

Title: Road Reconfiguration & Safety Improvements on La Tijera Item No. <u> 1 </u>
Meeting date: 10/26/21
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Committee Vote (if appropriate): In Favor
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? <u> </u> Yes <u> x </u> No
Additional documents attached? <u> </u> Yes <u> x </u> No

RECOMMENDATION:

Vote “Yes” in favor of road reconfiguration and Safety Improvements on La Tijera from Thornburn Ave to Sepulveda that will implement bike lanes as well as bus platforms that are safe for cyclists and riders.

BACKGROUND:

As we move into the future with the modernization of LAX and with the Olympics on the horizon, we need to think about our community and how to keep it a livable neighborhood within the city of Los Angeles. One way to do that is by making our streets safer for cyclists which would in turn help take cars off the road and make Westchester / Playa a bike friendly neighborhood. Manchester is in the works, and La Tijera is also a great road to implement change. La Tijera is on the City’s High Injury Network between La Cienega and Thornburn Ave. West of the 405, the street currently has no street parking and very few driveways...optimal conditions for protected bike lanes. Our residents would also benefit from reduced car traffic and cars being further away from residences.

DISCUSSION:

La Tijera will be repaved in the fiscal year 2021-22 per the City’s 2035 Mobility Plan. This is a prime opportunity to reconfigure La Tijera. The plan would be to potentially remove the center turn lane that is under utilized (there is even enough room to narrow the turn lane instead of full removal), due to lack of driveways and the removal of one vehicle traffic lane on the Northbound side of La Tijera to make room for protected bike lanes.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

- No fiscal cost to the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa.
- StreetsLA will be repaving La Tijera in 2021-22 so this would be an additional expense by the city
- Traffic patterns have been studied and this is a viable option for La Tijera

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Request that the Council Office work with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to implement bike lanes on La Tijera between Thornburn Street and Sepulveda Bl per the City's 2035 Mobility Plan when StreetsLA repaves the street in Fiscal Year 21-22.

While we recognize that the planned repaving is only from Thornburn to 74th, this is an opportunity to go 1.4 miles further to the West and make La Tijera safer for all users from the 405 to Sepulveda.

La Tijera is on the City's High Injury Network between La Cienega and Thornburn. West of the 405, the street currently has no street parking and very few driveways, optimal conditions for a protected bike lane. Our residents would also benefit from reduced car traffic and cars being further away from residences.

We support the potential removal of a center turn lane that is under utilized, given the lack of driveways and the removal of one vehicle traffic lane on the Northbound side of the street to make room for protected bike lanes. We also ask that you implement bus platforms in a way that is safe for cyclists and bus riders.