

ATTACHMENT 8

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Subject: FW: Bike Lanes on Santa Monica

From: Tim Fremaux <tim.fremaux@lacity.org>

Date: January 14, 2014 at 4:08:45 PM MST

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Subject: Bike Lanes on Santa Monica

Hi Aaron,

I understand that the City of Beverly Hills is considering bike lanes (or at least widening for future bike lanes) on Santa Monica Blvd. within the Beverly Hills City Limits. I also understand via Michael Meyer that there is a desire to interface with the neighboring cities of West Hollywood and Los Angeles to ensure optimal regional bikeway connectivity as it pertains to the Santa Monica Blvd. corridor. On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I would like to confirm that we are committed to working with the City of Beverly Hills to design and implement a seamless connection between our respective existing and planned bike lanes at the western Beverly Hills/Los Angeles City Limit.

Presently, the bike lanes on Santa Monica Blvd. within the City of Los Angeles terminate at Avenue of the Stars. The section from Avenue of the Stars to the Beverly Hills City Limit is identified on our adopted 2010 Bicycle Plan for future bike lanes. We are currently working on an easterly extension to Century Park East that is achievable without removing the existing number of vehicular lanes.

Extending the lanes up to the City Limit is contingent upon a more developed understanding of the configuration proposed in Beverly Hills, and then analyzing and determining what if any changes to the lane configurations would be required. We are committed to working with you as these facilities are being developed in an effort to come up with an optimal solution. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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SMBLVD

From: Melissa Antol
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 4:30 PM
To: SMBLVD
Subject: Weho Letter Supporting Bike Lanes
Attachments: WeHo-BH-LTR-1-21-14.pdf

Importance: High

Attached please find a copy of the letter from West Hollywood supporting bike lanes on SMB as part of the Beverly Hills Reconstruction of SMB. We will also mail a paper copy of this letter.

Melissa Antol
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**COMMUNITY
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January 21, 2014

Dr. Barry Pressman
Chair, Santa Monica Boulevard
Blue Ribbon Committee
City of Beverly Hills
446 North Rexford Drive
Beverly, Hills, CA 90210

Dear Dr. Pressman:

The City of West Hollywood wishes to voice its strong support for including bike lanes on Santa Monica Boulevard in Beverly Hills as part of the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

West Hollywood supports safety improvements to transportation facilities that accommodate all roadway users which include vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists. Studies have shown bike lanes increase bicyclist visibility, bicycle usage and reduce accident rates by as much as 30%.

West Hollywood presently has bike lanes on most sections of Santa Monica Boulevard, and is evaluating options to provide a seamless connection as public right of way becomes available. The addition of bike lanes on Santa Monica Boulevard in Beverly Hills would provide an important east-west connection to bike lanes in West Hollywood.

West Hollywood recently adopted the "General Plan", the "West Hollywood Design District Streetscape Master Plan", and will consider adoption of the "Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Master Plan Update" in the next couple of months. All of these documents encourage complete streets and identify opportunities to improve mobility and safety in our own city limits, and to provide linkages with our neighbors in Beverly Hills and in Los Angeles.

West Hollywood, like Beverly Hills, is a corridor city that is part of a larger regional transportation network which means our transportation decisions seek to balance our local needs within a regional context for connectivity.

We have been great partners with Beverly Hills in supporting the subway extension, mobility studies, and other regional planning efforts as part of our participation in the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG). In March of 2012, the WSCCOG unanimously voted to close bike gaps on five



priority corridors, among which was Santa Monica Boulevard; with the goal being to provide a continuous facility to Ocean Avenue.

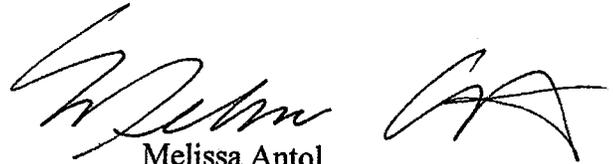
West Hollywood is excited to have Beverly Hills consider the addition of a bike lane on Santa Monica Boulevard so that we can continue to build on this important east-west regional connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Stephanie DeWolfe
Community Development Director



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Long Range and Mobility
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Cc: Mayor John A. Mirisch, Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, Councilmembers William Brien, Julian Gold, and Nancy Krasne