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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-0704

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [empowerla@lacity.org](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/25/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

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Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: Please see attached document in support of this council file



**VTB CF 23-0704 CIS.pdf**

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January 25, 2025

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT CF# 23-0704**

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council vehemently supports council file 23-0704 and fully supports the recommendations within the council file.

Our council realizes the importance of the VTB redecking project. We are fully cognizant of the importance of the role the Vincent Thomas Bridge plays in the smooth operation of the supply chain.

However, we do not support the lack of consideration and unresponsiveness we as a community have been afforded by Caltrans.

Although Caltrans has grudgingly held meetings and is giving the appearance of working with the community, it is the opinion of this council that they may **“hear”** what we are saying but they are **not “listening.”**

During the EIR Comment Phase, we asked several distinct questions. Although, on paper, they provided an answer to meet their legal obligation. The vast majority of the answers were vague, ambiguous or outright nonresponsive. This is not acceptable. Answers were typically in the format of, **“Caltrans is committed to the goals of.....or Caltrans will explore potential strategies.”** As our questions were direct, we expected direct answers. Put succinctly, Caltrans simply paid us lip service, and this is not the way government is supposed to interact with its constituents.

Although a traffic study was done for Anaheim, repeatedly Caltrans ignored that when they did their traffic study, although the road diet had been deployed, the traffic study is not

sufficient as there have been modifications to the road diet that did not exist during the time of the traffic study. It is our understanding that since that time of the study “no right turn” signs, hard center dividers, and elongated curbs have all been deployed. We have repeatedly explained to Caltrans the need for safety, clarification and communication. There are several parts of the road diet that simply hold our community hostage. As a result of the road diet the two mile trek during a week day from Broad Avenue and Anaheim to the 110 Fwy during the week is approximately 22 minutes. The mile and half trek between Broad Avenue and Anaheim to Henry Ford is 18 minutes. A new study needs to be done utilizing what the LOS is from the original traffic study up through the current state of Anaheim.

### **SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE.**

In **Comment NC. 4.8** we referred to Caltrans states:

What emergency evacuation routes will be utilized during construction for the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro during construction? Currently it is in question whether LAFD signed off on the current road diet on Anaheim between Figueroa and Henry Ford also, since the implementation of the road diet no evacuation routes have been provided. We request that Caltrans provide a copy of proof that our local fire marshal signed off on the Anaheim Road Diet. Has Caltrans reviewed evacuation routes in the event of an emergency? Will emergency evacuation routes be provided to stakeholders by Caltrans? If the road diet has not been approved by our local Fire Marshal, we request that the entire road diet be removed as additional traffic with a LAFD non-approved road diet will surely be unsafe, unwise reckless and irresponsible. Will Caltrans remove the road diet if the Fire Marshal did not approve it since this project would add additional traffic on an already unsafe road? Will Caltrans provide a copy of the Fire Marshal’s approval?

### **Their Response to Comment NC.4.8**

The Anaheim Street safety improvements (Road Diet) were not sponsored by Caltrans, they were implemented as part of a City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation project. Any modifications to the road or requests for specific information about the project should be addressed to the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

**This information is incorrect** as this project was **fully funded** by Caltrans by way of a grant. Caltrans was provided with full details of the project and what it would entail. The redecking project has been in the works for years. The road diet is approximately two years old. When the application to Caltrans for a grant was requested . Caltrans became fully aware or should have become aware of the conflict between the two projects. Since this is Caltrans oversight, Caltrans needs to rectify their oversight.

In closing our council cannot reiterate enough that we fully support this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Martinez

Chair Wilmington Neighborhood Council

On behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

*This CIS will be applicable for any subsequently related Council File*