

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi! I live in North Westdale (in Mike Bonin's district) and am so happy that we had the opportunity to have Slow Streets in our neighborhood these past few weeks. Every neighbor I've spoken to is delighted to see both the signs and the slower-moving cars in our neighborhood. For some background: I live on Clarkson Road, a residential street parallel to National Blvd., which receives a lot of rush hour traffic due to the 405 S freeway entrance nearby. With the increased popularity of routing software such as Google Maps and Waze in recent years, my street saw a sharp increase in traffic because people use it as a way to bypass the slow cars on National Blvd. So many rushed drivers were cutting through our neighborhood that a neighbor felt unsafe and requested stop signs to be installed. Because I live at the intersection where the stop signs were installed several years ago, I now have a stop sign in front of my house that wasn't there before. Everyone in my neighborhood knows cars are a problem. Mar Vista created yard signs that say "Drive like your kids/dog/cat live here", and many are displayed throughout our neighborhood as a message to the people who drive their cars at unsafe speeds here. I also live two blocks away from the local elementary school, so I welcome any programs that keep kids safe as they walk to and from school. I saw the three proposed options for existing slow street areas, and if I could express my preference, it would be to support option #1: "replace temporary signage with more permanent metal signs". Clarkson Road doesn't have a stripe on it, and people drive haphazardly on both sides of the street. Official yellow stripes would visually cue people to drive less erratically. In case a driver is distracted or doesn't see a pedestrian for some reason, at least the car's motion might be more predictable if there are metal signs and painted lines for cars to follow. This would make walking safer, which is great since my neighbors who live on National Blvd. also choose to walk on Clarkson Road to avoid the traffic of National Blvd. Thank you for all your hard work. When I pay my hefty taxes every year, I know my money is going to great people who run great programs, that make our city greater. I'm so glad I live here. Thanks again!