

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oscar Peña

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 01:17 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like the city to strengthen the slow streets program. I live on a narrow residential street in east hollywood near a freeway exit. Even though we have speed bumps and there is a large elderly population, people often come flying down the street disregarding the speed limit and bumps. When the sandwich boards first went up, people drove much more carefully and courteously. However, those were quickly broken and are sitting on the curb, ignored. I would like the city to implement a more durable, attractive feature that makes our street safer for all users.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:21 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to request the continuation of the Slow Streets program with improvements of permanent metal signs. Our neighborhood square (Riverside Dr-Colfax Ave-Magnolia-Westpark) has little to no sidewalks and is bookended with 4 schools (Colfax Charter Elementary, North Hollywood High, Oakwood Middle, and Valley Village Montessori, as well as Valley Village Park. The neighborhood has dozens of kids on each block of the square. Without these slowing barricades we have experienced many drivers speeding through streets as detours from traffic. Please help us keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jack Lambert

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:25 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep the Slow Street Program in the Valley Village Park area. If there a way to make it permanent that would be ideal. Since the signs & postings went up I feel so much safer walking & biking around the neighborhood with my family. Thanks. j

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 01:35 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Make slow streets permanent so people have a safer place to walk and bike. Add trees, traffic circles and permanent diverters along with new signage. We desperately need safer streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel K

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 01:53 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi! We use the slow streets in Jefferson Park north of Jefferson and on either side of Arlington. These streets allow me to walk along my kids while they are biking/scooting. It's very comfortable especially because we have more space for us to be together as a family and also to socially distance from others. Using the slow streets, we encounter way fewer bumps and barking dogs than on the sidewalk. We use these streets multiple times a week. The current signs move around a lot and get knocked over often. Fewer cars drive down the streets though there unfortunately still are some cars that drive way too fast. My hope is that should the slow streets become permanent, better and more permanent signage would make it feel more "official" to drivers so they will pay attention and indeed slow down.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jillian Schultz

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 01:30 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Transportation Committee, I am the Vice President of East Hollywood Neighborhood Council and a member of the EHNC Public Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee. I am responsible for coordinating the volunteers maintaining and monitoring Slow Streets in East Hollywood. Please note my public comment here is my personal comment, and doesn't necessarily represent the views of EHNC. East Hollywood implemented Slow Streets just a few months ago but they have been very popular in our neighborhood. Slow Streets that allow for folks to safely recreate while maintaining social distance is particularly important in our neighborhood, which lacks green spaces as our beloved Barnsdall Art Park remains closed 6+ months into the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, our Slow Street signs are always getting knocked over by cars - both on purpose and by accident. We've also noticed these signs being relocated by municipal vehicles who then do not return them to their original location. It's a constant battle to keep up our Slow Street network. While LADOT has given us replacement signs twice already, and even with a dedicated group of five volunteers, it is not tenable long term and in fact feels unsafe for volunteers who are out in the streets daily attempting to keep signs up and in place. I strongly encourage the committee to: 1) approve LADOT's request to implement a more permanent solution for Slow Streets - we need metal signs on metal posts (that say slow down in big letters and give a 15mph speed limit like LADOT suggests). 2) work to identify more funding for additional Slow Street roll outs. I know times are tight, but this program is very inexpensive compared to other city projects, and has a huge benefit, especially during COVID. 3) take up CF 20-0838, and make Slow Streets permanent in Los Angeles. Google "Barcelona super block" - the Slow Streets program could calm down our residential neighborhoods and make our city quieter and more livable while maintaining vehicle and emergency services access. It could also open up the equivalent of new park space in the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:18 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make slow streets permanent. My wife and I have been enjoying the sense of safety We feel while jogging on Packard, between Fairfax and Cochran. The current slow street has also given us a greater sense of community, because it gives us an opportunity to talk to our neighbors while walking in the evenings. Please make slow streets permanent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber Gutierrez

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:26 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please consider OPTION ONE to keep our neighborhood streets safe. Our little community is full of families with small children who bike, scooter and walk. Help us preserve the “small town” feeling in a big city and the ability to enjoy the outdoors with our families without the worry of fast vehicles and excessive traffic. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zachary Rynew

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:28 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully support the slow streets program as it has greatly calmed cut-through traffic and made the streets more available to families. This program has been so great in Valley Village, that residents have taken the extra signs to move them to their streets. The main improvement is to make this program PERMANENT as the residents here in Valley Village have spent a great deal of effort maintain the positioning of the signage.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jenny Morataya  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:28 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Transportation Committee, I am a member of the Mid City West Community Council Transportation Committee; however, my public comment here is my personal comment and does not necessarily represent the views of the MCWCC. I'm a volunteer for the Slow Streets in my neighborhood and help maintain them when they get knocked over, either by accident or on purpose. Every time I'm out doing the maintenance, I get approached by people who thank me or tell me how much they love having this program in their neighborhood. They are usually moms with strollers/young children as well as older folks going out for a walk in their neighborhood. I think this really benefits a lot of people in the community and I would like to see a more long-term and permanent solution. I strongly encourage the committee to: 1) Approve LADOT's request to implement a more permanent solution for Slow Streets. It would be great to have metal signs on metal posts that say 'slow down' in big letters and give a '15mph' speed limit, like LADOT suggests. 2) Work to identify more funding for additional Slow Street rollouts. This program is very inexpensive, compared to other city projects, and has a huge benefit. 3) Take up CF 20-0838 and make Slow Streets permanent in Los Angeles. Thank you, Jenny

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gala Joy

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:35 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** We live on a street currently implementing the signage and it has been a needed safety net for our children and our neighbors' children. We live in multi-family housing and therefore previously had to choose between closed/overcrowded playgrounds, tightly-shared building space, or dangerous streets for our children to play during the epidemic. As all parents of young children know, saying "no" to physical activity is not an option and would have long-term negative effects both mentally and physically. Additionally, many children will continue to use the streets anyway now until playgrounds are safe, indoor recreation spaces are open, and schools offer recreation to them - removing this safe space now would be irresponsible without an alternative. The danger of Covid-19 is as prevalent as ever, as is our kids' need to explore and play in a safe space. Please continue to support this program. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mahaley

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:43 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** We live on a street currently implementing the signage and it has been invaluable for the children and families in our neighborhood. We have, at times, not been able to take our child outside due to the risk of traffic and speedy cars. Additionally, children will continue to use the streets until playgrounds are safe, indoor recreation spaces are open, and schools are open. Considering the dangers of Covid-19, our children need a place to explore, run, and play. Please continue to support this program, and you for taking the time to read this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** karin

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:44 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support continuing slow streets and implementing option #1. Striping and metal signs would be a huge improvement, and could serve as a model for other areas once more funding is identified.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victor G Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:45 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Slow Streets has been an amazing success. It's contributions to a healthier and more resilient neighborhood during this difficult time in immeasurable. I run every day along the slow street segments around me, and am grateful for the space it allows me to have with others so all parties are comfortable and can social distance properly. I have not had issues with vehicles or others, and find concerns that prioritize cars over people overblown. These additions have added to our community character, and have allowed our neighbors to experience our neighborhood thoroughfares in a safe manner as they get out of the house to get some fresh air during activities. I urge you to consist Option 1, in hopes that we can make safe streets a more permanent part of Eagle Rock and all neighborhoods.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Saul

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:46 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The slow streets program has given many of my neighbors a safe place to walk or bike with their children. I do know some neighbors do not care for this program but I know a lot more in favor. Myself, I use the Buchanan Street Slow street to get my runs in and feel a lot safer. Thank you for this

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nikki Lurie

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:47 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep our slow streets in Valley Village. On my street, Hartsook between Irvine and Westpark, cars are constantly speeding down our street. I have a 11 year old that likes to ride his bike and scooter and the slow streets have made it safer. We really need a speed bump on this section to stop the speeding. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joey Scott

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:53 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The safe streets program is a great asset to the community. I am happy to see the city prioritizing space for walkers, cyclists, and other pedestrians in a safe way and equitable way. We should continue to make this a priority and implement more traffic calming measures within the city. Being outside is one of the safest places to be when it comes to COVID and we need more places. It is now more important than ever that children and adults, who are spending more time at home inside, have a safe place where they can play and exercise. The city has prioritized cars time and time again only to our detriment, whether its to our climate or our safety. Investing in more signage and stripping is a small cost to bear to keep our community safe and to encourage more people to be outside on the streets they live on. The inconvenience is mild at best for motorists and we should not allow the loudest, least effected, dictate the overall good that the safe streets program has provided to the community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:57 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I appreciate the slow streets initiative because it has helped our community develop into a safer place for our citizens. Slow streets has meant less accidents and less speeding. My 6 yr old grandson has enjoyed this opportunity in our neighborhood.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 01:01 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** N Serrano Ave between sunset and hollywood blvd desperately needs some slow street signs at the least, and even speed bumps. It's a narrow street as it is and people speed down it everyday.  
Thanks

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron Stein-Chester  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 03:19 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I'm a resident of CD13, and I'm writing in support of option 1 for the slow streets program because I do think that they should be made more permanent. It's important, however, as I've observed with other slow street programs such as those in Oakland and San Francisco, that streets should be completely blocked off to vehicles for people to feel safe (rather than a simple notice or placard) as mentioned in option 2. So, I'd love more durable barricades with signs designating the streets as closed to through traffic as both near and long term additions to this program. A simple speed advisory or striping for drivers is insufficient for slowing down vehicle traffic. Signage should be both heavy enough so that drivers can't move it, simple to understand (say just: road closed to thru traffic with accompanying bike/ped symbols) and should be placed to fully block off one lane of traffic from access to the street. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 03:33 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge the council to make the slow street program permanent, with any attending modifications to the streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalie Freidberg

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 04:56 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Slow streets have been an amazing welcome addition to the cityscape and I hope they stay! I walk 3-5 miles each day in a different neighborhood and having streets that are less car-centric and fast has made me feel much safer, especially when I walk in places like Pasadena where there are many. I think this is a direction that LA really needs to take; for one thing the indoor exercise options won't feel safe for a long time to come, and secondly, this meshes with some of the long term goals of the City to become more bicycle- and pedestrian friendly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 05:13 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm in favor of keeping the Slow Streets on a permanent basis. The implementation during the past months left much to be desired, because cars and the wind brought the signs down and it's very unsafe to have cars using the Slow Streets to cut through at unsafe speeds. Improving the barriers with more solid and permanent ones with signage that make very clear who has priority is absolutely necessary. I hope our city officials realize the importance these streets have for the physical and emotional well being of people in our city, particularly in areas with no parks or other places where people can stretch their limbs and do a little exercise outdoors.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Tunncliffe

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 07:16 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** My family (2 adults, 2 kids) has been enjoying the Slow Street on Packard, between Fairfax and Cochran Ave for months now. Especially during the pandemic, it has become an essential place for our kids to ride bikes, and feel like they are part of a supportive neighborhood. We would very much like this slow street to be made permanent. Even after the pandemic, encouraging these sorts of public spaces is extremely beneficial for community building and quality of life for residents. Obviously some drivers don't obey the signs, and drive too fast anyway. Making the change permanent might help curtail that behavior, as might making some of these streets one-way, or other options. The city of Los Angeles overall would benefit from more safe spaces for walking and riding bicycles, which would improve mental health, cut down on auto emissions, and foster better community relations. We have heard from friends all over the city who have reported similar experiences on slow streets near them. I humbly implore the city to encourage the permanence of these streets, and the consideration of making MORE of them in this great place we live! :)

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Dalton

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 07:18 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to be on the record in support of the slow streets. I use the slow street on Packard daily for jogging and walking my dog. When I go on longer walks, I use the one on Saturn. The streets are also often used by families with children in the area. I live in Hauser which is incredibly busy and dangerous (it really needs speed bumps near Pico!) and and slow street on Packard is such a treat. It feels safe and has increased my time outdoors. I would hate to see it go.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie Fox

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:04 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** We use the Saturn St. Slow Walking Street daily with children and dogs. Although we live only 2 blocks away on a residential street, cars can speed often through the small streets. We have been quite happy having the walking, slow street since its arrival. We would prefer more permanent, solid signs, that cover more of the street. On some of our walks, cars will speed through on one side of the sign. I do get concerned for anyone who gets too comfortable, when a care either ignores or isn't clear about the use of the street. We really enjoy the space and hope they will become permanent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas Hooper

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:40 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support option 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. On unexpected outcome of COVID19 is that it has allowed the City to take much needed action to on transportation. The Slow Streets Initiative has been the most visible project, and based upon the number of applications, a huge success. In my own neighborhood of Sawtelle, cars appears to be more aware of pedestrians, and the signs have reduced speeding through local streets. I've seen more children riding their bikes with families, and a range of uses on those streets. In fact, I've noticed people have moving some signs off the official route and putting them on additional blocks. To me that's a sign they work, and that our community wants it expanded. Therefore, we should be working to make the Slow Streets initiative permanent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sabrina Connery

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:41 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The streets in an around Valley Village can really use permanent slow street designations. There are so many children who play in the streets surrounding Colfax Charter Elementary School. So many cars cut through the neighborhood at alarming speeds. Please help keep it children and neighbors safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evan B.

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:44 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I use the Packard Slow Street every day for both commuting to work and recreation. Just having these simple barriers has been nice to keep drivers from speeding through the neighborhood, just so they can bypass traffic. I also see way more of my neighbors out and about, though quarantine could also be a factor. I would really like the signs to be permanent and help establish that our neighborhood is not a bypass for traffic. People live here and kids play in the street, and people racing through to avoid sitting in traffic is not how neighborhoods should work. LA also has some examples of permanent traffic calming measures, but they need to be implemented more wide spread. Please make permanent traffic calming in our neighborhoods an option available to Angelenos. Thanks, Evan

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kate Boyer

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:48 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The slow street on Packard Street has been a blessing for me and my family during COVID. We do not have any access to parks in our neighborhood. The slow street on Packard has made the street our "park". Myself and my children enjoy walking and riding our bikes down the street. We feel much safer with the reduced traffic and barriers to help slow down the traffic. We also LOVE seeing our neighbors being active in our neighborhood and getting to meet more of our neighbors. In the past, Packard has been a drive through street for those who want to avoid Pico/San Vicente during rush hours. Often those who are trying to avoid traffic on the parallel streets race through our neighborhood at unsafe speed and blowing through stop signs. I have noticed the one sandwich board has aloud traffic to increase and at higher speeds than the two sandwich boards did. If this is to be permanent, the size of the barrier would need to be larger than the one sandwich board.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Neil Gutierrez  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please consider option #1 for a more permanent slow driver option to keep our streets safe. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paige Zito

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:10 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE for the safety and enjoyment of our children I hope you will consider making the Safe Streets program permanent. This program has proven to be extremely beneficial for our neighborhoods; it's increased safety and enhanced positive communication amongst our neighbors. In a time with so much division in our society I plead with you to help foster community camaraderie by making safe streets permanent. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Timothy

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:23 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Saturn Slow Street is quite, nice to walk and less traffic. I use 2-3 times a week and noticed sandwich boards on the ground and missing. Boards needs securing for safety. Larger words and colorful can help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Waxman

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:34 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The slow streets have made our neighborhood a much friendlier and safe space where you can really feel the sense of community. Being able to walk on the slow street, to ride bikes on it, to see others riding and walking and running has allowed us to come together as a community, to meet neighbors we'd never have met, and to have access to an exercise friendly space in our park starved neighborhood. We live just a block from Packard on Sierra Bonita and find that the slow street has made our community blossom in ways it never had before. I'd strongly urge the council to make this initiative permanent. As more and more people use the street, cars become less common and drive more slowly, creating a virtuous cycle of public minded space.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Molly Zidow

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:39 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of making the "Slow Streets" on Packard and Saturn in the PICO neighborhood permanent. The program has allowed to feel safe while walking in the neighborhood by providing more space to walk and also reminding vehicles to slow down. I have also seen how this program has promoted neighbors to meet and talk more than they have ever in the past. A great program that should continue!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jon Beck

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:41 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Slow streets have been amazing!!!! They are bringing the neighborhood together. My family feels safer. We should have 5 times as many! I feel like the quality of life in los angeles doubled with them. Let's keep making our streets better and better! Please!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 11:46 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would love to see smaller areas included in the program. We had applied early on for our immediate neighborhood and were declined due to the small size. We are surrounded by three major streets and a freeway on the forth side. It was made clear that we could not participate since the whole are would only stretch over three streets North to south and East to West... Thank you for considering our request Jennifer



## DOT Slow Streets

Status of Your Slow Streets Request #159

To: jtanksley

Inbox - iCloud June 12, 2020 at 5:36 AM

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Hi William,

Thank you for your interest in Slow Streets LA and thank you for taking the time to submit an application. Please forgive us for the delay in reviewing and corresponding on your application.

After review, we noticed that you submitted a closure for a small number of streets. LADOT has implemented Slow Streets in 6 neighborhoods since the program launched. It is now our experience that the best types of Slow Streets are those that happen between 10 and 25 blocks. We recommend that, if you are still interested, to submit another application with additional streets to close. Since your application was submitted, we have made additional improvements to the application process to improve the user experience and make it easier to ID eligible streets.

<http://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-slow-street-your-neighborhood>

<https://ladot.lacity.org/sites/default/files/documents/slow-streets-faq.pdf?>

<https://navigate.lacity.org/slowstreets/>

Thank you,

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SLOW STREETS

Los Angeles Department of Transportation



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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brandon H Morgan

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:03 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon - I am a stay at home father who has found the slow streets VERY important for caring for my son and getting exercise for myself. I currently live in the Northwest area of Jefferson Park. I usually walk west 30th street way past Crenshaw and back all the way to Arlington, making my way through the neighborhoods along the way. Becoming a new member of this community and using the streets as a form of exercise has made it easier to meet and connect with my neighbors, forming a sense of community. My son has enjoyed walking up and down the streets, meeting new people, waving to all the dogs in the yards and pointing out the scary Halloween decorations. Having the space and safety of the slow streets has made it way easier to tire him out and get him ready for his midday nap. Please help us keep our slow streets. Access to exercise space and community is very important during this tricky and unprecedented times.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Felicia Garcia

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:10 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of continuing slow streets and improving this through use of permanent signs and road striping. I live close to a Slow Street in Eagle Rock and either walk, run or bike the street daily. I often see families with young kids biking in the Slow Streets and walking with strollers here as well, to allow for safe social distancing from neighbors. The Slow Street on Ellenwood in Eagle Rock leads to the local grocery store and I often see people walking this corridor with their grocery bags, sometimes choosing to walk in the street when the sidewalk is too crowded for comfort. Safe access to outdoor space is vital for many reasons, which is why I want to see slow streets made permanent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anne Le

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 12:11 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep slow streets program permanent in my neighborhood on Packard between Fairfax and Cochran. I use the street to walk and jog on a near daily basis. I think that one sign is enough. The two signs side by side is too wide and bulky.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 05:40 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I live and work within CD13. We have several slow streets located on both sides of Western Ave below Santa Monica Blvd with varying success. Without a doubt, the overall affect has been positive but much could be improved. 1) Replace the temporary easily moved plastic barriers with their badly stapled signs for permanent metal signs that have reflective coating with larger and clearer warning to drivers to slow their speed and remind them this is a shared space with people walking/biking/scooting. The signs are often run over, moved to the sidewalk or tagged. When in place, its wonderful to see cars slow down and drive cautiously, as they should in residential streets. I feel much safer walking and bicycling within the slow streets. 2) Put down new striping with tactile paving to alert drivers that they are entering a slow street zone. 3) Implement better and more durable barricades with larger clearer signage that the streets are closed to through traffic. 4) Permanent large clear signage of the slow/safe/shared speed limit. 5) Slow/shared streets should be implemented on all residential streets within Los Angeles. We, as citizens/constituents, shouldn't have to petition for a limited handful of slow streets that reminds car drivers to slow down and watch out for their walking/biking neighbors. It is an upside down policy that Los Angeles allows car drivers to speed dangerously through any residential streets unless they are driving through a few temporary "slow" streets. The rational safe policy should be that all residential streets are permanently slow/shared/safe streets by default not by exception. This will save and enrich the lives of countless LA's citizens that choose or cannot drive due to age/ability/finances. 6) There should be messaging to educate car drivers and non car drivers of the shared/slow/safe residential streets on all city websites as a running banner (online), voice messaging ( when calling)- DMV, #311, LABS, LAHD, LA public schools, CD websites, etc.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Gower

**Date Submitted:** 10/18/2020 08:51 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** My family and I are requesting that the “slow streets” become permanent. The slow street that we use the most is Saturn between Fairfax and Hauser. We have been walking for exercise and enjoying the MUCH safer street. We have noticed families out riding bikes and walking with their children- no longer afraid that they may be hit by a speeding car. We request that S Spaulding Ave between Venice and Pico (Now that the center dividers are up on Pico between Fairfax and La Brea, S Spaulding is one of the few streets that cut through Picfair Village and people FLY on the street) could also become a “slow street” as cars and trucks speed so fast on the street that they Often “catch air” when they drive over speed humps. Residents cars have been hit, scraped, and damaged due to this, and I dread the day that someone is hurt or killed by a speeding car or truck. The slow street initiative allows our residential neighborhood streets to be actually used and enjoyed more safely by the residents ourselves! Please make this a permanent change, and please seriously consider adding S Spaulding Ave to the list! Many thanks for your time and attention to this matter- it is making a real difference in many Los Angelenos lives!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Brady-Allen

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 06:44 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** People have been looking for options to slow their streets before and during the pandemic. I think adding permanent options, or more durable options with found funding is the best course of action. My street shares the block with an elementary school and a blind curve. I tried and failed to get a speed bump for several years. Ironically, now that students are not at the school, Slow Streets could be an opportunity to make the neighborhood safer upon their return.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Fernanda

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 07:03 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep the slow streets!! Particularly Packard. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristin Riddick

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 08:25 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi! We wanted to share our family's experience with the Slow Streets program in Jefferson Park and support any and all efforts to make this program permanent. We live on a high traffic street in Jefferson Park, and even though I helped to get speed bumps installed, which helped with some of the speeding traffic, the Slow Streets program really helped to limit the traffic on our residential street. 4th avenue, along with 30th street, 31st street, 29th place, and 5th avenue (also all part of the slow streets program) are often used as a cut-through for adjacent (and highly trafficked) Arlington Avenue. There is an elementary school on 6th avenue, so there are a lot of children in this neighborhood who have not been able to get the exercise and recess they usually get during the pandemic. This program has helped our family in particular, but all of our neighbors, tremendously in getting out and being able to exercise as a family and with our neighbors safely and at a distance. We use the Slow Streets every day!! but the signs have been stolen and removed and barricades moved to other blocks or stolen as well, and I repeatedly have to put them back up, and replace the signs. Having permanent signage and street markings so that EVERYONE is aware and feels safe using the streets would benefit EVERYONE in our neighborhood. Please know support for permanent Slow Streets is far and wide in the Jefferson Park community!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gregory Wright  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 08:37 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I favor Option 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 also suggest that the widest possible roll-out of the Slow Streets L.A. Program be planned and funded into many future years -- and that the creation of entire clusters or connected groups of Slow Streets is encouraged and facilitated by a Slow Streets Superblocks L.A. program. Members of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Traffic & Transportation Committee have spoken in favor of a multiple-Slow Streets area in Sherman Oaks bounded by Addison Street on the north, Van Nuys Boulevard on the west, Hazeltine Avenue on the east, and Riverside Drive on the south. I further suggest that the hopefully growing set of Slow Streets and Slow Street Superblocks might become a collection of candidate residential streets for future treatment as Permeable-Surface Roadways to reduce stormwater runoff and support much-needed filtered groundwater recharge, as well as to experiment with and gain useful Permeable Streets design and materials information from a variety of permeable residential streets. The more Permeable Slow Streets and Permeable Slow Street Superblocks in Los Angeles, the more Angelenos who will live on a literally greener (grass growing between new-age cobblestones?) and cooler street traversed by slower and safer (and quieter!) vehicles?  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adam Long

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 08:48 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please improve Slow Streets by choosing option 1 to replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs and other more permanent features to slow traffic on these side streets. Right now, drivers essentially ignore the Slow Streets signage and drive on those streets however they feel like. In San Francisco, their Slow Streets are respected by drivers, drivers take other routes, and as a result hundreds of people of all ages are able to safely bike, walk, and roll. In LA, you still have to deal with car traffic even on Slow Streets. Please - improve and expand Slow Streets in LA! Adam Long

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacy  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 08:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make slow streets permanent. It's definitely helped with less accidents and slower traffic cutting through the neighborhood

## Communication from Public

**Name:** abe

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 08:58 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our Slow Streets program needs to be improved, expanded and enforced. Currently, our plastic A-frame signs are moved to the sidewalk, vandalized or lying flat on the ground. I support the following: 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. 2 - Implement better, more durable temporary barricades with signs designating the streets as closed to through traffic. This is our opportunity to make our streets safer for all residents. Let's not waste this time fearing driver backlash.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Colter

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:10 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live and work in Eagle Rock and the slow street experiment has been a resounding success in my neighborhood. I particularly encourage you to install permanent slow street signs on Ellenwood Drive. Contrary to what some of the naysayers say many people of all ages are taking advantage of the safer street to walk, run, walk their dogs, and ride their bikes. I walk along Ellenwood at least twice a day with my dog so I know. Also Ellenwood Drive has long had a problem with drivers driving too fast and the slow street signage has done wonders to solve that problem.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Damien Newton

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:10 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello! I thought I submitted comments on Saturday, but don't see it on the City Clerk website, so apologies if this is a double post. LADOT implemented Slow Streets in our neighborhood about a month ago, and it has definitely made a difference slowing traffic and encouraging more usage of the streets. Anything that can be done to improve and expand the program should be done.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Lambert

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:35 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** We LOVE our slow streets program here in Valley Village!! Our neighborhood encases the Valley Village Park and therefore we have a constant flow of families walking/biking/driving to and from the park. Since the implementation of the program, I have noticed a significant improvement in safety measures being taken! Cars are driving slower and being more respectful when they see pedestrians and bikers-it's amazing!! PLEASE make this a permanent program in our neighborhood so we can continue keeping our community's families safer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bernadette Jaeger

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:40 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Slow Streets. Los Angeles needs to move forward with more infrastructure to support walking and cycling. To keep pedestrians and cyclists safe, we need to discourage cars from driving so fast. At this point in time, I 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. I am optimistic that together we can make Los Angeles streets safer for everyone and encourage people to use their cars less and walk or cycle to where they need to go.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie Harris

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:45 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make this permanent! We have a 5 year old that likes to ride her bike and scooter on our street, we have a puppy that almost got hit over the weekend because a car was speeding down our block and I walk every morning thru our lovely neighborhood!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** kathryn kim

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:49 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make the Slow Streets Program permanent! Our community has benefited greatly from this program. Prior to the addition of these signs, we had regular and countless instances of reckless driving, even racing in our neighborhood. On my street alone, which consists of two blocks, we have over 20 children under the age of 10, who in this pandemic have been struggling to find safe outlets for play. In an area where sidewalks aren't present, this program is crucial our childrens' safety. The signs have proven to be a useful arbiter of unnecessary traffic, discouraging driving over the speed limit and thru traffic. Thank you so much for your consideration, and we hope that you will make a decision that continues to promote the well being of our young children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen Canady  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I write to ask for continuing and improving on the Slow Streets program, as described in the LA DOT report dated October 15, 2020. Calming traffic and making the streets available to children, families, joggers, pedestrians, and cyclists of all ages has brought fresh life to our neighborhoods and reminded folks to share the streets with other humans, not just those in cars. I also appreciate and encourage the visible reminders of street safety. Los Angeles has a history of blatant disregard for speed limits, making most Angelenos afraid to take advantage of the year-round recreational and active transportation options afforded by our mild climate. We should at least be able to slow down on a few residential streets. I urge the Transportation Committee to support the motion to give new options to Slow Streets Sponsors, especially option #1, providing permanent signage and road markings to support street safety.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Kirkwood

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:51 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to express my support and desire for our temporary Slow Street sign program to become permanent. I live near the intersection of 4th Ave and 30th Street in Jefferson Park and the positive impact of the signs on our neighborhood has been significant. My wife and I walk or jog the entire slow street area of our neighborhood about 3-4 times a week and we supervise our son on his bike or scooter in the streets almost every day. While we obviously still have to keep an eye out, the significantly decreased traffic and reduced speeds makes us feel much safer about doing these activities. And especially since we are on a corner lot, the reduced traffic has helped greatly with noise pollution and overall quality of life. If the signs were of a more permanent nature, I think it would not only look better, but would prevent people from knocking them down or moving or stealing them, which unfortunately happens quite often. Thank for you consideration and please help us continue to provide a safe and healthy neighborhood for our families.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Katz  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:51 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I have seen first hand how much more mindful traffic has become -- its been great for the neighborhood -- please expand it!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amelie Cherlin  
**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:55 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0838-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Slow Streets program. The city should be doing everything it can to create safe spaces for pedestrians and cyclists in the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Virginia

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 09:57 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep this area safe for our little ones. This is a family friendly area with schools, parks and small children all around. Slower is safer and safer is better. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Kraus

**Date Submitted:** 10/19/2020 10:03 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** My neighborhood surrounding the Valley Village Park has been a part of the Slow Streets program in LA. It has made a dramatic difference in keeping our families safer while traveling to and from the park and while walking and/or biking through the neighborhood. I fully support making this program permanent in our neighborhood.