, and making cycling safe is an enormous factor in encouraging ridership. As long as we are dependent on cars, we will never make any progress on climate change or the horrific commutes destroy people's quality of life. You want less traffic? Make it safe for people to get around without a car. You want local investment? Build, maintain, and certainly don't remove protected bike lanes. You want better health outcomes? Encourage active transit. You want to save lives? Make active transit safer. By every measure, the proposal to remove protected bike lanes on Reseda is short-sighted and against the public good.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 06:16 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: To LA DOT and City Council- Please keep the Reseda Blvd protected bike lanes in place and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian safety and environmentally sustainable transportation. Thank you.

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Name: Ryan Dalton

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 06:37 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: This letter is in support of KEEPING the protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. My family and I commute the Reseda corridor by bike, on foot, and by car. For all of these, our top priority is safety. According to your motion, "there have been ongoing complaints about the difficulty in navigating the lane markings and bike lane". To this statement, I have two responses: 1) Los Angeles is among the most dangerous cities in the US for cyclists and pedestrians (over 120 deaths thus far in 2019). Much of the cause behind this is woefully inadequate infrastructure. We are being lapped by other cities, and if we are to meet our Vision Zero or climate goals, we need to encourage active transport. This means expanding our safe cycling infrastructure--and not the reverse. 2) Are the ongoing complaints from the cyclists who are actually meant to be using this infrastructure, or from motorists who are experiencing this infrastructure for the first time because of Los Angeles' regressive cycling infrastructure? In all likelihood, it is the latter, in which case you should be educating the public. Cyclists and pedestrians have a right to use roads safely--and not as second-class citizens behind motorists. Imagine filing a motion about removing lanes on the 405, after complaints from the cyclists who have accidentally found themselves on it. In sum: keep the lanes. Grow the network. Will it cost motorists ten seconds? Probably. Will it save lives? Definitely.

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Name: Ann Pagan
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 06:59 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: Need Bike lanes on Reseda Blvd

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Name: Michelle Chan
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 07:12 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: The protected bike lanes are important for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

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Name: Rick K

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 07:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I use the Reseda blvd bike lanes several times per week. Having protected lanes brings much needed bike and foot traffic to the business district. If anything, these lanes should be extended south on Reseda. Please keep in mind this is a college community where many students only mode of transportation to and from school is via bike. These lanes are an essential part of our community.

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Name: Ethan

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 07:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: These lanes save lives. Too many cyclists are dying at the hands of motorists. DO NOT TAKE AWAY THIS PROTECTED BIKE LANE.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 07:51 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect the bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. They save lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Moorman

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 07:59 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not reverse bicycle safety progress in Northridge by removing the current bike lane on Reseda Blvd. I commute by bicycle using that lane, and it is much safer than previously. Drivers should have no more difficulty exiting their cars than they do on any other major street where traffic passes their cars on the left.

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Name: donald ward
Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 11:15 PM
Council File No: 19-1515
Comments for Public Posting: There is no reason to reverse the Reseda bike lanes. No lanes were taken away. This is ridiculous.

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Name: Christina Morton

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 11:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a CD12 resident I am thoroughly opposed to reconsidering the Great Streets development on Reseda Blvd. The changes made to add protected bike lanes and increase safety for pedestrians and other people using active transit is beyond critical that the fact that John Lee would even think about returning the street to the way it was before the changes is so abhorrent I have pledged to fight against his re-election next March. Taking away bike lanes is a death sentence to all Valley cyclists.

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Lundy

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 10:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Encouraging biking is one of the most important things Los Angeles can do to improve children's safety, public health, a reduction in pollution, civic cohesion, a reduction in our City's carbon footprint... Safe options to bike are critical in helping people see biking as a viable option. It is too dangerous for the vast majority without major investment in safe infrastructure. Protected bike lanes (connected to a network of protected lanes allowing bikers to truly traverse the region) have never been more critical, and are the answer. Please help fight to maintain what little of this vital infrastructure we have.

Communication from Public

Name: Consuela Metzger

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 10:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the bike lanes in Reseda Blvd: Dear council, I respectfully submit, as a bicycle commuter, a pedestrian, and a driver, that safety is paramount on our streets. Safety for all LA Citizens. Our goal must be to change our city streets from deadly places, to safely shared places. Our families need this change, our city needs this change, our earth needs this change. Bicycle lanes like the one in Reseda are part of this much needed change toward a better future for all of us in the roads. As a side note, I hire people, and all the young people I hire want to know about biking and other safe alternatives to driving in LA. This is the future. We must build that future instead of obstructing it. Thank you,
Consuela Metzger, 1640 1/2 Veteran Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90024