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Dear City Council members, My name is Holly Tilson. I am a Mar Vista resident, a MVCC Board Member and Council Member Mike Bonin's Zone Director. The MVCC has received 75-80 of these and/or similar letters this week (see below). We have received hundreds of letters since the beginning of what was presented as a beautification project but turned out to be a road diet. We are still waiting for the beautification part to be installed. This project and the divisiveness it has caused within the community has already resulted in 4 MVCC board members resigning since July.

The Mayor's/LADOT's/CD11's road diet is not working on Venice Blvd. Some of the road improvements were needed and are great-the lead time/bump outs for pedestrians, the large striping of major crosswalks which actually creates a visible walkway, green paint on bike lanes, added turn lanes, while others need tweaking-traffic light timing, pedestrian driven/mid block crosswalks, protecting residential streets from cut through traffic, returning the 15-20,000 self diverted cars back to Venice Blvd, correcting the ADA violations. And...some aspects just need to go for safety reasons-parking away from the curb, protecting bike lanes from traffic with parked cars, removing the road diet, to name a few. During peak hours I've witnessed emergency responders having to use bike lanes or caught in traffic for several minutes until the traffic lights change and traffic can move forward. One specific accident had local residents trying to put out a vehicle fire while the fire truck sat in traffic 1 1/2 blocks away watching helplessly.

Addressing the issues that cause injury and/or death is a common sense approach. One of the major causes always cited by Vision Zero is speed. If the city/state really wanted to address speed it could easily be done by just reducing the speed within certain areas and/or the whole city followed by enforcement, as NYC did. This is a one party state/city, it could be done yesterday if this was really the objective of Vision Zero.

I support this motion as a step in the right direction, a common sense approach to improving mobility for all.

Sent: Fri, Feb 23, 2018 4:00 pm

Subject: CHP SWITRS Data Shows Accidents are UP on Venice Blvd.

Mar Vista Board of Directors,

KeepLAMoving and Restore Venice Blvd have started reviewing the CHP SWITRS database pre- and post- the lane thefts on Venice Blvd., which began on May 20 2017.

Accidents are UP and I'm NOT surprised by the results. Our community has been telling you this all along - you just haven't been listening!

- Total Accidents are UP by 20%
- Injury Accidents are UP by 43%
- Complaint of Pain Accidents are UP by 74%
- Visible Injury Accidents are UP by 30%

And here is the kicker: these are only the preliminary numbers! As more accident data gets added to the SWITRS database, these number are only going to keep going UP!

Click this link to view the details: <http://info.restore-venice.com/SWITRSdata>

It's not too late to pull the plug on this unsafe, poorly planned, badly designed and unpopular "pilot project."

Return the lanes and give us back the Venice Blvd. that was working for everyone.

Sincerely,  
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