

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my opposition to the plan to make the "Slow Streets" program permanent. While I am sure that the people who live on the closed streets love the program, the rest of us are forced to bear the burdens. This does nothing to reduce the overall volume of traffic in our neighborhoods. It merely shifts the traffic to other streets in the area (with frustrated drivers who are forced to take detours to get to their destinations). The result is that the adjacent streets become less safe, which is exactly the opposite of what this program is supposed to accomplish. The program might have been a nice idea when we were all forced to shelter at home, but it no longer makes sense. I would also like to note that the City tried something similar in the 1990s around the Hollywood Bowl. The City was sued and lost at both the trial and appellate level (3-0).
<https://law.justia.com/cases/california/court-of-appeal/4th/23/812.html>
The fundamental principle behind the decision is that public streets are supposed to remain open to all members of the public, not a subset. The signs that are posted make the intent of this program very clear: "ROAD CLOSED - LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY." Don't make the same mistake again.