

Communication from Public

Name: Louis Abramson

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 08:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0838-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee Members, I chair the Outreach Committee of the Central Hollywood NC but am writing in my capacity as a private citizen. My views should not be taken to reflect those of my Board. I am in favor of permanently integrating Slow Streets into LA's transportation architecture. I encourage your committee to:

- 1) Approve LADOT's request to implement more robust Slow Street signage, e.g., by posting metal signs on metal posts clearly asking that drivers slow down and/or posting a 15mph speed limit per LADOT's suggestion;
- 2) Identify funds to add more Slow Streets. While budget conditions are sub-optimal, this program is inexpensive compared to other City projects;
- 3) Take up CF 20-0838 and make Slow Streets permanent in LA. The program calms residential traffic, and makes LA quieter and more livable while maintaining vehicle and emergency services access. It also adds the equivalent of new park space, which communities like mine so badly need. Thank you very much for your time and attention, Louis Abramson

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Name: Ann Zald

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 06:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support slow streets option 1. This is a terrific program.

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Name: Olga Lexell
Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 09:41 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please improve the existing 50.2 miles of slow streets with better materials and make them more functional, while the City searches for more funding.

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Name: Michael C

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 09:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in the Jefferson Park HPOZ in West Adams, near the Cimarron and 29th street. I am glad the slow streets are available, but find the effort underwhelming. Please invest in option 1, adding substantial signage and striping. Honestly, you go further and remove some parking and provide some shade/seating within the blocks near apartment buildings because not all of us have yards or a place to stay for awhile outside.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 07:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Feliz and appreciate the slow streets signs. I felt safer because of them. I ride a bike by my house and I felt that it helped drivers notice me more and pay more attention. Drivers often speed in my small street and I've seen people run stop signs in addition to speeding. We need measures like these to make it safe to walk and cycle in our Neighborhoods. This will also help us reduce carbon footprints since of the roads are safer we can bike more. I hope the slow streets program comes back to Los Feliz as the signs are taken down and I already hear people speeding again down the road.

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Name: Grayson Peters

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs (warning drivers to watch out for people walking/biking and advise them to drive <15mph) with new striping on the street to slow cars down and place better, more durable temporary barricades with signs designating the streets as closed to through traffic. Invest in slow streets, don't give up on them!

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Name: Jeffrey R Kile

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please add Alla Rd between Maxella and Washington Blvd to the slow street program. Our single lane residential street is plagued by commercial traffic and trucks making our street extremely dangerous for the children that live here.

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Name: Jamie Farrell

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly recommend that the Board Replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs to slow cars down. I would like to particularly advocate for the streets I regularly use personally and feel safer on: Hobart, Harvard, Kingsley, De Longpry, Finley, Ambrose, Rodney, and Melbourne in Los Feliz and Thai town. Our neighborhood is severely lacking in bike lanes and safe pedestrian paths and cars drive very aggressively as they cut through residential areas to get onto the 101 and the 5. These signs are important even post-pandemic to control the ever increasing traffic in LA. I've noticed an improvement on roads in our neighborhood and want to thank the Committee for implementing Safe Streets.

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Name: Sara Steffan

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please choose a permanent option to allow slow streets to continue. Slow streets are incredibly popular in neighborhoods across Los Angeles, and we need better, more substantial speed mitigating solutions to counter complaints about noise, donuts, etc. on LA streets. West Hollywood, among others, has successfully implemented these solutions such as mid-road barricades that make their streets safer, more walkable, and family friendly. There's no reason LA can't do the same.

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Name: Michael

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: slow streets. These slow streets have been a godsend. Obviously for us to safely distance physically as we are outside, but also it has opened my eyes to how much open space we have given away that could be better used - for people! Whether for eating walking playing etc it makes life better for us and slows down those cars that I now realize are so dangerous. Everyone speeds! Anything you can do to make these safe street better, safer, more wide spread and permanent the better. Thank you!!

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Name: Thurmon green

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the implementation of permanent infrastructure on current slow streets in LA. We need to invest in safer, more people-oriented streets in Los Angeles, as traffic deaths continue to rise to record levels. We are also facing a climate crisis and if LA wants to survive, we can no longer prioritize private cars. The over use of cars is killing us, ruining our air and warming our planet. Permanent slow streets expansion and infrastructure is the right way forward.

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Name: Andrew R.

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 11:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Slow Streets are great, and I fully support the program. Slow Streets need more attractive and functional signage. The current temporary plastic A-Frames are okay, but doesn't include enough information for people to know what a slow street is if they aren't familiar with the topic.

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Name: John Blevins

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 12:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a strong supporter of continuing slow streets and implementing option #1 (1 - Replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs (warning drivers to watch out for people walking/biking and advise them to drive <15mph) with new striping on the street to slow cars down.) Los Angeles MUST change from a car-centric city to a much more livable, walkable, bikeable city for continued prosperity, equitable growth, and improved lifestyle as we grow. Growth is required to sustain our city and we must effectively manage this growth by making our city move away from a car-centric culture and reject bad ideas from dark-money-funded groups like "Fix The City" which does not reflect the majority of LA city resident views, wishes, and desires. I beg City officials to reject dark-money funding from groups that oppose the inevitable and necessary changes our city must make as we migrate from Car-centric to citizen-centric by creating and extending the Slow Streets program, making Los Angeles a much more pleasant, less-polluting, more carbon-neutral, quieter, safer city in the process. PLEASE support the expansion and permanent placement of the Slow Street program with Option 1. Thank you!

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Name: Gabrielle Lessard

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 01:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support slow streets and want to see them made permanent. We have a great climate for active, outdoor recreation and exercise, but many people fear for their safety around fast-moving traffic. The tremendous success of Ciclavia shows that we Angelenos want to walk and bike when we can do so safely. Keep and expand slow streets!

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Name: Carl Burton

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 02:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of slow streets to protect safe exercise in our streets. Carl Burton, MD

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Name: Betsy Medvedovsky

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi This is regarding the Transportation Committee / LADOT's slow streets program. As a new mother who lives in Highland Park, even before the pandemic I have had to sometimes walk on the street with a stroller because the sidewalks were either non-existent and impassable. I was heartened and excited by the Slow Streets program and my family and I have used it frequently and are very grateful for the program. I would like to strongly urge the Committee to pursue Option 1. Using more permanent signage as well as infrastructural changes such as speed bumps, bigger barricades (so that cars have to slow down) and enforcement of the slower speeds would be welcome and crucial to guaranteeing the program's success and creating safer streets that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy. Thank you.

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Name: Jon Didkowski

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 03:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of Mr Bonin. My family lives on a street designated as a slow Street in Mar Vista. The slow Street program has been wonderful for my family and for my sons school community. The neighborhood feels safer, during the stay at home order we have had access to exercise and fresh air that would not have been possible otherwise. I would like to thank the city for the slow streets program and for its continued support. I would like to point out that the signage for the street can be a bit flimsy. More robust signage or something permanent would be ideal.

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Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 04:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm enjoying the slow streets program in my neighborhood and would love any additional measures that permanently make our streets slower and safer. Particularly on Clarkson Rd between Federal and Butler.

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Name: Michael Chaskes
Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 04:04 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of Mike Bonin and a resident of a newly-implemented Slow Streets neighborhood in Mar Vista. I am very pleased with the Slow Streets program, and feel that traffic through our neighborhood is both less frequent and slower-moving than previously. I would be delighted to see Slow Streets more durably implemented, whether via sturdier temporary barricades or more permanent installations. However, I do urge the Council, in making its decision, to consider the Focus on Equity referenced in the memo from LA DOT dated October 15. I would imagine that the temporary option would be more cost-effective, and thus allow for greater implementation of the Slow Streets program in more High Need neighborhoods. Given the relative affluence of our neighborhood versus others on the Westside and in the city at large, I would not like to see our gains come at the expense of other neighborhoods that have even fewer recreational options available to them. In fact, while DOT recommends a stoppage on new Slow Streets neighborhoods, I would urge that more funding be allocated in order to continue expanding implementation. The benefits of Slow Streets seem clear, and I would like to see them made available to as many neighborhoods as possible that wish to take advantage of them. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Name: Alex Marchinski

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 04:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone who avoids contributing to traffic congestion and perpetuating LA's prominent pollution issues in our neighborhoods by riding my bike and not owning a car, I have been so thankful and appreciative to the city for implementing Slow Streets! It's been beautiful biking around, feeling safe, and seeing other cyclists using the improved infrastructure as well. Slow Streets is a great model for the city to improve it's extremely lacking alternative modes of transportation and respond to the calls from our very local environment to lead cleaner lives. Not to mention, it's inherently "safer" and a physical effort the mayor can point to as an effort to adhere to his Vision Zero campaign. As such, I fully support replacing temporary signage with more permanent metal signs (warning drivers to watch out for people walking/biking and advise them to drive <15mph) with new striping on the street to slow cars down. Thank you so much! Alex Silver Lake, Los Angeles

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Name: Scott Chase

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 04:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe that Slow Street is a great program and can really help with having fewer accidents and help reducing speeding and reckless driving in our communities! Let's get that more permanent metal signs installed please! Thank you.

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Name: Chris

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 04:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I would like to see option #1 implemented 1 - Replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs (warning drivers to watch out for people walking/biking and advise them to drive <15mph) with new striping on the street to slow cars down. I have been using the slow streets in Del Rey and the signage alone is not slowing traffic down to a safe level nor is it preventing cars that are not local from driving through. Thanks , Chris Lee

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Name: Andrew Parke

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed zoning changes to the North Westdale Neighborhood area (Zone 2, Mar Vista) will not improve the quality of life for current residents. We have many challenges to overcome, but increasing density to enrich developers will not make any of them better. Not gridlock, not homelessness, not cut-through driving, not safety or crime, not infrastructure like power and water, and gas. Not inequity. Not jobs. Despite whatever language may be used to justify increasing density none of it makes life better for the current stake holders. The only ones that benefit are the developers and the City and State representatives that are pushing this through. The developers should build these condos and apartments IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD.

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Name: Pamula Solar

Date Submitted: 10/17/2020 05:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family loves the slow streets. We are able to safely social distance while walking/riding around the neighborhood. I encourage the City to: Replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs (warning drivers to watch out for people walking/biking and advise them to drive <15mph) with new striping on the street to slow cars down. Thank you!