

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

December 11, 2019

Agenda Item #9

MOTION IN REGARD TO OPPOSING BICYCLE LANES ON WESTWOOD BOULEVARD

The WWNC voted several years ago to oppose a bike lane on Westwood Blvd. For safety reasons and because Gayley is the route to the UCLA Reagan Hospital and is opposed by Westwood Hills POA, there is no reason to reconsider our vote. Conditions that existed at the time of our vote have not changed. When the Purple Line opens and if vehicle and bus trips have changed, the WWNC position could be revisited. However, any proposal should be supported by a thorough roadway and traffic capacity analysis. Such analysis did not accompany the NWWNC motion.

This was a long and hard fought battle. The map showing no bike lane on Westwood Blvd. between Wellworth and LeConte or on Gayley is embedded in the Mobility Plan 2035. It is an element of the City of LA's General Plan and requires complete analysis by LADOT and Planning to revise it.

CD 5 supports no bike lane on Westwood Blvd. Gayley is undecided due to its width, traffic, and trauma center. Any action to reactivate any bike lane should wait until the impacts of the Purple line are known.

We are all stakeholders in Westwood Village and the Persian Square area south of Wilshire, as are all of the thousands of stakeholders the WWNC represents within our boundaries. Therefore, a motion to maintain the WWNC's current position on the Westwood Blvd. and Gayley Ave. bike lanes is before you and no change to the current map is requested.

Reference:

The following motion was recently passed by the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.

“Our bike lane resolution:

Whereas the NWWNC is the sole and exclusive duly elected neighborhood council within whose boundaries Gayley Ave and Westwood Blvd north of Ohio fall, and

Whereas Gayley Ave and Westwood Blvd fall outside the geographic borders of the Westwood Neighborhood Council, and

Whereas the NWWNC is uniquely responsible for protecting the safety and welfare of the stakeholders of the UCLA, Westwood Village, and Persian Square communities which would benefit from safe bike lanes

Be it resolved that the NWWNC express support for protected bike lanes on Gayley Ave and Westwood Blvd being included in the first mile/last mile considerations by LA Metro

And be it further resolved that the NWWNC moreover urge all relevant parties to implement a bicycle lane on Westwood Blvd that connects from the UCLA campus through the southernmost portion of our council area as quickly as possible, and ideally even before first mile/last mile implementation

And be it further resolved that the NWWNC invites LA Metro to send a representative to our January or February board meeting to engage with our community’s concerns.”