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November 9, 2022

Re: CF 22-1071, Riverside Drive / Fletcher Drive / Elysian Park / Stadium Way / Protected Bike Lanes / ADA Sidewalk / City Bicycle Plan / Elysian Park Master Plan

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council supports creating infrastructure that would make biking and walking safer around Elysian Park. We call on lawmakers to swiftly pass this motion and implement these safety improvements to increase the accessibility of Elysian Park for all Angelenos.

The intersection of Stadium Way and Elysian Park is particularly dangerous as drivers are often driving at high speeds, and pedestrians and cyclists have to cross six lanes of traffic to access the park. In February 2019, a member of our community, seventeen-year-old Christian Vega, was struck and killed by a car while using the crosswalk at the intersection of Newell and Riverside Drive. In spite of the Mobility Plan 2035 roll-out, key areas of our neighborhood have seen no improvements, affecting the safety of our residents on foot and on bicycle. The entirety of Riverside Drive poses safety concerns for our pedestrians and cyclists.

The amount of people dying from vehicles has increased to crisis numbers not seen in decades. In 2018, 893 pedestrians were killed on California roadways, a 26% increase from 2014. California's pedestrian fatality rate is almost 25% higher than the national average. No state has more pedestrian deaths on its roadways than California. Los Angeles leads California in the most pedestrians and bicyclists killed in the state. The NHTSA projection for traffic fatalities in the first 9 months of 2021 is the highest number of fatalities during the first nine months of any year since 2006 and the highest percentage increase during the first nine months in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System's history—31,720, an increase of approximately 12% from the 28,325 fatalities projected for the first nine months of 2020.

Creating a protected bike lane would also increase accessibility of Elysian Park to and from the L.A. River bike path, positively impacting Elysian Valley residents, as well as making it easier for our neighbors in Echo Park and Los Feliz to visit us on foot or bike.

Other cities, like Chicago, have pledged to increase protected bike lanes, and Los Angeles is far behind in its commitment to safe active transportation. With the increasing ill effects of climate change and the high cost of vehicle ownership, cycling and walking should be safe options for Angelenos. For these reasons

we also urge the City Council to pass this Motion.