

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jonathan Matz

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 10:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the council to strengthen the Slow Streets program by replacing the current signing with permanent metal signs and stripes to have an infrastructural effect on speeding on neighborhood streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sophia M.

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 11:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** While the Slow Streets Program may have good intentions, the project thus far has proven to be more of an inconvenience to the residents of the Eagle Rock community. I reside on Ellenwood and am often out walking my dog at various times of the day. As someone outside of city council and as someone that is actually experiencing this project, I vote to remove the slow streets program. Some parents are now using this as an opportunity to leave their children unsupervised while they ride their bicycles or other outdoor activities. They are not moving aside for “ through traffic “ making it very inconvenient for nearby residents to come and go as they please. The city already has already stripped away so many places for us to get out of the house. Don’t also take away our freedom to drive through our neighborhood. If we are in this together, why can’t we just share a sidewalk? There are not enough people outdoors walking, bicycling, etc to justify continuing this program. Please use the funds to aid more pressing issues such as the homelessness epidemic. OPTION 3 please. Us residents in Eagle Rock can feel too entitled to realize our community needs more help in other areas rather than the slow streets program.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Davis

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 11:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I choose option 3 - do nothing and possibly remove slow streets at a later time. I have seen little use of “slow streets” in the areas I go to - Neola St & surrounding blocked streets, LA 90041; Jeffries, Huron & Idell Sts, LA off of Ave 26. The signage used is also sometimes blocking the street itself, like a barricade to discourage ANY vehicle traffic thus creating mini “gated” communities! I feel a better option might be to install speed bumps to discourage speeders, rather than closing off select neighborhoods to residents only. The current program seems to create a culture of exclusivity and exclusion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of East Hollywood, which has implemented some clusters of Slow Streets, I'm writing to strongly urge LADOT to pursue Option 1: Replace the barricades with striping and metal signs to warn drivers to watch for people walking and biking, and to advise drivers to travel 15 mph or slower. While my personal experiences with our Slow Streets in East Hollywood have been mostly positive, I have noticed some signage knocked over and it's clear there is a need for more permanent and durable barricades, that can't be easily upended by a vehicle or person. As you may know, many areas of East Hollywood and Los Angeles overall are deprived of substantive green/nature areas or park space. While Slow Streets are not a replacement for quality park/green space, they do offer a workable solution for safe outdoor areas for physical activity and mobility to my neighbors, and I urge LADOT and the City Council to approve reinforcing existing Slow Streets with Option 1, as well as implementing Slow Streets in more neighborhoods and on a permanent basis. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara Blankenship

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 11:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I was sceptical when the slow streets program was proposed for our neighborhood, but now that I have seen it in action, I strongly favor it. Let's make it permanent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cheryl Weaver  
**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 12:20 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The slow streets program has been a complete failure. 99% of time sidewalks are empty as 2 or 3 people use the street for walking or biking. Too many close encounters between vehicles and peds or cyclists. This is the biggest take over of public resources by a small number of elitists who rarely use the street. Sidewalks have proven to be a safer option for pedestrians and cyclists have miles and miles of bike lanes for their sole use. Stop the elitist grab of public resources. Keep pedestrians on the sidewalks.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Harrington

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 01:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Absolutely the Slow Streets initiative should be made more permanent. It would be useful to add permanent signs, enforce traffic flow (speed rumble bumps or humps) and make it clearer that a street was not for through traffic. Ellenwood in Eagle Rock, 90041 is so often see used as a thoroughfare (even through Eagle Rock Boulevard - a major through way - runs parallel). Please make these Slow Street permanent. Matt Harrington

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 02:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make Slow Streets permanent as it will significantly enhance each neighbourhood's sense of community in our "car culture" city and will sunset enhance quality of life in our residential neighbourhoods.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 02:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep Slow Streets open. We use the one on Packard daily for walking or biking. It's been a sanity saver during COVID-19 and will be forever. Being able to walk or bike and feel safer is such a stress reliever. We plan on remaining active forever and this helps us to maintain that. I would appreciate the second signs being reinstated as it seems to help slow down the cars that do drive down the street. Thank you for your time and considerations.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karlene Brown

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 02:29 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** We use the slow streets every single day to walk and run and get exercise. The lack of public spaces in our area mean we must take advantage of any opportunities to use the outdoors. Safe slow streets are a way for us to do that. Please make the slow streets permanent for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elle Harpz

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 02:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The slow street program (PACKARD AVE) has been a positive addition to my neighborhood, and I would like to see this feature made permanent. The slow street is a wonderful way for individuals and families to get exercise, socialize with neighbors in a socially distanced manner. As Packard has recently been paved, it is a safer walking option over the uneven, cracked sidewalks. It is also a small bright spot where pedestrians do not have to worry about speeding vehicles and distracted drivers. I walk my dog in the neighborhood, and i use the slow street every day.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruth Sohn

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 02:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make our Safe Street on Packard permanent! My husband and I have so enjoyed having Packard designated as a Safe Street. We and many of our neighbors are taking advantage of this street having distinctly less car traffic, and having the priority given to pedestrians and people on bicycles. It is a pleasure to walk and ride bikes on this street, with greater ease and safety. I would prefer to see two sandwich boards at each corner or some other kind of signage making it clearer that drivers should take an alternative route if they can, and that this street is for SLOW DRIVING ONLY. Everyone is enjoying being and seeing our neighbors out more walking around our neighborhood. I think we all feel so good about being part of one of the most positive things to come out of this pandemic. Thank you for your help and support of this action.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leyna Ili Lightman

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 02:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in string support of a permanent slow streets program! Please preserve this wonderful program - as a biker and lover of community and neighborhoods I have found this program to be a phenomenal practical and emotional relief during the pandemic. I care deeply about safety in my pico neighborhood (I'm on highland and Olympic) and this has greatly contributed to our daily lives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara Wells

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of maintaining the slow streets designation for Packard Street. (I have not used the Saturn Street section and so cannot comment upon its efficacy.) I am a senior and because of the COVID-19 mandate I was deprived of the exercise I used to get through aqua aerobics and swimming. Once that was no longer available I made myself do some daily walking. Until Packard was set up as a slow street, walking in the neighborhood was hazardous due to sidewalks that are cracked and buckled due to tree roots. Now my morning walks are safer and I appreciate the thoughtfulness and community effort that brought this solution to fruition. May you see fit to continue this policy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kirk  
**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:09 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would STRONGLY urge making Packard Street a PERMANENT 'slow street.' Since Packard has been a 'slow street' it has been safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Several of the four-way intersections on Packard are NOT 'All-way' stops, and it often happens that accidents are narrowly avoided because drivers are unaware of that. While a vehicle-vehicle accident may result in vehicle damage, those involving either pedestrians and/or cyclists can very well result in serious injury or a fatality. Packard as a 'slow street' goes a long ways toward slowing traffic effectively enough to avoid those sorts of outcomes. Making that a permanent feature of Packard not only increases neighborhood usage of the street in a positive way, but works to make such use safe and enjoyable. Again, I strongly urge that Packard's 'slow street' status be made PERMANENT.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I find these signs placed toward Vons an inconvenience ! The signs are placed on corners that make it tight to make turns ! I very seldom see anyone walking or crossing the street .. a total waste

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ron Geiger

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** In a city starved for public space, Slow Streets can bridge the gap, giving pedestrians the upper-hand in a few, important places, without curtailing mobility. Cars still rule every other road in the city. Let people walk and breathe freely during and after the pandemic in these few places.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Bahman  
**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:29 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am greatly in favor of making the slow streets permanent. I use Saturn St and Packard (between Hauser and Fairfax) daily to walk my dogs. Having less traffic on our neighborhood streets (which are often routed as cut through streets) makes them feel far more welcoming and much safer. I'd definitely prefer something more permanent delineating them as slow streets/ no thru traffic than the one sandwich board (which people can easily ignore). Thanks!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Chung

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a community member and homeowner in the Wiltshire Vista, the Slow Streets initiative here on Packard has been a lifeline for exercise and sanity during the pandemic, and will no doubt add to the quality of our lives afterwards if made permanent. As we live right off of Packard, we literally see at least 100 people a day enjoying the slow streets by walking, biking, roller skating and skate boarding. Slowing down the car traffic and making it pedestrian friendly is critical to everyone in the neighborhood using our streets for safe socialization and exercise. We also believe it makes our streets safer, as more people are out and about in a highly visible and foot-trafficked corridor. As we don't have a park nearby, it has been especially important for families with young children like us who like to run, bike, and skate to have the space nearby to do so! One thing we have noticed is that car traffic has sped up when the Slow Street signs were reduced from two to one. A permanent measure would require better signage and a safe way to deter car speeds that are already illegal (above the speed limit) but obviously ignored. Many thanks for making Slow Streets permanent. From helping making our neighborhood streets more pedestrian friendly to reducing environmental pollution from car traffic, this is such an easy and low-cost way to provide a valuable amenity promoting health and bringing neighborhoods closer together.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa B.

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make the slow street status permanent on Packard and Saturn in mid city (90019). Both streets are heavily used by walkers, bikers and joggers and are safer and more pleasant to enjoy when they are not aggressively used by drivers as "cut through" streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rev. Caleb Crainer

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 03:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Slow Streets program has been a great benefit for our North Westdale Neighborhood. I have talked to neighbors from the area who enjoy the added comfort of slower traffic and additional freedom to use the streets. I frequently drive through the neighborhood on my way to or from work and it seems like the signs are appropriately spaced and are not causing inconvenience. One neighbor on a nearby street wishes that hers had been included in the project! We have seen steady foot-traffic around the church during the pandemic and since the Slow Streets program launched we have seen more people walk and bike over to use the church parking lot. We love that. We hope this program continues to serve the community and we happily support any adjustments that might need to happen to improve the program. Thank you to Councilman Bonin and the LA Department of Transportation for this excellent program!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosa Lowinger

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of the mid Wilshire neighborhood on Packard Street. Near Richelley. I love the new barricades to keep these streets limited use. We are flanked by San Vicente, pico, and Olympic Boulevard. A few blocks south is Venice Boulevard. There is no reason in the world why people should use Packard which dead ends at Cochran to drive quickly as commuters. I use the street all the time. I walk to things I would normally drive to because the streets are less crowded. I walk to friends houses as far away as La Cienega because I can take Packard and it's safe. I see it also as a benefit to children were playing, people pushing stroller setc. This is a very simple thing that the city could do to improve our neighborhoods. Work for the residence, please.  
Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not like the slow street on Packard st., I vote to have it removed. There is congested parking on that street and then you add slow street it is hard to drive down. I purchased a home in this neighborhood to be near my family and want to be able to drive down the back street between our homes such as packard and not be pushed out the busy streets such as San Vicente or pico.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Pardon if this is a duplicate message but my previous post did not seem to work. This is a post about the neighborhood slow streets that have come into being during the pandemic. I live on Packard Street, which is now a slow street. Every day I witness neighbors using both the street and the sidewalks to keep their social distancing as they walk, ride their bikes, push their babies in strollers, walk their dogs on leashes, roller blade, skateboard and roller blade, and just in general move about on Packard. Everyone appears very happy and peaceful. I would love to see the slow street measure on Packard continue - perhaps even permanently. One note: at first there were two signs side by side at each intersection explaining about the slow street and loudly stating CLOSED STREET, LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY. Now that the second street with LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY street is gone and there is only one sign, I have observed more cars continuing on the street for blocks vs. circumnavigating it. I believe putting back the second sign would help deter these cars who continue to use Packard as a less-trafficked alternative to Pico.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 05:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm in favor of option 1. Having volunteered and coordinated slow streets in East Hollywood, I can say that temporary signs are inadequate. Option 1 is a solution that will permanently make our streets safer. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ingrid  
**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 06:04 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As the mother of a five year old - the slow streets have been vital in getting outdoors and getting exercise in a way that feels safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bubba Fish

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 06:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make all slow streets permanent and just as importantly, please enhance them to make them more effective. I have seen slow streets reduced to just one sign on wide residential streets which does not cause cars to slow down at all. Please increase the quantity and size of the signs, making them more visible and obvious to drivers. Also please stripe the streets wherever possible to slow down cars. We need more outdoor space for people not cars during these times!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 06:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make the slow streets on 31st Street between Arlington and 4th in Jefferson Park permanent. We use the streets when going for walks on the weekends and it has been handy while the sidewalk across the street have been removed as well as generally keeping some traffic slower making it feel safer to walk in the street. The current signs make things slightly safer, but permanent signs that can't be moved and are placed throughout the streets could help slow down speeders and make them more aware that we are a slow street.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jody Myers  
**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 06:28 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Yes on slow streets on Packard

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adriane Hoff

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 06:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the council to please make existing slow streets more permanent through metal signs. I assisted with the Koreatown slow streets network and it's been impossible to maintain. My community has such a traffic problem that the signs are knocked down as soon as they're propped up. They're quickly damaged by drivers running over them. Koreatown desperately needs this space provided through the slow streets program since we are the most park-poor neighborhood in the city while also having a high rate of traffic violence. Please help make Koreatown and every Los Angeles neighborhood a safer, healthier community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Reuven Firestone

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 06:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I walk or bike on my Slow Street virtually every day of the week (Packard Ave.) 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, Reuven Firestone, 1238 S. Genesee Ave. 90019

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 07:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** We live near the slow street that runs along Packard blvd between hauser and orange grove. It has been an amazing blessing to our neighborhood to have this area slowed down from traffic. My children are able to ride their bike with friends, we talk family walks and we feel safer and more connected to our community because of it. We would love to see more blocking off of the street so that it's clear cars need to slow down and we'd be thrilled to see this a permanent part of our neighborhood. Thank you!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary MacVean

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 07:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make the slow streets in the MidCity neighborhoods permanent. It makes such a difference in our area where the streets are narrow and our families can feel safer and more comfortable in our very diverse, very fragile neighborhoods. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Blevins  
**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 07:54 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to make the Slow Streets Project permanent. Please make this fantastic program permanent! Let's make LA more walkable/Bikeable/Livable through programs such as Slow Streets. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie Vlasak

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 08:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** One of the positive byproducts of the pandemic has been the incorporation of Slow Streets around Los Angeles. I live near Packard St. which has been turned into a Slow Street from S. Orange Grove Ave to S. Burnside. My family uses this daily, whether walking the dog, riding our bikes with the kids, learning to skateboard, the list goes on. It is so nice not to worry about speeding cars and boosts the neighborhood feel and moral. It is a wonderful way to get to know people in your neighborhood, seeing familiar faces day after day. Sometimes people still do speed down the street avoiding the signs, and sometimes people move the barriers off to the gutter, but mostly people are respectful. I wonder if there is a more permanent barrier that would still allow residents and emergency vehicles to get through. Thank you for your time, Julie Vlasak Wilshire Vista resident since 2002

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kyle Kramer

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 08:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a volunteer helping to maintain Slow Street signage in East Hollywood, I am in favor of making permanent and improving the signage for the LADOT Slow Streets program. These streets are a valuable traffic calming measure in a neighborhood that is bombarded with the noise of loud, fast vehicles at all times of day and that offers few spaces for outdoor activity. The CDC recommends 30 minutes a day of physical activity for adults (60 minutes for children) as a minimum public health benchmark, yet East Hollywood, like many LA neighborhoods, lacks sufficient suitable public space for such activity. In the midst of a pandemic, we need to be expanding public health efforts, and Slow Streets are one valuable tool in doing so. Additionally, Slow Streets, which create open space and promote active transportation, are effective tools for addressing the city's sustainability and equity goals. However, the Slow Streets program as currently implemented falls short on several counts. Currently, the signage is geared largely toward pedestrians rather than drivers, which means that many drivers continue to ignore the signs and speed down these streets, in turn discouraging people from using them for active recreation as intended. Additionally, the signs are lightweight and portable, which means that people disinclined to obey them can simply move them out of the street or deface them. Finally, the attempt to keep people from congregating in Slow Streets by not publicizing them has meant that public awareness of the program is very low. Drivers from one part of the city may arrive in another part of the city without even understanding what the signs represent, and residents of a street may be uncertain what they are allowed to do under the program. A more official program with larger, clearer, more permanent, less language-specific signage would be a major improvement. Fixed signs that clearly slow traffic and call attention to pedestrians would ensure a much greater level of success. Thank you for your consideration, and please extend the Slow Streets program.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make Packard a permanent slow street. We felt safer with 2 plastic boards placed and would like to keep it this way as Packard turned busy with fast moving traffic recently. We use Packard daily and it would make us feel safer walking the street and mingling with our neighbours. It was better when we had 2 boards placed vs. one, now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jay Boyer

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Transportation Committee, I'm writing to express my deep hope you will make Packard Street a permanent Slow Street. Prior to COVID 19, it had been a challenge for my family, including my wife, our six year old and eight year old, to find public outdoor space for us to enjoy. There are no parks within walking distance of our home. Since the street has been designated a Slow Street, it has been our only option to get out of our house. The four of us have made it a family event to ride our bikes up and down the street before sunset. We would not feel safe to do this without the signs. Prior to Slow Street, too many drivers would use our neighborhood as a cut through and recklessly speeding. Now we're able as a family to enjoy our neighborhood and feel more connected to our community. I believe the Slow Street would have a positive effect on improving our neighborhood, keeping families from moving away as their children grow and require public space. Adopting Packard as a Slow Street would be a cost effective way to improve our lives. Thank you for your consideration. Jay Boyer

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I use Packard slow street and I love it. It feel less safe after the second sandwich board was removed And hopefully it will be returned. The slow street helping us to see our neighbors finally a neighborhood Been created. We walk daily and bike on the street . We see kids around playing and biking. I wish you would make Packard street to become a bike lane instead of big streets like San Vicente or pico. The bike lans in the city should be in small streets . To map the city from east to west and north to south in small residential streets.it is Safer and will not add more traffic in major streets. The slow street is a great beginning to get us all ;young and old to move and be active. Please put the Secound sandwich board back it slowed the traffic dramatically Thanks

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** We LOVE the slow streets - they feel like a wonderful first step for a more livable, vibrant and safe LA. We support #1 - making the signs more permanent. Thank you and please more Slow Streets, slower MPH on all streets, and bike lanes!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy Matson

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please replace temporary signage for Slow Streets with metal signs so they will be more respected and clear and not get moved around. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I love the slow street On Packard but it was safer with two sandwich boards. Please make it permanent. The slow street help to creat a neighborhood we see people out and get to know the neighbors . We walk and bike daily on Packard Wish you make the street to be a bike lane instead of in big streets . you can creat a net of small residential streets as bike Lanes that will cross the city east to west and north to south without interference with traffic on major streets. Please keep Packard as a slow street.  
Thanks

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joel Serafin

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 09:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Due to an uptick in speeding, street racing and intersection takeovers I support making Slow Street permanent. Personally witnessed racing 50+mph on Orange Grove through stop sign.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Fishman

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 10:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm in support of continuing slow streets and 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Stauffer

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 10:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please strengthen the Slow Streets by deploying stronger, more durable signage. I live on South Hobart Blvd. and nearly the entire stretch of A-Frame barricades and signage from San Marino to 4th Street has been knocked over by speeding cars, and eventually pushed to the side. It is effectively no longer a slow street. We need larger barricades that are not as easily knocked over or moved, and improved signage with simpler language in larger text. I suspect the existing signs are too busy with text and images to passing drivers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oren Hadar for Destination: Pico

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As president of Destination: Pico, I am pleased to submit the attached letter of support from our organization for this motion.



October 18, 2020

Hon. Mike Bonin, Chair  
Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90019

RE: Council File #20-0838-S1

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

On behalf of Destination: Pico, I write in wholehearted support of Council File #20-0838-S1 to make slow streets in Los Angeles permanent.

Destination: Pico is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit responsible for managing slow streets on Packard St. and Saturn St. in Mid-City. Our slow streets have been enthusiastically received by the surrounding community. Residents have told us they enjoy using them for walking, biking, jogging, and spending time outside with their families. They also appreciate the reduced cut-through car traffic.

We recently completed a survey of local residents that received over 500 responses (see attached survey infographic). Over 50% of respondents use the slow street every day. 85% of respondents support making the slow streets permanent.

Despite the broad support our slow streets enjoy, we are concerned that they are not safe as currently implemented. Drivers are still able to speed on these streets with only a single sandwich board to maneuver around. Our survey respondents indicated they feel only moderately safe on the slow streets, with cyclists feeling the least safe. Permanent traffic calming is needed to truly prioritize the more vulnerable users of the slow streets.

In addition, maintenance of the slow street signs has become a burden. The sandwich boards are flimsy and easily knocked over. The signs on the boards fall off regularly. We have also had two incidents where multiple sandwich boards have been taken from our slow streets by residents in other communities and placed in their streets. We need a permanent solution that requires less ongoing maintenance in order to keep people safe on the slow streets.

Please support this wonderful upgrade to our community by making it permanent.

Sincerely,

Oren Hadar, President  
Destination: Pico

# destination: **PICO** Slow Street Survey

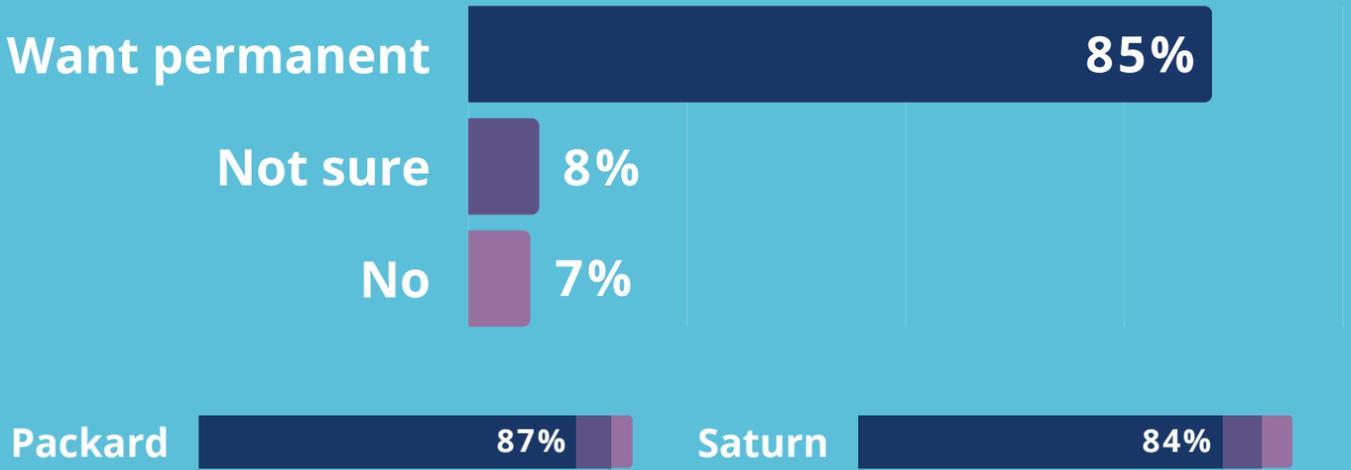
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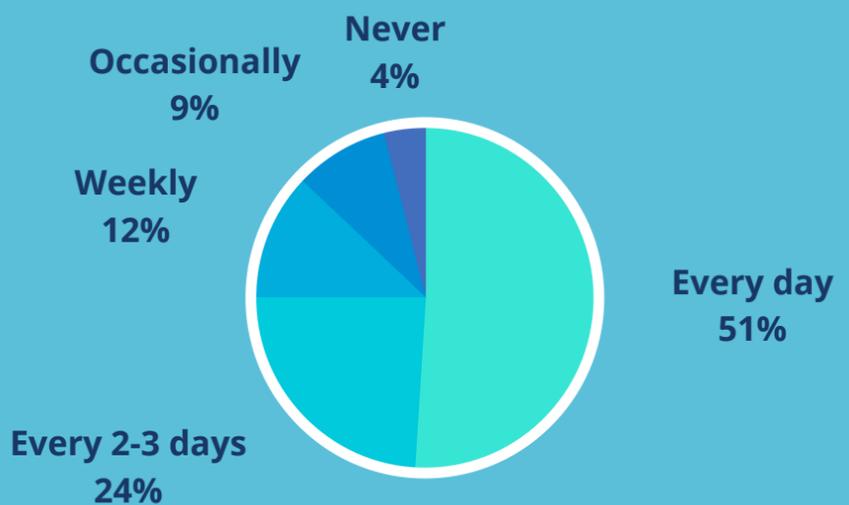
**500** survey responses

**93%** live in the neighborhood

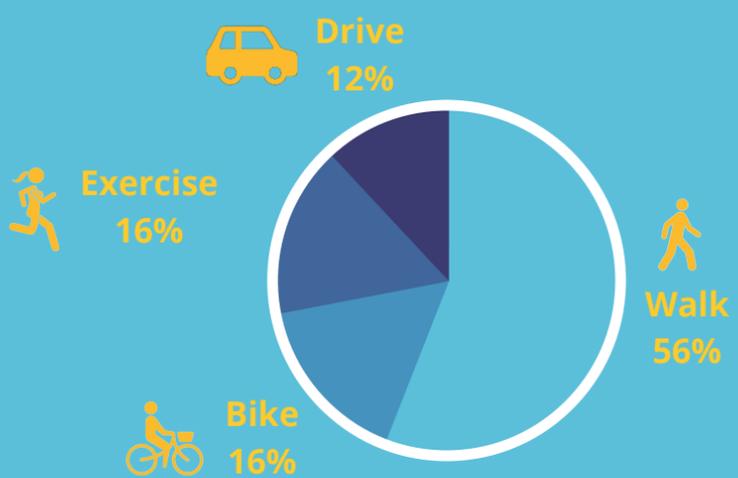
**85%** want the slow streets made **permanent**



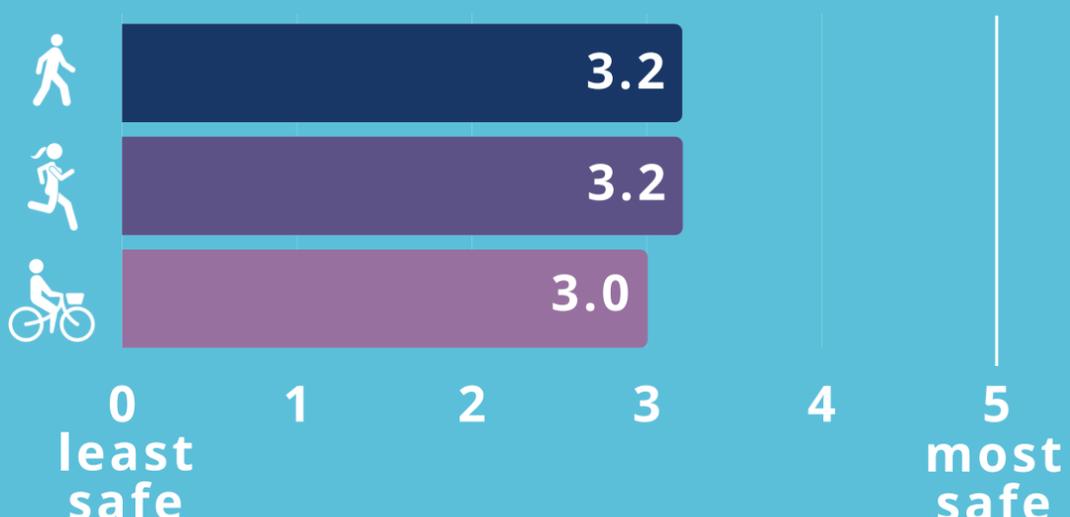
Most people use the street almost **every day...**



...**on foot**



People feel **moderately safe** on average



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jarrett Farls

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The slow street initiative has been a welcome to our neighborhood. Too many cars speed through our streets everyday and this has really helped slow things down a little. My kids have really enjoyed riding their bikes on the slow streets. They didn't feel safe doing so in the past. Please make slow streets a permanent fixture in our neighborhood. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Aponte

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm in support of slow streets and think funds should be used for permanent signage and other safety features that slow traffic down. Please consider that signage should be inclusive (ie: in spanish).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Todd Kessler

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 04:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: making the Packard "Safe Street" permanent. I live on Packard Street between Hauser and Cochran. Myself, my family and my neighbors all use the safe street daily, for exercise, walking, socializing, recreation, and child activities. It is important for everyone to understand one crucial point: THIS COMMUNITY HAS NO PARK SPACE OR COMMUNITY SPACE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE. We feel we pay taxes the same as any other community in Los Angeles, yet we are one of the few communities which has no access to park or public space. The safe street is not a park, but at lease provides a small amount of desperately needed quasi-public space for our community. Even though the temporary signage is barely visible from a car, and confusing, and un-specific as to the rules, it does help us. Many cars do slow down, and it is safer for walkers, runners, children and all neighbors. It has also proven the fact that IF YOU DON'T LIVE ON OUR STREET, YOU DON'T NEED TO DRIVE ON IT. Packard street does not provide any additional car access which are not already provided by multi-lane San Vicente Blvd and Pico Blvd. Making Packard a permanent Safe Street will have no impact on traffic in this neighborhood. Here are some things we'd like to see: - Permanent barriers - placed in such a away that cars must slow down - Permanent signage which is READABLE FROM A PASSING CAR - a clear LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY message - A CHILDREN AT PLAY message - a tree or plantings in and around the barrier - A posted speed limit (8mph?) - A posted fine for violating the speed limit There's much more that can be done here. Our community is eager and excited to work with the city on this project. Thank you Todd Kessler - planting of a tree or foliage around the barrier