

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/06/2020 07:50 PM

Council File No: 14-0499-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I vote NO on narrowing Melrose Ave. The so-called improvements will leave many neighbors and businesses without parking and drive traffic into side streets. Traffic is already a nightmare with many people ignoring the No Left Turn signs at rush hour. Would rather see the money used to police the area to tamp down on thugs, petty crime, and clean up the trash and graffiti. Put in some traffic cameras and give tickets to violators who turn left during rush hour too!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/07/2020 12:18 AM

Council File No: 14-0499-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Reducing the lanes on Melrose is a terrible idea. It will cause More traffic on the side streets which already have to deal with people parking When they go to Melrose. They take up valuable resident parking and they make noise and leave trash. Use the money for something better like pot holes and broken sidewalks.

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Name: Angel

Date Submitted: 09/07/2020 08:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: At no point has anyone considered the impact on fairfax with this melrose project. I live on the last unpermitted parking block in fairfax. We've tried to get permits for years. This will just pummel us worse. Add in the one lane streets. More traffic. More delays. No parking. No thank you.

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Name: Lindsay Sturman

Date Submitted: 09/08/2020 08:36 AM

Council File No: 14-0499-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I want to convey the huge support for Uplift Melrose -- I have talked to my neighbors about this project and about Slow Streets in general, and there is 100% support. Our communities are furious with traffic racing down our streets where our kids walk -- going 50 mph. We want everything that Uplift Melrose has to offer -- trees, traffic calming, bike lanes - which will support businesses AND families and students and communities. Our city is facing an unprecedented explosion of traffic because of Covid -- an estimated 30% increase. Car sales have gone way up around the world. We can't handle more traffic -- we need alternatives like free transit and safe lanes for bikes/ebikes/adapted bikes (for People with Disabilities), and scooters. If there was a time to privilege cars, we are past that, and now we are facing a real "carmeggedon" and bus lanes and bike lanes are the only way to help drivers (a small group of which are the main opposition to bike lanes.) There is increasing awareness that climate change is at our doorstep and even with the Green New Deal, we need to cut car trips, and bikes/buses are the only way. "Everyone should just drive a car" is not a solution-- it will be a nightmare, hurt businesses, lead to more anxiety and road rage. Activists, residents, and families are simply asking for a non-lethal alternative to driving-- many want to for health and joy, ease, freedom for kids, or family budget. We are told these changes can't be "top down" -- they can only come when the community is asking. Right now, the community has spoken loudly in support of Uplift Melrose.