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Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) requests that this community impact statement be attached to Los Angeles City Council File 11-2130-S4 [Rowena Avenue / Waverly Drive / Angus Street / Council District Four / Cut-Through Traffic Mitigation].



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Community Impact Statement
Council File #11-2130-S4

June 18, 2019

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) requests that this community impact statement be attached to Los Angeles City Council File 11-2130-S4 [Rowena Avenue / Waverly Drive / Angus Street / Council District Four / Cut-Through Traffic Mitigation].

At the SLNC Special Meeting of the Governing Board on June 18, 2019, the SLNC board voted to support the submission of a CIS regarding council file 11-2130-S4 with 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 board members abstaining.

This council file was brought to the June 18, 2019 SLNC Special Board Meeting by Paul Emmons, Co-Chair of the Transportation and Neighborhood Safety Committee; this CIS was presented by Nora Goudsmit as Vice-Chair of the SLNC.

In 2012, a young woman, Ashley Sandau at the early age of 24, crossing the 2800 block of Rowena Avenue was fatally struck; her death was witnessed, tragically, by her father, as well as community members who were walking along Rowena and sitting outdoors at local restaurants. In response, Council District 4 directed LADOT to develop mitigation strategies to increase safety on Rowena Avenue. Per LADOT, "...at the same time, the Department of Water and Power (DWP) began construction along Rowena that temporarily reduced the corridor from two through lanes in each direction to one. Following community outreach and a robust analysis of conditions in the area, LADOT recommended a reconfiguration that maintained the lane reduction and added both bike facilities and a center left turn lane."

Years later, at a recent SLNC Transportation and Neighborhood Safety Committee meeting held on June 13, 2019, Silver Lake stakeholders in attendance were presented with Councilman Ryu's letter to City Council and the motion made at City Council's Transportation Meeting on June 12, 2019 that moved to support Rowena's Road Diet (e.g. current road configuration), and also called for further safety measures to be heard by City Council. At the SLNC Transportation Committee meeting, stakeholders also unanimously supported additional safety measures to be implemented along Rowena Avenue and adjacent streets, including but not limited to, Angus Street and Waverly Drive.

LADOT noted in their 2019 analyses, which assessed collisions, speeds, and bypass traffic at various time points, that a reduction in collision frequency and severity, and a reduction in speed was found on Rowena Avenue, and concluded that **Rowena was safer by all accounts due to the Road Diet and reengineering of the street, e.g. middle turning lane, single east and west-bound car and bicycle lanes, and metered parking.**

Importantly, and separate from the road diet, an increase in bypass traffic on the adjacent local streets was also noted by LADOT. On June 13, 2019, stakeholders in attendance (more than 20) at the Committee meeting described the treacherous conditions on Angus Street, community members expressed their fear and specifically that they constantly fear for their own and their children's lives due to the bypass traffic that speeds on Angus Street. The SLNC considers the safety of all of our community members equitably. The SLNC supports (1) safety improvements on Angus Street and Waverly Drive, (2) specifically the SLNC supports converting Angus Street from Moreno Drive to Kenilworth Avenue (westbound) to a one-way section and (3) separately supports a study of the intersection of Waverly Drive, Glendale Boulevard, and Rokeby Street that is utilized as a cut-through or feeder to Glendale Blvd (to provide increased safety and traffic calming measures).

In sum, the Governing Board of the SLNC strongly support general improvements on Rowena Avenue: pedestrian-scale lighting; high visibility crosswalks; increased lighting; bike lane improvements including high-visibility green paint and continued striping; additional lead-time for crossing pedestrians. We strongly support the current road configuration on Rowena Avenue. We also strongly support safety improvements along Angus Street, including but not limited to creating a one-way section between Kenilworth Ave and Moreno Dr (westbound) and further assessing the feasibility of installing continuous sidewalks on Angus Drive and Waverly Drive. The SLNC strongly supports additional required study on Waverly Drive to address the intersection of Waverly Dr. and Glendale Blvd., and Rokeby Street to determine increased safety measures to be implemented for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians traveling along these streets.

Sincerely,
SLNC Governing Board
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