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LA is choking with traffic congestion. Everybody knows that. We need a great public transportation system to cut congestion, reduce pollution, and give commuting workers some of their lives back.

In 20 or 30 years after spending many billions, god willing, we'll have a great subway system. But we could have a great bus system in a year or two. The main thing it takes is faster buses along major thoroughfares like Wilshire Blvd. That means dedicated bus lanes.

Sadly, the MTA board agreed to exclude a small section of Wilshire Blvd from the dedicated bus lane plan because a handful of people who live in the expensive high rises along Wilshire in West LA think the dedicated lane will inconvenience them,

And now that parts of West LA are out, some people in Councilman Rosendahl's district want to exclude Brentwood from the project. If that exclusion is granted it'll be a final nail in the coffin of faster bus service.

I believe it's time for the Council to stand up for all the city. Councilman Rosendahl, please don't allow selfish interests to kill the city's chance for great bus service. And to all of you, please overrule the MTA board's exclusion of condo canyon from the dedicated bus lane plan.