

Communication from Public

Name: Warren Bowman

Date Submitted: 11/25/2021 06:23 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As a transportation cyclist, I place my life on the line each time I try to navigate the unfinished portion of the Expo Line Bike Path. It has been over five years since the Expo Line Extension opened, and *none* of the cataclysmic fantasies of the Northvale area home owners have come to fruition. Instead the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians is perpetually at risk. It's time to right the wrong that was done with unfounded lawsuits and delaying tactics. I implore the Council to exercise Public Domain for the necessary property, and make the Expo Bike Path the safe and sane path that it was meant to be.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke Nowling

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 02:40 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Palms resident who enthusiastically supports the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: S.

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 02:41 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: There are so many reasons to improve bike infrastructure in L.A. Cycling is active transportation that is healthy for riders, providing exercise while getting from point A to point B. Furthermore, L.A. has long struggled with pollution and smog, and now climate change is an even more dire threat. Giving people transport options other than cars is a great way to cut emissions. L.A. has the geography and climate to become a world-class cycling city. Closing the Expo path gap is a move in that direction!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Schneider

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 02:45 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please support this critical gap closure! The Expo Line Bike Path is one of the few truly safe bike paths we have in the LA Area, but the gap through Cheviot Hills prevents it from being truly useful for people going from the Westside towards Downtown. It's critical that we give people safe, non-car options to get around given climate change. A continuous path along the Expo Line is a great start.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Spatz

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 02:57 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As frequents users of the Expo bike lanes, we like to cycle from Beverly hills to Santa Monica, and beyond to the beach. Please close this ridiculous gap to make a continuous bike lane. The current configuration is unsafe for cyclists and discourages its use by people wanting to cycle for transportation and or recreation. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Bart Reed

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 02:58 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Bart Reed and The Transit Coalition support the full implementation of the Bike Path. Proceed without conditions or restrictions, so the public can use and enjoy this Right of Way.

Communication from Public

Name: Rhonda K Plank-Richard

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 03:17 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: “I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! It’s past time in our accelerating climate emergency to make cycling a serious option for more Angelenos. The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!”

Communication from Public

Name: Mimi Holt

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 03:26 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please, every additional inch of protected boke path is vitally important as we try to fix the climate crisis that is upon us. “I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!”

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer A. Gill

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 03:38 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please close the Northvale Bikeway Gap in Cheviot Hills near the Westwood Expo Station... just last week I rode across town from MacArthur Park, because I had a 1:00 PM Appointment with a film associate in Santa Monica. I gave myself 2 hours of headway time; as I did not want to take the Motor Avenue turn. Instead, I went straight and couldn't find my way back to the Westwood Station without zig zagging and wrong turning around the tracks. This diversion wasted a half hour of my time in order to keep checking my map! Ugh! Nightmare! Yes, I was late! Please, please close the gap! Make it safe!!

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher R Kuhns

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 03:41 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: “I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!”

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Dawson

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 03:46 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to close the Expo Bike Path, Northvale Gap that exists between Overland and Motor. As a bicyclist my principle concern about riding in L.A., aside from occasional steep hills, is automobile traffic. The popularity of Ciclavia shows that people are eager to use bicycles when properly separated from motorized traffic. We should take advantage of that desire in order to help avert the impending climate catastrophe and ti reduce toxins in our air. An effective way to encourage cycling for everyday activities is to alleviate safety concerns by creating an extensive network of well-protected bikeways that are intimately connected with public transportation. Please do miss opportunity for improving support for bicycling in Los Angeles. Close the Expo Bike Path, Northvale Gap.

Communication from Public

Name: Reuven Firestone

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 04:12 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Exposition Bike Path Northvale Segment I am one of the few Angelenos who are willing or required to bike to work. Please help us survive this city and make it safe for all legal modes of transportation! I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and arrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists like me who travel through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Ava Marinelli

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 04:23 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Zachary Zeller

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 04:50 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'd like to voice support for this bike path expansion. By expanding the bike lane, more Angelenos will be able to take alternate modes of transportation leading to reduced traffic, emissions, and frankly, wait times.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Canady

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 05:15 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I wholeheartedly support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. Imagine if a road for cars had a gap that left drivers on their own to figure out how to connect with the remainder of the road. The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection and guidance for cyclists traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. I use this route to get from the Mid-City area to Westwood in order to attend meetings at UCLA, or to get to shops and restaurants in Santa Monica or West L.A. Each time I get to this gap, I get confused, or I end up taking a stressful and dangerous option on nearby streets. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. I urge you to please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira R.

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 05:28 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item! Pedestrians and bikers need more land space!

Communication from Public

Name: Edward Williams

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 05:47 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Hello! As a cyclist living in West LA, I would like to emphasize my support for the Expo Line Bike Path closure project. The existing gap between segments of the Expo Line bike path is unsafe for current users of the path, as well as discouraging to those who want to utilize more active transportation but are (rightfully!) worried about being struck by a motorist. I urge you to consider the safety of all current and future users of active transportation systems, as well as contribute to the development of a bike path network throughout LA. Thank you for your time!

Communication from Public

Name: Katharine oopik
Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 06:40 PM
Council File No: 09-1295-S5
Comments for Public Posting: I would love to be able to ride in a dedicated bike path for this route in order to get to work. This proposed improvement makes so much sense and would help lots of people use a more environmentally friendly transportation method more safely.

Communication from Public

Name: John Travalini

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 06:43 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I very much support the closing of the gap between Overland and Motor on the Expo Line bike path. As an avid cyclist and Palms resident, the extension of this line would offer me safe passage towards Santa Monica along the Expo line, keeping me off more dangerous streets and bike lanes. Please support this item for me and fellow cyclists!

Communication from Public

Name: Thanos Trezos

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 07:25 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: John Blevins

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 08:38 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please finish the Expo Bike Path by completing the construction of the planned by path, closing the "Northvale Gap". The Expo Bike Path is my CRITICAL infrastructure to travel between my home which very close the beginning of the Expo Bike Path and all points in West LA when I commute (which is quite often) via bicycle. Please do not harm the thousands of us who use the Expo Bike Path for our main means of safe bicycle transportation because of very, very, very few boisterous NIMBY's in the "Northvale Gap" area/neighborhood who are trying to suppress equal access to public right of ways for those less fortunate than them who can afford to live in this wealthy neighborhood. Doing so would be discriminating against them many for the benefit of the wealthy few. Pease complete the Expo Bike Path by closing the "Northvale Gap", finishing the Expo Bike Path's construction. Finish what we've started. Finish the construction. Thank you SO much!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Ashley

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 08:57 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. Cyclists are currently detoured out of a more direct path, which is discouraging and detrimental to getting more people to use sustainable forms of transportation. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Antoine

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 10:31 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As an avid biker, I fully support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage offers little protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. I used to bike from Silver Lake to Santa Monica weekly on Thursday mornings in 2012-2015 with a bike train so I know how dangerous it can get without a bike lane (i.e. parts of our ride were VERY unsafe). It's known by most that biking in our city is not safe, but we can change that! Let's use Portland and other bike friendly cities as examples. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item! Thank you for your time. Nicole Antoine

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Hedbany

Date Submitted: 11/27/2021 11:17 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. The expo bike path in its current state is one of the only places I feel comfortable riding bikes with how inadequate biking infrastructure is around LA, and by closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Weinstein

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 08:44 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council - Please approve and fund the closure of the Northvale Gap! It's part of the only East West cycling route from the beach to downtown (and the City Hall you're sitting in.) LADOT knows how exactly to build it. The entire cities transportation progress in being held up by six intransigent goobers, who imagine it's the end of the world to have a cycle path behind their houses. Nothing like that will happen, nor will the sky fall. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.
Eric Weinstein

Communication from Public

Name: Arjun Kolachalam

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 09:36 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Travis Morgan

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 09:43 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I support finally connecting the Expo Bike Path through the Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. We must provide safe alternatives to transportation by car in West Los Angeles. Only protected bike lanes have shown to promote shifts in mode of transportation. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Wright

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 11:03 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! What is the point of a bike path if you can't even transit the line without having to exit, bike over a huge unprotected hill, and then find your way back to the path! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. It's completely non-functional. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for actual commuters who long for alternatives to car transportation. Please help!

Communication from Public

Name: J. Ross

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 12:06 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I live in West LA and ride the Expo Bike path frequently. I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item.

Communication from Public

Name: Mel Haasch

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 01:35 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Carey Bennett

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 01:46 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Williams

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 01:53 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. My husband commutes by car from Santa Monica to USC, but he won't do it until the whole route is safe for bicyclists. Paint is not protection. Flex-posts are a joke. We need REAL protection--concrete curbs, bollards, etc--to get people out of their cars and onto their bikes. Please make it happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Berman

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 03:52 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As a cyclist and as a resident of Cheviot Hills for more than 40 years, I urge the City Council to vote to authorize and fund the completion of the Northvale Gap Closure in the Expo Bike Path. Los Angeles, including our neighborhood, needs to get traffic off the streets, and to make them safe and desirable for cyclists.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheila

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 04:36 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Mind the gap! As a Palms resident, I work, shop, dine, exercise, celebrate, volunteer, participate in civic life within Palms first and rely upon walking, biking, and public transportation infrastructure to get me to places outside my neighborhood. Unfortunately, these non-car-centric mobility options are struggling. Every trip as a bicyclist or pedestrian my life is threatened by drivers in cars and broken infrastructure. As a vested neighbor I enthusiastically support the closure of the gap on the Expo Bike Path Northvale path between Overland and Motor. Please support this item by making the environmentally, safety, and equity-informed decision to complete the network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in LA. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Dasmalchi
Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 05:04 PM
Council File No: 09-1295-S5
Comments for Public Posting: Please support this item to close the Northvale Gap and help create a safe and long overdue connection for people walking and rolling in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Erika Sellin

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 06:23 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Culver City - I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Owen Gorman

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 06:48 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Matson

Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 08:57 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. Please complete this pathway so that we can work toward a more robust network of bike paths so that bicycling is a more viable method of transport in our city -- something that is not currently the case except on particular routes. It's critical to improve our air quality and reduce greenhouse gases!

Communication from Public

Name: jennifer p
Date Submitted: 11/28/2021 09:09 PM
Council File No: 09-1295-S5
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support completion of the Northvale Gap Closure in the Expo Bike Path. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Till Stegers

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 08:59 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support closing the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap in the Expo Line bike path. By doing so, we create an uninterrupted, safe East-West bikeway. Please support this excellent project!

Communication from Public

Name: Katrina Kaiser

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:10 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I support the item to close the Expo Bike Path gap between Overland and Motor. I live in Palms and feel unsafe when biking through this gap. The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. I support the use of eminent domain for this and other future active transportation projects.

Communication from Public

Name: Amelie Cherlin

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:36 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item.

Communication from Public

Name: Jay

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 10:15 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As a bike rider in West LA who currently uses the bike path to get to Santa Monica and also frequently drives to Culver City, I am very much in support of the bike path expansion. Having a safe, easy path to get from my area to Culver City via bike path will allow me to drastically reduce my driving.

Communication from Public

Name: Ross DeFranco

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 10:45 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I support closing the Expo Line bike path gap. This is a win-win for everyone and doesn't cause issues for other forms of transportation. Unlike the La Brea Bus Priority Lanes which will hurt way more people than it helps. Please STOP CONSIDERING the La Brea Bus Priority Lanes.

Communication from Public

Name: Colin Bogart

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 10:54 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: The Expo Bike Path really should have been completed at the same time as the Expo line itself, with no gaps. I support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. I've ridden this section on my bicycle multiple times and the current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Kim

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 11:03 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Alternatives to Cars should be prioritized, especially with climate change looming over us. In order to do that, accessible bike infrastructure should be in place! Please fund the completion of the Northvale Gap Closure in the Expo Bike Path! Current signage is unsafe!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Ho

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 11:31 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Jennifer from LA. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please fund the completion of the Northvale Gap Closure in the Expo Bike Path. Current signage, unprotected and unconnected bike transportation network is unsafe.

Communication from Public

Name: Machiko Yasuda

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 12:21 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please fund the completion of the Northvale Gap Closure on the Expo Line Bike Path. The current signage is unsafe and inadequate. Closing this gap will create a safer way for people to bike from one side of the path to another, avoiding a very congested Overland Ave.

Communication from Public

Name: Andre Villasenor

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 01:04 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. Closing the gap will create a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active, climate-friendly transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Ray Dang

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 01:13 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Wilson

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 01:19 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I'm strongly in favor of approving eminent domain parcels to close the Northvale gap. The bike paths in Los Angeles are essential components for improving commuting and transportation options, reducing traffic congestion, and increasing the quality of life for Angelenos (by providing easy and consistent access to areas that are safe for recreation). Riding on the road with traffic makes walking and biking prohibitive for many people. Completing this section of bike path will encourage new participants and enhance an already valuable public resource - the existing pedestrian and cycling paths. Additionally, forcing cyclings and pedestrians into traffic causes delays and distress for drivers who are otherwise uncomfortable sharing roads with other modes of transportation that are moving at very different speeds. Merging cyclists, pedestrians, and cars on the same roadways is extremely dangerous because pedestrians and cyclists are less protected than their in-car peers.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Siegel

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 01:55 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

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Communication from Public

Name: David Feuer

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 02:04 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As a frequent user of this segment on the Expo Bike Path, I'm eager to have it become a well lit, well paved and safely separated pathway. It's no fun dodging the car drivers that come racing up the hill completely blind to anyone coming up from the other side. Please, 'grease those wheels', make it happen, it's long overdue.
thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Cahn

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 04:44 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the UCLA Bicycle Academy we urge you to adopt this motion. The closure of the Northvale Gap is long overdue. It will finally complete the promise of the Expo Bike Path. The connectivity between USC and the Ocean is a great example of segregated bicycle infrastructure that can attract many new users to sustainable and healthy modes of transportation. With the appropriate changes along Westwood Blvd, it would also become a connection between USC and UCLA. It is, in short, a vital piece of bicycle infrastructure in our city. The delay was most frustrating and has set us back almost a decade. The need to respond to a planetary climate emergency, and the ongoing failure of the city to provide safe bicycle infrastructure next to car traffic, makes it imperative to close the sorry and most frustrating Northvale Gap as soon as possible. The construction work should be conducted with the utmost urgency. Bicycle infrastructure removed from car traffic is most attractive during daylight hours, but can appear less safe at other times. Please make sure that safety features are used that address the vulnerability of cyclists in the absence of natural and effective community surveillance.
Dr Michael Cahn Secretary, UCLA Bicycle Academy

Communication from Public

Name: David McNeary
Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 08:10 PM
Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Though I no longer commute using the Expo Bike Path, I've experienced the dangers and inconvenience of this route many times over the last few years. For an average, every-day bicycle user, the confrontation of steep hills and fast arterial car traffic, after miles of car-free path riding, is a shocking lack of continuity in this infrastructure. Even at my fittest condition, I found myself approaching very strenuous heart rates as I maneuvered up and over from Motor Ave to Overland Ave along the designated Northvale rolling hill gap; this was after negotiating speeding automobile traffic along National and Motor, which frequently veered into the bicycle lane as can be confirmed by the wear of the lane lines along these road stretches. Los Angeles is a potential haven for cycling; with year-round accommodating weather, the biggest obstacle in creating a sustainable mode of transport for Angelenos via bicycle lies in its conflict with existing auto-centric road design. I encourage the City to either adopt a separate bicycle infrastructure plan for this gap, or install adequate strain-reducing measures to make this stretch of a critical lateral route more accessible to all riders (as well as the gap lying between the Venice Blvd terminus and the Wesley Ave entrance, which deserves its own round of public comments).

Communication from Public

Name: Olga Lexell

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 08:18 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: As the Chair of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Land Use Committee and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor. I am a frequent bike rider on the Expo Line bike path and I am not exaggerating when I say this would change people's lives. That's why the SORO NC initially wrote a letter to CMs Koretz and Ridley-Thomas in support of closing the Northvale Gap. The current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please support this item.

Communication from Public

Name: James Van Zoeren

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:10 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I support implementing a bike path between Overland and Motor! Sharrows are not nearly good enough to have people actually use them and feel safe. I live nearby, run or bike along the Expo Bike Path at least weekly, and never see anyone using the current route along Northvale because it is not perceived as a real path. Having a solid bike path that goes east-west across my part of the city would be a great improvement and might keep me alive. Please support the Expo Bike Path and close the Northvale Gap!

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 09:44 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Sieger

Date Submitted: 11/29/2021 10:49 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: “I enthusiastically support the closure of the Expo Bike Path Northvale Gap between Overland and Motor! As a frequent cross-town commuter, the gap creates a significant obstacle that often leads me to choose driving instead. Not only do the current signage and sharrows offer inadequate protection for cyclists, scooters, and pedestrians traveling through Palms and Rancho Park to get to downtown or Santa Monica, but hilly Northvale road and the confusing connection to the existing path (at both ends of the gap) are major deterrents to new and experienced cyclists alike. Los Angeles is a wonderful place to cycle and walk, but the current cycling and path infrastructure is seriously lacking; unsafe conditions abound. By closing the gap, we will be closer to creating a safe, complete network of bikeways for travelers using active transportation in Los Angeles. Please, please, please support this item!”

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 08:57 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

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Communication from Public

Name: Alana Balagot

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 09:33 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please complete the expo bike path and add more protected bike lanes in the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosie Dwyer

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 09:49 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Scott Gruber

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 10:05 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Sue Fan

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 10:07 AM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

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Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Penn

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 10:09 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Michael Charboneau

Date Submitted: 11/30/2021 12:15 PM

Council File No: 09-1295-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, My name is Michael Charboneau, and I'm a registered voter and Palms resident. I enthusiastically support the creation of a new bike path segment between Overland and Motor for the Expo Line bike path. The current gap between Overland and Motor is a major hindrance for cyclists and pedestrians using the path. Going west, the existing route involves riding up a hill on Motor—a wide, busy street with a curve that obscures visibility—taking a left turn from the middle of this wide road, and then proceeding up an even steeper hill on Northvale. It's a deterrent to cyclists and pedestrians. I've ridden this route many times myself, and even as an experienced cyclist, it's scary with all the traffic and tough to get up the hills. The Expo Line Bike Path is a huge asset for active transportation and a vital link between neighborhoods. The proposed bike path would make this already significant route even more useful. Please support this item! Thanks, Michael