

Bruins, Eric

From: Herbertson, Charles
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: FW: Bike lane workshop?
Attachments: image.jpg

FYI,

Charles



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From: Arts District Residents for Responsible Development (ADRRD) [mailto:culvercityadrrd@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2016 1:02 PM
To: Herbertson, Charles <charles.herbertson@culvercity.org>; Nachbar, John <john.nachbar@culvercity.org>
Subject: Bike lane workshop?

Hello John-

I just saw the attached photo announcing a plan for a bike lane down Washington. This seems like a good idea, but I am wondering why this is being presented as we are about to collectively work on the Visioning around mobility and this is one of the types of discussions that Johnson Fain will be leading.

It seems as if this workshop should be incorporated later in the process.

Please advise.
Thank you-
Ken

Bruins, Eric

From: carolyn bosil <carolyn310@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 11:03 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Fw: Bike path in brochure and add another one PLEASE

Carolyn

From: carolyn bosil <carolyn310@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 10:56 PM
To: ericbruins@culvercity.org
Subject: Bike path in brochure and add another one PLEASE

It would help East Culver City IMMENSELY if you put bike paths going East from National to La Cienega on Washington Blvd.

It is a real safety issue at present. On the south side of Washington Blvd. the traffic from late afternoon through about 7 pm is bumper to bumper and yet there are allowances for people to park on the south side of Washington Blvd. Make that entire area a red zone.

I am going to take a video of just HOW MANY CARS going east on Washington turn right at the Helms signal to either try to zip down the immediate alley going east OR WORSE they travel south on Helms to Jacob Street and try to zip down to the end of Jacob and then try to inch their way into the already miles of traffic on Washington Blvd.

Just make a complete bike path with NO PARKING on the south side of Washington and problem solved, unless of course drivers try to cut into the bike path and knock off a few bikers.

IT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM BUT OFTEN EAST CULVER CITY IS IGNORED. I IMAGINE THE FIRST DEADLY CRASH WILL PROBABLY BRING A LAW SUIT AGAIN OUR FAIR CITY because everyone knows about it.

Many thanks for your help.

Carolyn Bosil

Bruins, Eric

From: Mark.Kachner <Mark.Kachner@knobbe.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 4:13 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: culver city protected bike paty

Eric,

I understand Culver City is looking at a short protected bike path on Washington near the Culver City stop on the Expo line. I'm generally in favor of more protected bike paths, and support this one.

I'm also strongly in favor of a protected bike path connecting downtown Culver City to residents further west. I'd love to see a bike path along either Washington or Culver continuing west from downtown at least to Sepulveda. My time is very limited and I'm not able to make it to your meeting on January 7, but for what it's worth, I have many neighbors that would also like to see this bike path. I live near Culver and Overland.

Thanks, Mark

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Bruins, Eric

From: Martha Doran <marthajdoran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 10:15 AM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Protected bike lane

Thank you for considering a protected bike lane for Culver City.

I know these things have to be done in steps; at the same time, I would voice a request to extend the lane well down Washington or Culver Blvd, and / or Venice Blvd., to the west.

"If you build it, they will come."

Places with terrible weather, like Chicago (cold, hot, rain, snow, wind, humidity) have huge cycling communities because they have provided cycleways.

The weather and the fitness quotient here are perfect for cycle commuting and errands.

We should be a leader on protected cycleways, not a laggard.

I will currently not ride in the street due to the lopsided risk-reward equation. It is not worth my life.

THANK YOU!!!

Martha Doran
Studio Estates in Culver City

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Please forgive overlooked autocorrects. 🙏

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Bruins, Eric

From: Pip Bloomfield <pip@pipbloomfield.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 8:37 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Proposed Washington Bike lane

Dear Eric,

I would like to register a firm NO to this proposal, for the following reasons:

1. It will affect the parking on both sides of the street.
2. Unnecessary costs to changes to the current parking, turn lanes and traffic signals.
3. There is a perfectly usable bike lane on Venice.
4. While any changes are being effected, the disruption to the traffic on Washington will be horrible.
5. Noise, dust and inconvenience to neighbors/shops on Washington would also be a nuisance.
6. Let's put the money to better use!

Please let me know that you have received my email and how I can encourage others to consider the proposed changes.

Thank you.

With kind regards for the holidays,

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3349 Fay Avenue

Bruins, Eric

From: Roman Chiu <romanchiu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Public Workshop on the Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector

Mr. Bruins,

I won't be able to make this meeting but I have a few questions. As a Culver City resident and daily rider of this stretch, I support this project. I have a few questions and thoughts.

First, what's the bigger picture. How will it would extend all the way to Fairfax? Would this be an extension of section 5? If it abruptly ends, it's not worth my time to keep crossing and just ride in the road. It's great to have the protected bikeway.

The intersection at Robertson/Higuera and Washington is very odd but is the switching of sides necessary? Is this to accomodate Robertson and future Parcel B? It's not ideal and would the crosswalk timing be to get across both streets? I'd like to think I'd do it but if the lights are green I'm probably going straight through.

Platform and Access currently have Bike lanes. Will these be removed? Looks like Alternative #3 in section 2?

What does the plan look like for the Bus Islands and crossing?

Are crosswalks going to be timed to be more pedestrian and bike friendly? I always feel that the cross walks need more time as if someone needed extra time and the crosswalk timing doesn't come fast enough. In the heat of the sun or when it's raining out, it's very frustrating esp. families, disabled, elderly, etc. If this is going to be truly pedestrian friendly we need to design for it!

Thank you for your time!
Roman Chiu

Bruins, Eric

From: Sabrina Saxton <sabrinasaxton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Expo to downtown bicycle connector

I won't be able to attend the workshop on January 7th, but I STRONGLY support this idea!!! We live in McManus neighborhood, and the only way we can bike downtown is through the neighborhoods. My kids would LOVE to be able to bike to LinHowe, and a protected bike lane would make it safe enough to do so.
Please keep in touch with any updates.

-Sabrina
3423 Fay Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

Bruins, Eric

From: Deike Peters <dpeters@soka.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:55 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Cc: Jim Shanman; Meghan Sahli-Wells
Subject: Writing in Support of the Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector Project!

Dear Eric,

I fear that family commitments will prevent me from attending the January 7 workshop so I wanted to be sure to at least write you to express my wholehearted support for this project!

Protected bike lanes are an absolute must in order to truly transform Culver City into the bicycle and pedestrian-friendly city that it aspires to be so this initiative can only be applauded.

As a life-long cyclist, bike advocate, Culver City resident and mother of two CCMS children who bike to school on almost every (non-rainy) day, I support any and all initiatives that make cycling in and around Culver City safer - and the local connections to the Expo station are especially crucial. This is exactly the right thing for Culver City to be spending time and energy on and the environmental and health benefits of providing an enhanced bicycle and pedestrian experience are crucial.

I am bummed to be deprived of any specifics that the workshop might provide. So if there are opportunities to review the various design alternatives after the workshop, I would love to be advised of any additional opportunities for public input.

Kind regards,

Deike

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Bruins, Eric

From: Cristina Paul <cpaul333@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 7:17 AM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Bike Path on Washington Boulevard

Eric,

I will not be able to attend the meeting regarding the feasibility study of a protected bike path on Washington Boulevard. So, I am writing to you to let you know what a boon this would be to me and my family who often ride our bikes along the path. Our proximity to Washington, its lovely shops and its connection to both Downtown and the galleries on La Cienega make this street one of our favorites to ride along. However, I have found myself in several very scary situations because of careless drivers and the lack of a bike lane. Even as experienced and cautious cyclists, we often opt to walk our bikes along the sidewalk on Washington because the street is simply too dangerous.

I sincerely hope Culver City reconfigures the roads in order to provide a safe bike lane. In this way, drivers, pedestrians and cyclists will feel safe and welcomed to visit, shop and enjoy our wonderful neighborhood. I most certainly would celebrate a protected bike lane and would encourage friends and neighbors to take advantage of it as a great means to reach some of the best parts of Culver City and beyond.

Regards,

Cristina Paul

Bruins, Eric

From: Waldemar Centeno <cenwaldo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector

Hello Eric,

I am a resident of Culver City for the last 10 years and have seen the area grow exponentially throughout the years. I am also an avid bicyclist and have seen what the congestion of this area has done for our city. With the potential of more and more cars and people coming into Culver City everyday through the streets and metro, I think it is vital for our city to install the proposed protected bike lanes throughout the area.

Personally, I cannot attend the public workshop this Saturday due to a previous engagement, but I do want to make sure that another resident gets heard in the hopes to direct our city in the right way.

Thank you for taking the time and I look forward to having more accessible and protected bike lanes in Culver City.

Sincerely,

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Culver City, CA 90232

Bruins, Eric

From: Mariena Quintanilla <la.mariena@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: protected bike lane

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Hi Eric,

I wasn't able to join the public workshop on Saturday but wanted to send my thoughts over.

My family of four bikes regularly in Culver City but I do feel limited in what we can do without a projected bike lane. We live in the Helms Arts district and when we bike to Downtown Culver City with our eldest (now 7) we bike on the sidewalk (which I do not like doing). There is increasing pedestrian traffic with the expo and The Platform so having a bike lane would make for safer cycling as well as better project pedestrians.

We generally bike both for groceries as well as for dining in downtown and I do think a protected bike lane would help ease traffic as more people would choose to bike.

I do hope this project will move forward and will see more protected bike lanes in Culver City.

Thanks,
Mariena

Bruins, Eric

From: David Coles <avidcoles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:07 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Washington Blvd. protected bike lanes

Hi Eric,

I attended the meeting on January 7th, but did not speak, so I am happy to have the opportunity to comment here. I do not have strong opinions about the specific configurations of the proposed bike lanes. In my opinion, one-way protected lanes on both sides of the road would be ideal. This is what you find in Copenhagen, where they are slightly elevated above street level. That said, I think this proposal is fantastic in that it will introduce the Culver City public to the concept of protected bike lanes. I hope it leads to many more in the future.

David Coles,
Bike Culver City steering committee member and advocacy committee member

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Bruins, Eric

From: sarah kenny <skenny24@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:22 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: protected bike lanes in culver city

hi, i'm writing to express support for the proposed protected bike lane connecting the Helms District and the Culver City Expo Line Station to Downtown Culver City. as a daily bike commuter i think it is vital that we make it safer & more convenient for cyclists & that we make every effort to help reduce traffic, pollution & enable more of angelinos to enjoy cycling without feeling that it's too dangerous to use as a means of transit.

thanks
~sk

Bruins, Eric

From: Vince Busam <vince@citizennet.com>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Expo to downtown bicycle connector

I work at Washington & Fay, and think adding protected bike lanes would be a big improvement to mobility in the area. Many workers at our office ride bikes to work, and encouraging more would help alleviate the traffic and parking problems in the neighborhood. This lane would also make it much easier for us to visit the downtown restaurants at lunchtime.

I'll be unable to attend any workshops on this matter, but please include my support in any further steps.

Thank you,
Vincent Busam

Bruins, Eric

From: Todd W. Johnson <toddfiles@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: bike lanes

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Eric

I own a home and a business in Culver City. I was reviewing the proposal for the protected bike lanes connecting Expo Line to commercial areas.

My family and I have bikes and ride them for fun and transportation when ever possible, but avoid areas that feel dangerous. I would prefer to ride my bike in most cases than drive a car, but many areas are too dangerous. Looking at the proposed plan, it appears that the inevitable down sides, are very much outweighed but the up sides of making that area bike friendly and accessible. So my family and I would like to full endorse and support the bike lane plan.

Thank you for working on this important project!

Todd Johnson
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Bruins, Eric

From: David Feuer <david8feuer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Addl comments re the Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mr Bruins,

I wish to thank you and the committee for your hard work to improve access downtown. I want to add-to or reiterate some concerns/desires for the proposed Downtown Bicycle Connector, please forward them to the committee.

- add a direct path straight from the Bike Center along Venice to Culver blvd./downtown.

- it's highly desirable for the new separated path to be contiguous and not switch sides of the street.

- a great deal of worry and effort have been expressed & expended to not cause 'worse' traffic... your work would be simplified and traffic on Washington would be no problem whatsoever, simply close both Washington Blvd to downtown and Culver Blvd. downtown to motor vehicle traffic (excepting emergency & possibly delivery vehicles. Downtown would become an attractive walking district. That's much better than 'attracting' thousands of drive-through automobile commuters.

- the existing Culver bike path should be extended to/thru downtown.

Bruins, Eric

From: Dr Michael Cahn <velocipedus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector Project

Dear Eric,

I am writing with regard to the Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector Project. I am familiar with this area which poses many challenges for those who get around on a bicycle. The vicinity of the EXPO - bike-lane and the lack on infrastructure in the area the plan covers has irritated me often. A continuous network is really important and your intervention as planned is sure to achieve this.

I am impressed by the criteria you are using when evaluating this plan (conflict points, rider attraction, safety). You have chosen to intervene in a very complex and car-dominated zone, precisely where the change much happen if we are to offer our residents more sustainable and healthy options to get around. I encourage you to go big in terms of signage to make drivers aware and way-finding for those on bikes. Perhaps you can work together with local artists to create an elevated structure ("crown") above the roadway that would re-use bicycle parts or express the presence of bikes in this car-dominated area.

On a critical note I want to add that the navigation on the [Legistar website](#) would be easier if the listing of the relevant attachments had more self-explanatory file-names:

1. Culver City Boards, 2. Culver City Presentation, 3. EDBC Public Comment thru Jan 17

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Dr Michael Cahn

Bruins, Eric

From: Herbertson, Charles
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Fw: Protected Bike Lanes to connect Expo Line

FYI,

From: Ida, Art
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Herbertson, Charles
Subject: FW: Protected Bike Lanes to connect Expo Line

From: John Ruby [mailto:john5ruby@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Ida, Art <art.ida@culvercity.org>
Subject: Protected Bike Lanes to connect Expo Line

Hello,

I am a Los Angeles resident and an avid biker. I think it is a wonderful idea to add more protected bike lanes to Culver City.

My wife is it comfortable biking on the busy LA streets and I have a one year old son that I'd love to take on bike rides in protected bike lanes where we can feel safe.

Let's continue to offer other transportation options around LA besides climbing into cars.

John Ruby

Bruins, Eric

From: Stacey Hardke <staceyhardke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Bruins, Eric
Subject: Bike Path Feedback

Hi Eric,

My name is Stacey Hardke, I'm a homeowner in the Arts District (Roberts Ave.) I'm writing to offer my full support of the expo-to-downtown bicycle connector. I'm a former resident of NYC, where the protected bike path was successfully implemented. I've also been fortunate enough to visit and experience bicycling Amsterdam. I strongly believe if you pave the way for locals to use bikes safely, our community will adjust and innovate.

I have two additional thoughts:

1) I think it would be greatly beneficial if the bike path was shaded with awnings. With LA's excruciating heat, and with skin cancer on the rise, I could see that deterring people from exercising the bicycle option.

2) Having attended several City Hall/TOD Vision meetings, I keep hearing great concern for emergency assistance during heavy traffic times (particularly among the elderly civilians, of which there are many). If Culver City is creating protected bike paths, perhaps we could consider amending the idea of a Motorcycle Ambulance, and initiate an Electric Bike Ambulance team.

Motorcycle EMS:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_ambulance

E-Bike EMS :

<https://israelrescue.org/blog/electric-bike-to-the-rescue-emt-e-bike-rider-saves-5-month-old-infant/>

Thanks very much for providing the demonstration this last weekend, and I look forward to more discussions on this development.

Stacey Hardke
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