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## Support Mobility Plan 2035 for safe & healthy city! 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 public health practitioner and bicycle commuter, I strongly support this Plan** because I know that safer multi-modal infrastructure will help solve some of LA's transit, environmental and public health woes.

A well-connected network of protected bike lanes and other complete streets improvements the Plan includes will give people healthier and safer 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 the Plan to appease local naysayers without undermining their citywide utility.**

I hope that you keep the vision for a forward-looking Los Angeles alive, and do not compromise this vision for the narrow interests of a few groups who've shown themselves unwilling to let go of the past. **The evidence-base supports use of elements laid out in the Mobility plan**, and I am eager to see these implemented in Los Angeles. **Because I bike-commute up Westwood Blvd, I am especially resistant to Councilmember Koretz's suggestion to remove Westwood from the bicycle network.** This roadway is host to a high volume of bicyclists per day (upwards of 3,000) and **to deny their existence or safety is disingenuous and in the disinterest of public health.**

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

Respectfully,

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