

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Bradbury

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 04:09 PM

Council File No: 22-0392

Comments for Public Posting: ABSOLUTELY NO. There is no reasonable, rational reason to create driver distractions on our roads. The simple fact is that two-sided 48-foot-wide billboard structures ranging in height from 30 to 95 feet with brightly-lit advertising messages rotating every 8 seconds WILL create dangerous distractions. This is nothing more than an effort to monetize and commercialize our visual landscape. All the information is available on our phones. If you want to spend \$\$, create a better app. Oh wait, there's no revenue in that strategy.

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Name: Donald Berry

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 04:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: For those of us with sensory-processing disabilities things like digital billboards just make the world more and more painful to live in. The outdoors are public space and sacred and should not be inundated with necessary stimuli.

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Name: Dan Silver, MD
Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 04:47 PM
Council File No: 22-0392
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not sacrifice public safety by distracting millions of drivers. This is deadly wrong.

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Name: Rob Dacks

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 04:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are too many digital signs in the city of LA already. They are a distraction to drivers, they are too bright FLT and should not be allowed to proliferate on Metro owned properties. Our quality of life in this city is a disgrace and approving more digital signs will just decrease it even further. Other companies California cities and counties are restricting lighting to provide Dark Skies for environment. It affects animals too if you all care more about wildlife than your human taxpayers. Please vote NO!

Communication from Public

Name: Betsy Handler

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 04:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my adamant opposition to the proposed erection of digital signs along freeways and certain streets. These proposed billboards will increase visual blight in the city and dangerously distract drivers. They are ugly, and should not be erected.

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Name: Rob Kent

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 06:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 2 November 2023 Planning Land Use and Management Committee City Council City of Los Angeles Re: Opposition to METRO - TCN proposal ... The proposed METRO - Transportation Communications Network will be a disaster for the city and the people of Los Angeles. It is a giveaway of the city's public space to private for-profit companies to commercialize. It is bad public policy. The proposed TCN will create dangerous and highly distracting electronic billboards which will contribute to distracted driving and more automobile crashes and accidents — resulting in more roadway and pedestrian injuries and deaths. These electronic billboards are also simply a blight on the city's landscape. The kind of “spot” zoning on which this proposal depends will invite legal challenges from other property owners. These challenges will more than likely be sustained, forcing the city to allow more and more electronic billboards. The proposed financial benefits are insignificant and unneeded. Furthermore METRO is swimming in money. These billboards will do nothing to improve the city, public communication, or METRO. As a city resident I strongly oppose this giveaway of public space to commercial interests. Sincerely, Rob Kent Los Angeles, CA email - robbkent2005@yahoo.com

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Name: Lonnie Sheinart
Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 06:11 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: With all the crazy drivers - endless accidents the last thing we need is a digital billboard to grab attention off the road. This is a terrible idea!

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Name: Tim Hanson

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 05:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the amending the zoning code to allow Metro to erect digital display signs on Metro-owned parcels throughout the city. Digital display signs will significantly increase the urban blight and light pollution that we that we are already subject to in greater Los Angeles. Please deny this zoning amendment. Thank you, Tim Hanson

Communication from Public

Name: Wayde Hunter

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 05:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens Inc., I am registering community opposition to the installation of these signs in our community of Granada Hills, including those in other communities as the TCN digital signs represent nothing but an eyesore to the communities themselves and a distraction to drivers. We all know and have experienced the effects of vehicles slowing down and/or the inattention of drivers exposed even the existing digital signs found in the greater Los Angeles area, let alone those placed on such high traffic freeways as the I-5 and 210 Freeways especially if there is commercial advertising content. Wayde Hunter President, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens Inc.

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Name: Janet
Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 05:08 PM
Council File No: 22-0392
Comments for Public Posting: STOP making our community ugly with a blight of more ugly distracting signage!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 05:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Digital signboards create another distraction for drivers, bikers, scooters, and all other on road vehicles. Their distraction is the major reason they should not be allowed on any streets in Los Angeles. Look at the statistics already available for the number of pedestrians who get hit crossing the street. It's bad enough, that they, as well as drivers are sometimes looking at their phones. These "billboards" also create unnecessary ambient light for those who live in nearby areas. They reflect off glass fronted buildings as well. They use unnecessary energy at a time when we are asked to conserve. I can't think of a positive reason to allow these over-the-top diversions unless it's just that the city can get more dollars.... and that's not worth it in my book.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 05:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, On behalf of the 13 community-based, environmental justice, and environmental organizations listed in the attached document, we are writing to express our support for the specific recommendation from the Los Angeles City Planning Staff Recommendation Report and City Planning Commission for Planning Case Numbers CPC-2022-5401-CA and CPC-2023-3653-ZC; Environmental Case Number ENV-2022-5286-EIR, to remove the two Transportation Communications Network (TCN) billboards proposed at CA-2 Northbound and Casitas Avenue (FF-14, APN: 54420001900) and CA-2 Southbound and Casitas Avenue (FF-13, APN: 5436033906) from the draft ordinance regarding the Transportation Communications Network (TCN). Please refer to the attached PDF letter titled, "Council File 22-0392_Transportation Communications Network (TCN)_11032023_partner letter" for our complete public comment. Thank you for your consideration.



November 3, 2023

Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Submitted via email at <http://lacouncilcomment.com/>

RE: Council File 22-0392, Transportation Communications Network (TCN)

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

On behalf of the 13 community-based, environmental justice, and environmental organizations listed below, we are writing to express our support for the specific recommendation from the Los Angeles City Planning Staff Recommendation Report and City Planning Commission for Planning Case Numbers CPC-2022-5401-CA and CPC-2023-3653-ZC; Environmental Case Number ENV-2022-5286-EIR, to remove the two Transportation Communications Network (TCN) billboards proposed at CA-2 Northbound and Casitas Avenue (FF-14, APN: 54420001900) and CA-2 Southbound and Casitas Avenue (FF-13, APN: 5436033906) from the draft ordinance regarding the Transportation Communications Network (TCN).

An adequate lighting impact analysis was not completed for these two proposed digital billboards. The analysis that was conducted does not take into account current and future impacts to wildlife on and near the Bowtie Parcel (the Bowtie) which will include habitat enhancement features for wildlife and public access, and is owned by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR). Additionally, the distance of the two proposed structures is within 200 feet of state park boundaries. Per the proposed ordinance, the proposed structures are not allowed within 200 feet of a state park.

Bowtie is part of Rio de Los Angeles State Park and is therefore currently part of the official State Park System. The [General Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report](#) states that “[t]he purpose of Rio de Los Angeles State Park is to restore, protect, and preserve the riparian and upland vegetation ecosystems of the Glendale Narrows section of the Los Angeles River, while providing important public access for various recreational, interpretive, and educational uses in

the Northeast area of Los Angeles.” Many of the organizations listed below have specifically collaborated on the redevelopment of the Bowtie Parcel as well as the restoration and stewardship of the flora and fauna of the Glendale Narrows and the Los Angeles River as a whole for decades.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is working with CDPR to develop the 3-acre Bowtie Wetland Demonstration project, which is the first phase of redevelopment at Bowtie. Construction will begin in 2024 and the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration Project is expected to be open to the public in 2027. Bowtie represents millions of dollars of investment by state and local public agencies and will provide an important site for the surrounding communities to access nature. Elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels who represent the district of which Bowtie is a part, have submitted numerous letters in support of public grant proposals. The 18-acre Bowtie Parcel redevelopment budget is projected to be approximately \$44M, about \$10M of which is being utilized by TNC specifically for the 3-acre portion of the site. The draft 90% design of the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration Project and the conceptual design for the 18-acre Bowtie are attached for reference.

“Wildlife” is all living organisms including plants, animals, and other species. TNC has conducted field surveys to establish that Bowtie already serves as habitat for some wildlife, and plans to introduce large numbers of native plants and other habitat features to the site with the aim of providing habitat for many other species of valued native and migratory birds, butterflies, and other vertebrate and invertebrate animals, including the federally listed Least Bell’s Vireo. Many of these newly arriving species will come from the adjacent riparian habitats along the Los Angeles River. These are included in TNC’s [Water Supply and Habitat Resiliency Study](#) (appendices are [here](#)), which provides information about the historic ecology in Elysian Valley, historic and existing hydrological and hydraulic conditions, and one full year of multi-taxa biological surveys along a 2.5-mile stretch of the Los Angeles River in the Project area. Using the 2016 study as a guide, TNC completed a feasibility study in 2018 (found [here](#)) and identified Bowtie as the ideal location for the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration Project.

Furthermore, the Glendale Narrows is a particularly important stretch of riparian bird habitat on the Los Angeles River. Bird nests and egg set records from the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology demonstrate that prior to the channelization of the Los Angeles River in the 1930s, Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*), Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*), House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*), Least Bell’s Vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*), Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*), Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*), and Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) all used the Glendale Narrows as breeding habitat. Field surveys conducted in 2014 and 2015 found that some of these species are still breeding or attempting to establish breeding territories along this stretch of the river. An additional eight Continental Concern Species and six Regional Concern Species prioritized in the Californian Coasts and Mountains region of the Sonoran Joint Venture Bird Conservation Plan were observed along this stretch of the river in 2014-2015. This [spreadsheet](#) is a summary of the

iNaturalist observations around the Bowtie area with roughly 850 non-plant species. The Bowtie will benefit most of these species by restoring high quality riparian, intermittent wetland, and upland habitats, thereby providing more breeding opportunities, in addition to food, shelter, and roosting and perching sites.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment to specifically support the City Planning Commission and staff recommendation in the Planning Department Staff Recommendation Report to remove the two billboards proposed at CA-2 Northbound and Casitas Avenue (FF-14, APN: 54420001900) and CA-2 Southbound and Casitas Avenue (FF-13, APN: 5436033906) from the draft TCN ordinance, on behalf of the listed partner organizations.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Jessup
Urban Conservation Project Director
The Nature Conservancy, California Chapter

Candice Dickens-Russell
President & CEO
Friends of the Los Angeles River

Kathleen Johnson
Executive Director
Los Angeles River State Park Partners

Raúl Macías
Executive Director
Anahuak Youth Sports Association

Carl Matthes
President
Uptown Gay & Lesbian Alliance

Netty Carr
Board Member
Friends of Atwater Village

Maggie Gardner
OWLA Core Team Coordinator
Our Water LA

Belén Bernal
Executive Director
Nature for All

Martha Camacho Rodríguez
Director
Social Eco Education (SEE)

Melanie Winter
Founder & Director
The River Project

Dustan Batton
Executive Director
Scenic America, Los Angeles Chapter

Damon Nagami
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NRDC

GPIA Board of Directors
Glassell Park Improvement Association

18-acre Bowtie Conceptual Design



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Name: Digital Sinage

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Comments for Public Posting: Don't we have enough distracted drivers on their phones? With homeless encampments and graffiti--do we really want to make LA any tackier by emulating Vegas with digital signage---all this in preparation for the Olympics? For the stakeholders of ALL Los Angeles, this is another quality-of-life hit that we don't want. Please listen to our pleas! Thank you, Dennis Mogerman Mar Vista Stakeholder

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Name: Paula S Mahan
Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 07:49 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to additional Digital Billboards or Digital Displays of any kind.

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Name: Greg Marquez

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 08:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: However way it is justified, and for whatever benefit billboards are said to have, adding billboard blight to our already limited views of earth and sky is crass, disingenuous, and a gross invasion of privacy. Sincerely, greg marquez in Altadena

Communication from Public

Name: Celeste Wolfe

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 07:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have some concerns regarding the Digital Billboards FF26 and FF27 sited adjacent to the north and south bound lanes of the 405 at Exposition Blvd. This section of freeway at the Exposition Blvd level has a northbound overpass and merging lanes from the 10 freeway with a cautionary speed reduction because of its curve. I am concerned for distracted drivers using this merging northbound overpass from the 10 freeway to the 405. Back-ups and traffic snarls regularly occur on this section of freeway. I would encourage a re-evaluation of FF26 and FF27, especially regarding the northbound lanes of the 405 and 10 freeway merging overpass that directs traffic onto the 405. The Southbound lanes also have a merging overpass that directs traffic off of the 405 onto the 10 freeway. This overpass also has a merging overpass that goes east and west at the Exposition Level. This is also a tricky traffic hazard area with cars choosing to merge either east or west. I would encourage taking off FF26 and FF27 from the Digital Billboard list and KEEP THESE BILLBOARDS STATIC FOR TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Melvin McDermott

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 10:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe the digital display signs on the Glendale Freeway (2) would create a distraction to drivers as they transition between the Glendale 2 and Golden State 5 freeways and as vehicles are entering and exiting at San Fernando Road. In addition, the light from these large freeway signs will become an eyesore to the surrounding communities. Sincerely, Paul McDermott 37-year resident of Glassell Park

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/03/2023 09:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO NO AND NO, THIS IS A NO-BRAINER. VOTE NO