

Communication from Public

Name: A. R.

Date Submitted: 10/20/2020 02:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are so very thankful for our Slow Streets in Los Feliz! They have made a world of difference in making it possible for our family to be able to go outside and exercise. My son learned to ride his bike on our slow street. We've met neighbors we've never talked to even though we've lived here for years. The area truly feels like a neighborhood now in a way it didn't before. We are nowhere near a walkable distance to a park, and there aren't many safe places for children to play in our area. The ability to go outside and exercise (for the many of us who don't have yards) is absolutely crucial, especially during COVID times. We'd appreciate if you legitimized and made this a more permanent designation in our area. Right now, many cars are ignoring the signs, defacing them, even knocking them over or stealing them completely. We still have to remain extremely vigilant for dangerous drivers who have more than once almost hit our child. Any official signage that could be enforced would make this a true blessing in our area and be very, very appreciated by the people who live here. Please consider lowering the speed limit, making signage large and clear, and implementing whatever other measures are necessary to protect our neighbors. Thank you for this wonderful program!

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Name: Kathryn M.

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm one of the volunteers for the slow streets. In my area, we have to frequently reattach the paper signs, because they're pulled off when the signs are tipped over. Several of the plastic frames have also snapped in place. It would therefore be great to have metal signs with the slow street info printed on them, if financially feasible. (The paper signs are also unlikely to survive the rainy season.) Some of the intersections in my area have two scenes on each side of the corner, but we really only need one per side. Thank you for considering this!

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Name: Cindy Bitterman

Date Submitted: 10/20/2020 07:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Transportation Committee, It is hard to believe that it was “just” 5 months ago that I volunteered to maintain the signs for the Slow Streets Program in the Fairfax district. I am a member of the Mid City West Community Council, a member of the MCWCC Public Health and Safety Committee and an LAUSD school nurse. These credentials are the reason I felt the responsibility and desire to support the Slow Streets Program. I see the Slow Streets Program has a public health benefit to my community. Maintaining the signs even with our six wonderful and dedicated volunteers is an uphill battle. In the past five months our volunteers have replaced 99 signs and many of our “A” frames are unsalvageable and need to be replaced. Mid City West was one of the first areas to receive slow streets, and they have been overwhelmingly popular in our neighborhood. All the volunteers share frequent stories of being thanked while replacing or repairing signs. It is my strong opinion as a public health professional that slow streets continue and be made a permanent part of our city transportation fabric. 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 rollouts. 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. Thank you. Cindy Bitterman RN MSN

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Name: Chloé Renée Ziegler

Date Submitted: 10/20/2020 08:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an invested Eagle Rock resident, I have been participating in various initiatives to better the urban fabric of our great neighborhood, including as a member of the "Take Back the Boulevard" initiative, as the designer for Eagle Rock's City Hall Garden and other actions round the streets of Eagle Rock. I am very pleased to see that one of the positive consequences of the terrible times we are going through, has been a growing awareness of the importance for "slow streets" in our wide and busy city. I advocated for bike lanes as well as support public transport. Pedestrian traffic is key to a healthy urban fabric and I urge the city departments and budget analysts to fund more initiatives to expand "slow streets". If these changes were to be permanent, I would also support that decision. Los Angeles would be a better place should it move away from its car-only culture. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: I support implementing option 1 to continue the slow streets initiative. Striping and metal signs would be a huge improvement, and could serve as a model for other areas once more funding is identified. I've really enjoyed having the temporary signs in the streets around my neighborhood.

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Comments for Public Posting: riting in support of option 1 for more permanent Slow Streets signs. The temporary signs initially helped slow traffic down on our street but the signs have since been removed (stolen?) and traffic is again faster than it should be when turning corners into our residential street. I've seen several cars jump the curb when making turns. There are many families with children on our block and this is so dangerous. Anything that can be done to make Slow Streets permanent would be welcome

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Name: Eric Tunell

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to wholeheartedly express my support for continued improvement and expansion of LA's Slow Streets program. As a pedestrian, cyclist, transit rider, and driver, I experience our city's dangerous streets from many perspectives. Anything that can be done to slow down traffic and provide greater facilities for walking and biking will help save lives and reduce our environmental impact. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Penelope Saint James

Date Submitted: 10/20/2020 10:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Slower streets mean fewer accidents! Wider streets with more lanes have proven to cause more accidents because people get complacent with more space. Please make slower streets permanent for those of us on bicycles -- trying to save the planet one bike ride at a time!