

Resolution Calling for a Bike Safe Westwood Boulevard

Whereas Westwood Boulevard is the most important street in the neighborhood of UCLA;

Whereas between 2007 and 2013, 46 collisions involving cyclists were recorded on Westwood Boulevard; And whereas In LA county the average rate of collisions involving bicycles is 0.24 per mile per year, on Westwood Blvd the rate is 3.5 collisions per mile per year;

Whereas well-designed bicycle corridors have proven to significantly reduce collisions involving cyclists;

Whereas an increase in bicycling commuters leads to fewer car trips and less congestion, improving the quality of life for all and breaking the vicious cycle of ever increasing vehicular traffic;

Whereas UCLA and the City of Los Angeles take great pride in their efforts to promote physical wellness and environmental sustainability;

Whereas many local stakeholders and homeowners support solutions which offer more choices for all road users and contribute to a better streetscape for Westwood Boulevard;

Be it resolved, therefore, we call on the City of Los Angeles to implement Westwood Boulevard bike routes as envisioned in the 2010 Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan;

Therefore, we call on the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to immediately implement share the lane markings (greenback sharrows) on Westwood Blvd between Santa Monica and Pico Boulevards;

Therefore, and ultimately, we call on City Councilmember Paul Koretz to direct the LADOT to conduct an engineering study of bike infrastructure design options for the entire length of Westwood Boulevard so that it can become a truly "Great Street" for UCLA and its surrounding community. The status quo is simply unacceptable and we call for significant and urgent improvement.