

Fwd: City Council Agenda: Council File 19-0092 and CEQA Appeal for Venice Boulevard Great Street Project - Finalized Project and Additional Improvements

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Venice Boulevard Road Diet Impact on North-South Commuter and Residential Street Cut-Thru Traffic Study by Bill Pope, March 7, 2019

The Great Streets project on Venice Boulevard was also a Road Diet project. It reduced the number of motor-vehicle through-lanes from three to two. In an attempt to make two remaining motor-vehicle lanes carry as much traffic as the previous three lanes, traffic signal "Green Time" was taken away from Centinela Avenue's North-South lanes and given to Venice Boulevard's East-West lanes.

PM Commute Period Times	Before Venice BI Road Diet	After Venice BI Road Diet
Venice/Centinela Total Signal Cycle Time	2 minutes	2 minutes, 20 seconds
Centinela Green Time per Signal Cycle	58 seconds	50 seconds
Venice Green Time per Signal Cycle	58 seconds	90 seconds
Signal Cycles per Hour	30	25
Centinela Green Time per Hour	29 minutes (50%)	21 minutes (35%)
Venice Green Time per Hour	29 minutes (50%)	37 minutes (65%)
All Red and Pedestrian Lead Time	2 minutes	2 minutes

This exacerbated the problems caused by there being 40% fewer North-South lanes on the Westside than there are East-West lanes.

The transfer of Green Time from North-South commuter arterials to Venice Boulevard in an attempt to remedy the reduced through-put problem caused by the Venice Road Diet has:

- Reduced the number of vehicles Centinela can carry across Venice,
- Increased Centinela's Venice-intersection-approach queue length (Photo 1) creating an imbalance (Photo 2),
- Increased Centinela's Venice-Intersection-approach delay time, and consequently
- Pushed more regional commuter into residential neighborhoods on streets like Grand View Boulevard (Photo 3) and Inglewood Boulevard (Photo 4).

The U.S. Highway Department's guidelines for managing intersections is to balance intersection-delays at in BOTH directions. The delay in Centinela's approach to Venice is now about twice the delay in Venice's approach to Centinela.



**1. SB Centinela queue at Venice = 1900 feet.
SB Centinela ½ mile travel time Palms to Venice =
5:32**



**2. WB Venice queue at Centinela = 360 feet.
WB Venice ½ mile travel time McLaughlin to Centinela =
3:15**



**3. Venice Road
Diet increased
Cut-thru traffic
on residential
street of
Grand View
Boulevard.
<https://youtu.be/v11wc77hCOE>**



**4. Venice Road
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street of
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 **North-South Arterial and Cut-thru Traffic Impact of Venice Boulevard Road Diet.pdf**
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I lived in Mar Vista for 17 years. Our Mar Vista Neighborhood Association (MVNA) worked hard to improve traffic safety on all our streets and intersections. All that work has been thrown out the window as the road diet now pushes commuter traffic on residential streets where families live and children play. We have tried to speak with our representative Mike Bonin to address these concerns to him. He has refused to meet with us, individually or as a group. We need real representation in our community.

In addition more than 15 businesses have closed on the road diet strip of Venice citing the road diet as having impacted their revenues. These businesses built that stretch of Venice, made it a welcoming place to visit. I would routinely encounter neighbors on the sidewalk and at the coffee shop. I felt I was a part of a community. The coffee shop and other local businesses are now closed. People avoid the area due to the congestion on Venice and lack of parking. The road diet does not serve our community.

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I live right in the middle of this mess which has been imposed on citizens who don't want it. It has degraded the area, contrary to what local officials claim.

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The argument that taking away traffic lanes increases safety and helps the flow of traffic is not only intellectually dishonest but ludicrous on its face. This is a blatant attempt to torture hard-working, tax paying drivers onto a filthy, second-rate failed public transportation system. Enough with this insanity. Restore the lanes!

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In addition more than 15 businesses have closed on the road diet strip of Venice citing the road diet as having impacted their revenues. These businesses built that stretch of Venice, made it a welcoming place to visit. I would routinely encounter neighbors on the sidewalk and at the coffee shop. I felt I was a part of a community. The coffee shop and other local businesses are now closed. People avoid the area due to the congestion on Venice and lack of parking. The road diet does not serve our community.

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Road diet Venice Blvd.

As mentioned in previous comments, I think road diet is ok. Design is key. I oppose the tested design and welcome design that more efficiently uses the space of the road. Wide green bike lane, peripheral lateral side of parked vehicles. Not on the interior, proximal side creating an island in traffic for vehicles to park on.

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