

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Hollis

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 06:13 PM

Council File No: 19-1515

Comments for Public Posting: Protected bike lanes, such as the one on Reseda, are vital to getting more people out of cars and riding a bike. Taking out protected lanes would be a step backward for the community

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Name: Christopher Hendricks

Date Submitted: 12/04/2019 06:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello! I heard that John Lee is considering a proposal to remove the protected bike lanes from the Reseda Boulevard Great Streets project, and I am writing to say that I could not disagree with this proposal more. This route has become exponentially safer now that there's protection for cyclists, and now I ride it (and frequent businesses in the area) all the time. I'm a downtown resident, and I never felt comfortable riding on the road previously, and had a number of very close calls in the bike lanes there. Mr. Lee's suggestion that "exiting and entering a vehicle that is parked on-street can be dangerous, as the driver is immediately adjacent to ongoing traffic" is a bit of a fallacy, as drivers were already immediately adjacent to traffic in the old design (bicycle traffic), and dooring a cyclist leads to numerous deaths every year. With the new configuration, drivers can easily avoid an unsafe situation by checking their mirror and using the dutch reach before exiting the vehicle. However, in the previous configuration, cyclists were at risk and did not have any means to protect themselves against active drivers drifting into the bike lane nor parked drivers opening their doors without warning (which also puts drivers at risk, both those parked and those driving). The new configuration is much, much better for everyone. As seen in the countless studies done of the protected bike lanes and road diets elsewhere in the city, they're good for preventing injury, improving local business and foot traffic, and have little to no effect on car traffic. We need to keep in mind that Los Angeles is a dense urban environment, and we need to keep the safety and security of EVERYONE in mind, not just the car driver demographic. If people are having difficult navigating the bike lanes from their car, perhaps we should improve the barriers, and use a solid concrete curb, rather than the plastic bollards. I urge you to keep the Reseda Blvd Great Streets improvements intact. It may not seem like a big deal to drivers speeding by, but I am literally begging with my life. What are minor inconveniences for drivers are absolutely major MAJOR improvements in my life as a pedestrian and while riding a bicycle. Thank you.

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Name: Kayla A. Kaiser
Date Submitted: 12/05/2019 03:58 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD12, I am expressing my LOVE of the Reseda Blvd protected bike lane. I moved to Northridge specifically because of the WONDERFUL infrastructure currently in place. The protected bike lane allows me to fill my bicycle bags with groceries, then ride at a slower pace, which is necessary when you have a heavily loaded down bicycle. As a teacher at CSUN, I carry student's papers that need to be graded on my bicycle, which can get heavy, and protected lanes are a huge comfort. I am pregnant now and I envision riding safely with my son when he is old enough to join me on the bicycle. Protected and separated bike lanes are strongly linked to lower fatality and injury rates not only for people on bicycles but also for people in cars. We need more of them and not fewer. I urge LADOT to prioritize SAFETY in its evaluation. I rode to-and-from the Northridge Metrolink station 5 days per week along Reseda Blvd for two years before and three years after the installation of the redesign, and I prefer the current design.

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Name: John Hall

Date Submitted: 12/07/2019 06:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are goals for the protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd. The obvious one is safety for people riding bicycles. Protected bike lanes are finding their way to cities nationally and around the world. The safety statistics speak for themselves to anyone willing to research them. There's also the goal of encouraging people to get out of their automobiles in an effort to reduce traffic congestion (along with GHG), improve air quality and general health. To do so, they must feel relatively safe. Distracted driving and speeding are concerns that can discourage many from choosing a bicycle over an automobile (including myself). Riding on the sidewalk presents its own host of issues. Please allow these protected bike lanes to demonstrate the benefits and effectiveness of the "Protected Bike Lane" concept, while at the same time continue to aid and protect individuals; some of whom we may know. Thank you

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: The safety of protected bike lanes is very important to our community. We should be encouraging residents to use more non-car methods of travel, not discouraging them!

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Name: Andrew Yip
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Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT the protected bike lanes on Reseda Blvd.

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Name: Jesse Paster

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the bike lanes. They allow my to ride with my kids with a higher level of safety. We enjoy riding bikes in the neighborhood to go to shops and restaurants. Cyclists pay property, sales tax and more and are equally entitled to use the streets as other vehicular traffic. In fact road diets like the one implemented on Reseda make driver safer for pedestrians and other drivers.

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Name: Mark

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Comments for Public Posting: Need to keep protected bike lanes on this street. For the sake of safety, climate change, & equity—we need sustainable options that will benefit us in the long run.

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Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that the city do all it can to provide safe and appealing alternatives to driving if we are to have any hope of reducing traffic congestion and further damage to our climate. We need to bring in more protected bike lanes, not remove the few we have. The biggest barrier to getting more people using bikes for transportation is the (valid) concern about safety. Our streets must be designed to be safe for everyone, not just those in cars. Please do not remove the Reseda protected bike lanes. Instead, we need to extend them, as this street sees far too many collisions. Protected bike lanes make the streets safer for all, not only cyclists.