

Communication from Public

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Los Angeles City Council
Transportation Committee
RE: CF 26-0600-S11

Dear Transportation Committee members:

The Downtown Industrial District BID is proud to support Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's motion to identify the funding and personnel required to complete the ATP Cycle 6 Skid Row Connectivity and Safety Project.

This project prioritizes improvements to traffic safety, sustainability and equity, and shares similar goals as the ATP to reduce transportation emissions, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and invest in transit, walking, and bicycle infrastructure, with a focus on under-resourced neighborhoods.

The Skid Row Connectivity and Safety Project will transform a section of Downtown Los Angeles that has suffered from blight and lack of investment over decades, and will enable pedestrians, cyclists, residents and businesses to co-exist and travel in the neighborhood safely and equitably. The Skid Row neighborhood has some of the highest walking and bicycle dependence in the City and experiences a disproportionate number of traffic collisions. Establishing active transportation corridors in Skid Row by developing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is critical to improving traffic safety.

The Skid Row Connectivity and Safety Project serves a disadvantaged community that is unique in Los Angeles, in that it is home to both a disadvantaged and housed resident community, as well as a significant unhoused community. In addition, the project encompasses the Flower District, an essential commercial center just south of Skid Row, and the Industrial District, the region's hub for seafood, produce and cold storage of perishable food for more than a century. This project is designed to address the active transportation and safety needs of the entire community.

Currently, sidewalks in the project area are hard to traverse due to intense disrepair that has left curbs and walkways in unpassable condition, especially for seniors and persons with disabilities. An existing lack of pedestrian lighting prevents safe travel after dark. This project will make the streets it encompasses safer for everyone, and in particular for families, students, seniors and people with disabilities that are most likely to be affected by these dangerous conditions. Also, a high number of local residents in the area commute and travel using public transit and/or by biking or walking, so many will benefit from the traffic calming, bike lanes and other bike facilities, and walking improvements included in this project. And, the project directly connects with three area schools, providing safe passage for the neighborhood's students and families.

There are only two small area parks, Gladys Park and San Julian Park, that provide limited opportunities for open space and recreation in the neighborhood. The addition of the end-of-trip bike hub and Flower Market Gateway in a repurposed traffic lane at San Pedro and 8th Sts will provide a new open space for the community to enjoy, with street furniture, landscaping and shade, in addition to providing the infrastructure needed to support bike commuting for residents and employees who come into the commercial district.

The Skid Row Connectivity and Safety Project will provide much needed investment in one of Los Angeles' most underserved neighborhoods and will allow traditionally underserved populations in community to travel to their homes, businesses and employment centers, schools, and other community-serving locations without needing a car. The project will also facilitate active transportation to transit stops for travel to and from other parts of the city. The Skid Row Connectivity and Safety Project is an investment in the community's future, enhancing safety, economic opportunity and quality of life. For these reasons, we fully support Councilwoman Jurado's motion and urge your support, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Estela Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Estela Lopez
Executive Director