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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. As a bike rider, pedestrian and user of transit, 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 a Neighborhood Council Board member and Mobility Committee chair, but I am speaking for myself here, as a stakeholder. It is still very difficult for someone who is transit dependent like myself to get around in this town. Yes, I know that LA is in love with the car, but back in the day we were in love with our Red Cars and they were a point of pride for us as a city. We are rebuilding the old rail system, slowly but surely, but losing it rather than modernizing it was a mistake the LA City Council made in the '50s.

As it is right now, the San Fernando Valley is being shortchanged by the plan. Nevertheless, Mobility Plan 2025 is a step forward. I would hope that future revisions of the plan would give the San Fernando Valley its due. We have been the "red headed stepchildren" of the Westside and Downtown for way too long.

Please approve the Mobility Plan 2035 with no changes so that we can all travel safely on the streets of L.A.

Sincerely yours,

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