

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Nancy Arcuri <nancyarcuri@thecitizensvoice.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:22 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2A SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects Funding Agreements and Authorize Task Order for 710 Mobility Improvement Project and Program Management

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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**From:** Nancy Arcuri <nancyarcuri@thecitizensvoice.net>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 2:16 PM  
**Subject:** 2A SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects Funding Agreements and Authorize Task Order for 710 Mobility Improvement Project and Program Management  
**To:** Vincent D. Chang <[vichang@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:vichang@montereypark.ca.gov)>

Monterey Park City Council and Staff

On your Agenda for this meeting dated February 16 is 2A a major life changing event for our residents, our business owners and other local cities located near our hometown.

I realize that this 710 Mobility Improvement Project has been discussed at many meetings over the years.

Many residents and business owners have not had a chance to voice their opinions and concerns since the COVID-19 virus and other various viruses have caused our City Hall to be closed to us tax paying voters.

Since this issue is too important for you to decide over ZOOM I strongly request you table this very important matter until we all can attend Public Meetings at City Hall.

Tonight this Council will be advised to vote on 3C that the Los Angeles County has stated that our City Hall will be closed down until March 31, 2022.

Thank you,  
Nancy Arcuri  
1021 Mooney Drive, Monterey Park CA 91755  
626-571-8553

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**From:** Jimmy Lau <jlau8567@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jimmy Lau.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Lau

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**From:** Yanna Ko <anna.yeha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 12, 2022 7:56 PM  
**To:** Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; MPCLerk; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** Council Meeting - Lane Expansions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good Evening,

I am a resident of Monterey Park and am writing in concern with the multiple lane expansions to "mitigate traffic and ease congestion."

Adding more lanes does NOT cure congestion. It just makes congestion worse as more lanes and more access encourages more usage of these roads. Other states and countries have done lane expansions for the purpose of "reducing congestion" but it's clear from those examples that it has only exacerbated congestion. Has anybody looked into the effects of other lane expansions?

Funding would be used more wisely if we invest in better alternative transit systems that would encourage people to drive less, which would lead to less congestion. This will also help with the climate crisis (less air and water pollution) and we wouldn't have to spend so much on gas while the oil companies are price gouging us, making billions in profits and pretending that it's due to "inflation."

I recall from an earlier council meeting that there are plans to get rid of street parking for some businesses, which I don't think would be a good idea for those businesses especially if there is no easily available parking close by. Parking **availability** is one of the MAJOR things I consider before I even go to a store. We can all say that getting rid of that parking would encourage walking/biking/etc, but not exactly realistic for people who don't live close by or if they just don't have time for some exercise after coming home from work or taking care of family, thus business will take a hit. Please take consideration of parking availability when we don't have the transit systems that will take us where we want to go.

Regards,  
Anna Yeh

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Tammy Sam <tammy.sam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 12, 2022 9:30 PM  
**To:** Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; MPCLerk  
**Subject:** I oppose Item 2A - 710 North Mobility Project  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20220212-212906\_Gallery.jpg; Screenshot\_20220212-212736\_Gallery.jpg

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi all,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the lane expansion within this item's proposal. Monterey Park is a small town. Why are we even considering turning Garvey into a 6 lane unofficial highway? That will destroy any chance of having a truly walkable/bike able downtown. Can you guys share some examples of where a 6 lane highway has a great walkable downtown?

Atlantic will feel like Rosemead Blvd, between the 10 and the 60. Speeds will be increased. Garvey will feel like Beverly Blvd, where you cannot really walk from block to block. I attached screenshots and the videos are posted on Monterey Park Life, which I know most of you are on. One is of Rosemead Blvd, between the 10 and 60. I had to shout to be heard on the video. Big trucks were using the road as a freeway alternative. Extra wear and tear on the roads. Extra greenhouse emissions and pollution for our town. I know the study showed less greenhouse gas emissions, but I think they mean for the region with cars idling for a shorter period of time. Since the proposal is to ease regional congestion by sacrificing our roads, we would be disproportionately impacted by greenhouse emissions. The other video is of Uptown Whittier. Reducing to one travel lane and one angled parking creates a beautiful, walkable neighborhood. You can grab ice cream after dinner with the kids or drinks with friends, all accessible by walking.

On Garvey, we currently have 4 travel lanes, 2 parking lanes, and 1 median/turning lane for 7 lanes total. Angled parking takes up about 1.5 lanes. If we do 1 travel lane and angle lane in each direction, that is 5 lanes. Add 1 median/turning lane and we will have 6 lanes. We will net 1 whole lane, which we can use for integrated bike infrastructure. Our sidewalks do not need to be narrowed at all. Maybe we can reserve some space in the parking structure for Metro rental bikes. Then I can rent a bike at one of the parking structures, meander through Garvey, and return my bike at another parking structure.

My suggestion does not solve the issue of the 710 congestion. My suggestion is purely for developing Monterey Park into a beautiful, walkable, bikeable town with lots of small businesses. A placemaking solution that people would love to experience. People come to LA and visit Hollywood and Santa Monica. Let's make Monterey Park so specular that it makes it onto LA must do lists. We cannot do that if we decide to shoulder the burden of the 710 congestion. No amount of money is worth it.

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**From:** E Holguin <eh2162att@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Feb 16 Garvey Lane Expansion vote

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

# NO!

Edgar Holguin  
379 Casuda Canyon Dr, Monterey Park, CA 91754

NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Lorenzo Mutia <lrmutia@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:54 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Re: Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello again, I wanted to add to my comments I sent on the matter of Item 2A. Some other potential projects to consider are:

Implementation of a parking-protected bike-lane, which maintains or creates new on-street parking that will serve as the “barrier” to protect people using mobility devices like bicycles and scooters along Garvey

Widened sidewalks, improved transit infrastructure, multi-lingual pedestrian signage, inclusion in the regional bike-share system

Intersection tightening, leading-pedestrian interval at crosswalks with traffic lights, speed tables to slow down traffic

There are multitudes of options that do not lead to making Garvey a 6-lane lite-highway.

Lorenzo Mutia

On Feb 14, 2022, at 2:43 PM, Lorenzo Mutia <lrmutia@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Lorenzo Mutia I am a frequent visitor of Monterey Park- one of many who may not live there but certainly patronize businesses, particularly along major streets like Garvey and Atlantic— but especially the former. I grew up going to Monterey Park for Lunar New Year celebrations and its world-renowned food options.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make your streets more dangerous for everyone— not just residents of Monterey Park but visitors.

For Monterey Park’s “downtown,” a project that prioritizes pedestrians—people traveling through different means than the single automobile— is much better for the long-term rather than making Garvey an alternate to the 10 Freeway. For example— creating dedicated transit infrastructure like targeted bus lanes for Metro’s Line 70 and your city’s municipal bus— can make it easier to get to

Monterey Park outside of driving. People spend more money on foot than by driving. I currently drive to Monterey Park for the majority of my trips but largely because the city is not well connected to the regional transit system. I am surprised there hasn't been a push to build or create a J-Silver Line / Silver Streak stop (or stops) for Monterey Park. It would be a boon to people traveling from as far as San Pedro and North Hollywood- not just for people without cars but people like me with cars who don't or can't drive them that far.

Sincerely,  
Lorenzo Mutia

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Olivia Eng <oliviaeng.yoga@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:26 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Olivia.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Olivia Eng

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**From:** Jonathan <jonathan\_tran@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:32 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers, My name is Venise Lo. As a business owner who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses.

Sincerely,

Venise Lo

Owner of Nha Hang Nha Trang restaurant on Garvey.

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**From:** Evelina Fernandez <evelinafern@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:46 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Evelina Fernandez.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Evelina Fernandez

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**From:** Victor Luo <lightindragon920@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 3:44 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Victor Luo.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Victor Luo

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**From:** Tara Kwan <tarakwantk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey Lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Tara Kwan. I have been a resident of Monterey Park since 2000 and have grown up in this city

I writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. It is a myth that adding lanes on Garvey will decrease traffic. Instead, the additional lanes will increase traffic over time which will affect our city's charm and make the streets less safe for our pedestrians as well as cyclists. Streets belong to people, not cars. I do not want any more news stories of pedestrians dying due to a car accident because it is not an accident if the infrastructure prioritizes cars over people

I do want to recognize the minor changes towards the proposal after the March meeting which included provisions for bike and bus infrastructure. However, please listen to the overwhelming wave of opposition towards the lane expansion. Garvey Ave does not need to become a new highway or shortcut. Please keep our lanes as 4 lanes and do not increase it to 6 lanes because it will benefit no one- not the residents, not the environment, and not the commuters since traffic will increase in our city.

There is so much better use of this money to build parklets, protected bus lanes, better bus shelters, and more.

Thank you for your time,

Tara Kwan

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**From:** Aida Ash <aashouri@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Aida Ashouri\_.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

This is 2022, it is Well proven that widening streets only contributes to more vehicle traffic, pollution, dangerous streets, and pedestrian fatalities. This knowledge is widely known and this proposal goes against all the movement right now in Transportation. This is a huge mistake instead this area should be more walkable. You should increase transit, you should increase bike lanes, and increase safety instead of this backwards thinking proposal.

Sincerely,  
Aida Ashouri

Sent from a mobile device.

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Jeremy Gozzip <jeremy.gozzip@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; MP Clerk; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jeremy Gozzip and I am a proud second generation resident of Monterey Park.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Instead, I would prefer to see this money invested into the refurbishment of our existing roads and sidewalks, and programs that promote walking over driving. One of the things that I enjoy about living here is the ability to walk to my favorite establishments, stopping to chat with my neighbors who are also out on late afternoon walks. I hope for a future version of Monterey Park where my children can also safely enjoy our pedestrian infrastructure.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Gozzip

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**Jeremy Gozzip**

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[jeremy.gozzip@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.gozzip@gmail.com)

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**From:** Ngo Michael <mykongo62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:51 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Michael Ngo,

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Michael Ngo

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Leslie Toy <lesliedtoy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:53 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Leslie Toy, and I'm reaching out to oppose the lane expansion and building of additional parking garages in Monterey Park.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,

Leslie Toy

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Andre V. <iamjewtino@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:53 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions.

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Ross Rivas and I am a frequent visitor and foodie of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight.

Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic and pollution in the community. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone, especially people who are biking and walking.

If you need to add lanes to Garvey, make them protected bike lanes, rather than car/truck lanes. That way more people will get out of their cars and use bicycles instead, thereby alleviating vehicular traffic, reducing air pollution & noise, and making Monterey Park safer for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Ross Rivas

## MP Clerk

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**From:** TAD A KATO <tkato1@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 5:03 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is \_\_tad kato\_\_.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Tad Kato

Sent from my iPhone 13 Pro Max  
NEW E-mail: tkato1@icloud.com  
Ph: 626/278-9927  
Fax: 877/347-4406  
Go Kings Go!

## MPCLerk

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**From:** nitadiaz <nitadiaz@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 5:14 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in OPPOSITION

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Maria Elena Diaz. I live and work in Monterey Park.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena Diaz, RN  
984 S Ynez Avenue  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Kanica Phok <kpochako@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 5:38 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Kanica.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Kanica

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Nashrah Ahmed <nashraha@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 5:39 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Nashrah.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Nashrah

Sent from my iPhone

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Paris Patterson-Garner <coro.pattersongarner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:09 PM  
**To:** Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; MPCLerk; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Paris Patterson-Garner,

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
[Name]

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Paris Patterson-Garner  
(323) 719-8338  
Coro Fellow Alum | Class of 2019 | Coro Southern California

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Danny Woo <dcwoo15@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:16 PM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

City Councilmembers,

My name is Danny Woo. I have been a resident of Monterey Park for over 35 years and a homeowner for the last 12.

I am deeply disappointed that our calls opposing the elimination of street parking making Garvey Avenue have been ignored. I am deeply disappointed that this city council does not prioritize the safety of the people they serve. It is also troubling that you all choose to ignore decades worth of research debunking the myth that more lanes = less traffic. My grandfather lost his life during his routine morning walk to an inattentive driver in Monterey Park. I'd hate for anyone to be a victim or lose their loved one as a direct result of your decision to pass this reckless proposal.

I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Danny Woo

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Carmen Gosey <coro.gosey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:26 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Carmen Gosey.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Gosey

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**From:** Brandon Yim <byim1189@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:28 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Brandon Yim,

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Thank you.

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Brianna Dau - she, her, hers <bllrdau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 6:50 PM  
**To:** Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; MPClerk; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Brianna Dau.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish as well as endangering pedestrians and local community members.

Sincerely,  
Brianna Dau

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Leonard Lee <llee15@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:23 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Leonard Lee. As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Specifically, the widening of Garvey will merely result in more cars using Garvey as a highway thoroughfare, most likely pre-dominantly from outside commuters. Thinking of adding bike lanes on Monterey Pass Road? The road that commuters use to access the 10 freeway? This would be nothing more than a death trap for bicyclists. The traffic congestion would be even worst with bicyclists on this road. Do you think widening our streets and roads will prevent jaywalking by our senior citizens? May I suggest a get tough on jay-walking policy by issuing citations instead. The word will spread very fast amongst the community, and then it'll drop dramatically.

Sincerely,

Leonard Lee  
53 years Monterey Park resident.

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Jimmy Do <jshawdo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:46 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** I oppose Garvey Lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Jimmy. I am a resident of Monterey Park and have been for my whole life (37 years).

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I'd rather see more pedestrian friendly options to make Monterey Park a more safe and walkable city. I'd rather see money spent on parks and places that are more kid/infant friendly.

Sincerely,

Jimmy

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Stefanie Dare <skdare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:47 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Stefanie Dare. I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Instead, I'd like to see better street/sidewalk repairs for infrastructure purposes before tackling what to do with the streets on Garvey. Many elderly visitors and residents often shop at the small businesses locally and adding more lanes will become more risky and dangerous. This [article](#) supports how detrimental it can be with how driving speeds have increased regardless of limits in place. Once again, I implore you to please vote NO on Item 2-A.

Sincerely,  
Stefanie Dare

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Kevin Chung Lee Cheng <kcheng00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:49 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Kevin Cheng and I've lived in Monterey Park for 33 out of my 37 years. I plan on living here for another 30+ years.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone. It will hurt businesses who are Garvey Ave. facing because no one will stop when there's no street parking. It will invite more and more cars to drive down Garvey as an alternative to the 10 freeway with no positive outcome for the residents of Monterey Park.

Monterey Park needs to expand its sidewalks and increase walkability. Every high value city in Los Angeles County is trying to move cars off the road and increase walkability/safety. Shouldn't we do the same?

Sincerely,  
Kevin Cheng

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Andy Fung <barvhart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:56 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Andy Fung.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Wider, faster streets will be more dangerous for Monterey Park residents. Many older adults and children walk to local shops, schools, and public places. They cross Garvey, Atlantic, and Garfield to reach these essential destinations. The City already has a well-documented safety problem on these streets. Almost every year a pedestrian is killed walking across these corridors.

We must take into consideration the well-being of residents, which will likely be harmed by this lane expansion. Pollution will be increased due to the increased number of cars, and higher speeds will cause more accidents (especially with pedestrians).

Sincerely,  
Andy

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Asenath Nakayama <asenathn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 8:17 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Asenath Nakayama. I am a resident of Monterey Park and have gone to school and grown up here

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I would like more crosswalks and safer bike lanes to accommodate those who do not drive.

Sincerely,

Asenath Nakayama

Thank you,  
Asenath Nakayama Do  
asenathn@gmail.com  
626.807.2137

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Jan Lee <jklee28@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 8:59 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

I have resided in Monterey Park since the early 1970s and experienced the increase in traffic on our city streets. However, adding additional lanes will not ease traffic congestion. It will increase commuter traffic and deter residents from patronizing businesses on Garvey Ave. Please consider the health and safety of our local residents who walk along and cross Garvey Ave. to attend school and shop in our city.

Sincerely,  
Jan Lee

Sent from my iPad

## MP Clerk

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**From:** JaimeRodriguez <jaimeeagle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:01 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk  
**Cc:** JAIME RODRIGUEZ  
**Subject:** Oppose 3 lane expansions in Monterey Park

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Oppose 3 lane expansion/additions

Subject: VOTE NO on Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane expansion/additions

Dear Mayor Lo,

Fred Sornoso, Mayor Pro-Tem

Hans Liang, Council Member At-Large

Peter Chan, Council Member At-Large

Yvonne Liu, Council Member, District 2

My name is Jaime Rodriguez. I am a resident of Monterey Park of many years. My children attended the local schools that my grandchildren now attend. I am also proud that I was once a Commissioner of The Community Relations Commission of Monterey Park.

I am writing to respectfully request and strongly urge that you VOTE NO on Item 2-A tonight. I join with my family, relatives, friends and local businesses in agreement that adding lanes on Garvey Av. will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for students, the elderly, joggers, dog walkers, bicyclists, shoppers, tourists, visitors and other drivers.

Other cities we have visited that have thriving business districts, curbside parking and currently do not have the dangerous lane expansion/additions: Pasadena, Alhambra and Whittier Ca.

Thank you,

Jaime Rodriguez

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Shirley Woo <swootennis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:34 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

I am a retired teacher and have lived in Monterey Park for over 35 years.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

The congestion created by the additional lanes will hurt us. As it is now, I avoid driving on Garvey during rush hours. I can't imagine what it would be like if there were 6 lanes! We would not be able to make that quick trip to the market or our favorite store because there is no parking on the streets. Let's try to find an alternative use of the funds such as repaving the residential streets rather than just patching them.

Sincerely,

Shirley Woo

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Steve Milo <stevemilo7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:49 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

As a resident of Monterey Park, I'm opposed to the the Garvey, Garfield, and Atlantic road expansions. I think it's wrong that the residents have been excluded from the decision making process. Please vote no. It's not safe. People already get hit by cars and die way too often on those roads and businesses will suffer. I've witnessed near accidents there between cars and pedestrians myself as well. If more cars move through faster, things will get worse.

Steve Miloszewski

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Yueyang Jiang <y.jiang1028@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:28 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk  
**Subject:** I oppose Garvey lane addition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Yueyang . I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Thanks,

Yueyang

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Nicolas Han Tran <hktran@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:49 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Nicolas Tran.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Tran]

**MPCLerk**

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**From:** Sherene Chou <schoumsrd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:33 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

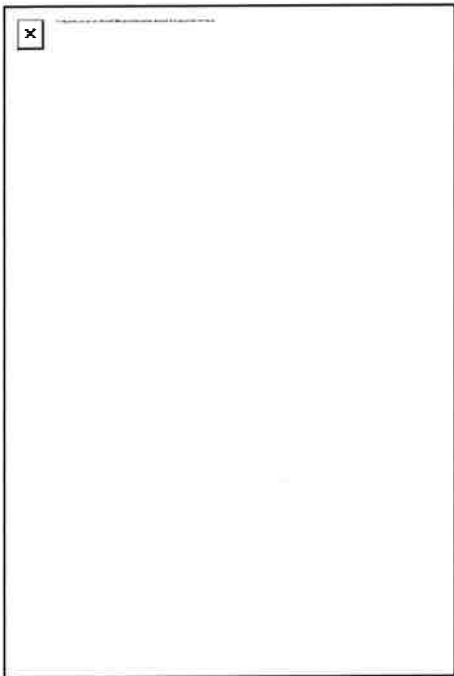
My name is Sherene Chou. I was born and raised in Monterey Park and also served as Miss Monterey Park years ago. I love my city and have chosen to raise my family here as well. I've been a resident of Monterey Park for almost 40 years.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

As a new mom, I look forward to daily walks with my baby to get some exercise and to help improve my mental health. I know that so many residents rely on walking and biking as their primary means for getting around to local shops, eateries, the park, post office and banks. When I was pregnant, I was nearly run over on Garvey and I can only imagine how much more dangerous our streets will be with added traffic and lanes. I strongly oppose the lane additions and would like to see more investment in public infrastructure for bike lanes, increasing the walkability of our streets and sidewalks and preserving the community feel of our neighborhoods.

This lane expansion project does not have the community in mind. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,  
Sherene Chou



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## MPCLerk

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**From:** Elizabeth Yip <elizabethyip1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:28 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey additional lanes

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Elizabeth Yip and I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

- 1) the construction of these lanes will cause additional disturbances to the already congested traffic I experience daily. It usually takes 15 min to drive 2 miles.... Come on now.
- 2) once created- people will drive more recklessly- they would want to speed up. Speedy driving at night with open lanes.. that's extremely dangerous.
- 3) improve other aspects on Monterey park such as focusing on crime- like the converters being stolen. There has been an influx of more crime and suspicious individuals. Please divert the attention to keeping the city safe instead of adding more traffic time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Yip

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Ismael Vargas <ismael.a.vargas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 7:55 AM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Ismael Vargas, I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I would like to see more pedestrian infrastructure, protected bike lanes and improved public transportation.

Sincerely,

Ismael Vargas

1677 Alisar Avenue

Monterey Park, CA 91755

## MP Clerk

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**From:** David Wong <teriyaki\_dave@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:03 AM  
**To:** MP Clerk  
**Subject:** Garvey Expansion

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

It is not big enough and already too much traffic. I vote against this.

Regards,

David Wong  
1473 Arriba Dr  
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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Brian Kim <brian1215@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:22 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Brian Kim.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Brian

## **MPCLerk**

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**From:** Tammy Scorgia <ataprestammyscorcia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:25 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Tammy Scorgia,

I am not a resident of Monterey Park, but have worked as a teacher in the city for almost 25 years and call this area my second home. As a teacher I know the dangers that face our students and their families due to dangerous road conditions and pollution as the children enjoy this great city and all it has to offer.

The proposed spending of \$100 million in funding to widen the downtown streets seems will only harm those who work and live in the city, as well as making it difficult for local businesses to thrive.

I am asking you to reconsider this move for the sake of all who work and live in Monterey Park.

Sincerely,

Tammy Scorgia

President

Alhambra Teachers Association

Gender Pronouns: (She, Her, Hers)

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Krishna Murti <siangtlie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:32 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Siang Lie. I am a resident of Monterey Park

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I would like Garvey Avenue be developed into friendly pedestrians and shopping area like Main Street in Alhambra

Sincerely,  
Siang Lie

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## MPCLerk

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**From:** Barbara <barbarais1337@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:48 AM  
**To:** Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; MPCLerk; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Barbara Ngai and I was born and raised in Monterey Park.

I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and then adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses. You will see more people hit and killed by cars every year. How can anyone sleep at night knowing they took part in making our streets more dangerous for the community?

Sincerely,  
Barbara Ngai

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Nicole Duong <nicolelduong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:00 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I OPPOSE Garvey lane Additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Nicole. I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A this evening. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic, in fact, it will increase traffic overtime and ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park making our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Adding another lane and eliminating street parking would also devalue the city - Monterey Park would no longer be a pedestrian-friendly business hub, but a pass-through city of commuters. Businesses in Monterey Park thrive because we can park in front of storefronts and for the most part, can avoid speeding traffic. Adding another lane would put an end to that. Not to mention, more cars means more pollution which no one wants.

Best,  
Nicole

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Ed Tsang <cyberewt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:39 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Council Members,

My name is Edward Tsang and I am a resident of Monterey Park. I am writing to ask you to vote NO on item 2-A Wednesday night. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our street more dangerous for everyone. It would not be hard to imagine a widened Garvey Avenue acting as a bypass to the I-10 freeway especially during rush hours.

Instead, the money earmarked for Garvey lane additions should be used to make downtown Monterey Park a vibrant and pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. Adding more green spaces and improving pedestrian and bike infrastructure would bring more foot traffic to the local businesses along Garvey Avenue.

Sincerely,  
Edward Tsang

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Phil Timoteo <phil@apifm.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:53 AM  
**To:** Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; MPClerk; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Phil Timoteo.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Phil Timoteo

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**Phil Timoteo** *(He/Him)*

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## MP Clerk

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**From:** Ai Hsieh <hsieha@oxy.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:01 AM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Amanda Hsieh and I am a resident in the San Gabriel Valley. As a resident, I care about not only the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, but also the safety of my neighbors and the health of my friends and family. Funding that goes into removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish. Data has been shown that a multimobile approach is more practical and is more efficient in preventing congestion in the long term. I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Hsieh

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Charles "Buck" Stapleton <buckstapleton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:12 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Cc:** Henry Lo; Mike Fong; Mike Eng  
**Subject:** Vote no on Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Council Members:

I strongly urge you to vote no on this proposal that increases the traffic to Monterey Park.

I moved to Monterey Park from Los Angeles to live in a city that does not contract out to Los Angeles County and owns its own police and fire department to live in a safer city.

As a former Los Angeles Police Officer I can tell you that by doing so this will not improve our city but rather, provide better access for those intending to do harm to our city and increase burglaries and street crime.

Please vote no on 2A.

Thank you for your consideration

Charles "Buck" Stapleton

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Jennifer Lee <jennifel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:15 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jennifer Lee. I am a nearly lifelong resident of Monterey Park, a graduate of Mark Keppel, and now a homeowner with a young family of my own.

I returned to my hometown to raise my daughter in a safe neighborhood. I expect our local leadership to care about the safety of our streets, to prioritize local residents and their ability to travel by foot, to think about pollution in our city and the impact that certain decisions will have on the quality of our air.

I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community, our local businesses and our residents.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Lee

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Amy Hung <ahung6168@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:25 AM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Item 2A – OPPOSE Garvey Lane Additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Henry Lo and City Council members,

My name is Amy Hung, homeowner and concerned resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote **NO** on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will **NOT** decrease traffic. In fact, it will worsen traffic and increase pollution over time. Also, widening Garvey will provide better access for those intending to do harm to our city and increase burglaries and street crime. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Please consider and support projects like pedestrian infrastructure, public transportation and protected bike lanes which bring the much needed support for active transportation in place of more car lanes.

Please vote **NO** on Item 2-A.

Thank you,  
Amy

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Katie Wang <katiewuwang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:45 AM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Katie Wang.

As a homeowner who cares a lot about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe, and the health of my loved ones, I ask you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only harm our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Katie

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Jennifer Tang <jenniferlovetang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

Aside from the obvious safety and environmental concerns of approving the lane expansion portion of the Garvey Ave. proposal, doing so **would NOT alleviate traffic. If your goal is to lessen congestion, this is not the way to achieve that.**

Increasing Garvey to six lanes will bring more cars, more pollution to our neighborhood streets, and worsen congestion. It would not be hard to imagine a widened Garvey Avenue acting as a bypass for the 10 Freeway.

It seems counterintuitive, but it's based on an economic concept called induced demand. Basically what that means is that if you increase the amount of road space, then you increase how much people will drive. Traffic engineers have documented this since the 1960s, and dozens of studies have proven that when governments devote more space to driving, more drivers will come. The current proposal would expand Garvey's capacity by 50%, therefore incentivizing 50% more drivers to take Garvey during rush hour, rather than staying on the 10 freeway or seeking other modes of transit.

Please do not make an ill-informed decision and do your due diligence with understanding induced demand.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tang

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Rose Scobie <rosescobie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:53 AM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Rose Scobie,

I am a third generation Monterey Park resident and I deeply care about the environment in my city and the safety of my children. Please STOP the plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Getting rid of street parking and adding additional lanes will hurt our community and the local businesses we cherish. Please reconsider for the good of our community and the safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Rose Scobie

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Stanley Chu <schu720@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Public comment on Agenda Item No. 2-A for 02/16/22 City Council Meeting

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

This is a public comment on Agenda Item No. 2-A for the February 16, 2022 Monterey Park City Council Meeting.

Although I understand the City Council's desire to access these earmarked transportation improvement funds, it should not be at the expense of the City's residents. The lane addition will cause car traffic in the area to increase, and will bring increased congestion and pollution for City residents. With apps like Waze and Google Maps, increased car traffic will lead to increased traffic into the residential streets during the peak hours, and will not alleviate the traffic going through residential streets. This has bore out time and time again in other places. With traffic going at 35-40 mph, the lane addition will reduce pedestrian safety and will not yield benefits to local businesses. Despite asserting that this plan will ease traffic, the staff report has not put forth evidence or data to support that assertion, and it is concerning that only one bid was received to do the work if the plan is improved. It is furthermore silent on where the parking structure will be built, who it will impact for better or worse, and this plan either has not been sufficiently thought out, or the information has not been shared. We should not assume that "if we build it, they will come," and consider the long term city planning goals in the process, rather than take the money in the short term and have any consequences of these choices be the next city council's problem.

For all of the reasons above, I urge the City Council to vote against approving Item 2-A, and to take time to rethink the approach for later discussion.

Concerned City Resident

Stanley Chu

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Jack Ruebensaal <jdlse@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:01 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Cc:** Jack Ruebensaal  
**Subject:** Vote NO on 2-A

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers

My name is Jack Ruebensaal and I have been a resident of Monterey Park for 15 years. I moved from the San Fernando Vally to Monterey Park in 2007.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will encourage traffic over time. It will

ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park. One of the reasons I decided to move to Monterey Park was for that very issue. I was looking to move out of a congested areas i.e. Ventura

Blvd. to a more closely knit community, that small town feel that I found in Monterey Park.

From personal experience living near a major thoroughfare will indeed ruin the community feel of our City; making it appear more as an off ramp to the 10 fry, adding to an already

congested street; being that Garvey is already a major thoroughfare through the City. If you believe that this construction will bring added business to Monterey Park you are sadly mistaken.

What it will bring is more congestion, more pollution, and the possibility of higher crime rates.

What in fact what I would like to see developed along Garvey Blvd. is more a pedestrian walkway. A sort of mall effect with limited transportation option i.e. car use and more an

directed traffic pattern. This type of option could further add a more personal neighborhood feel to the city rather than an off ramp to the 10 or a alternative route to drive

East. particularly on a Friday afternoon or evening.

I truly believe that widening Garvey to encourage the increase of traffic will only give Monterey Park a negative image and one that we as permanent residents will not take PRIDE

in our City as do residents in the other surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Jack Ruebensaal

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Emily Ng <emng2016@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:24 AM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

As an urban planner and public health advocate, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Increasing lanes will not ease traffic, and will only decrease the quality of life for your constituents. Rather than providing ineffective traffic infrastructure to out-of-town commuters, the City must invest funds to revitalize the downtown community area and support local businesses through improved pedestrian infrastructure, rather than turn the area into a mini-highway.

Other 710-N cities are renegotiating their projects. The City of San Marino rejected its original \$35 million award after residents recognized that making Huntington Drive even faster for cars would provide no community benefit. The City of Pasadena is renegotiating its \$135 million project award after residents spoke up. It's not too late for Monterey Park to do so, too.

Please put your community first and reevaluate plans for this project.

Sincerely,  
Emily Ng

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Andrew Yip <andrew.f.yip@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:45 AM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** NO TO GARVEY WIDENING PROJECT

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

We've made it clear that as residents, business owners, and patrons here in Monterey Park that we do not want a 6 lane Garvey. Many of the businesses rely on street parking for pick up orders and ease of access for people with disabilities/mobility issues. The parking garages right in the middle of residential neighborhoods would be too much a difference for older folks and people with disabilities. It's ridiculous that the City Council has instead decided to wait a year before bringing it back without adequate community input. This shows me that the city council would rather bring a highway into the MPK to support their big hotels rather than our small businesses.

Once again, do not vote for the widening project. We cannot afford a 10 or 60 freeway bypass that cuts right through the community. We will lose the buffer without street parking. This means cars will be speeding right up to our sidewalks. Please do not vote for such a detrimental project.

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Warm Regards,

*Andrew Fung Yip*

**Cell:** 626-988-3849

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## MP Clerk

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**From:** Louise Fonua <louise@apifm.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Louise.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Louise

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Beverly Dott <violaswamp47@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:02 PM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Beverly Dott.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Dott

Sent from my iPhone

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Sarah Chang <sarahfchang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:11 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2-A Opposition Public Comment (2/16)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Sarah Chang and I am a resident concerned about the health and safety of my neighbors. Item 2-A attempts to use \$100 million funding to widen downtown streets, removing street parking and adding lanes. This can impact the air we breathe each and every day and hurts local businesses in the community.

Rather than spending the funds on expanding roads, I would much rather have improved public transportation or improved walking spaces. This is not only better for physical health of residents, but it also makes Monterey Park more attractive to neighboring cities. It would encourage walking and provide more foot traffic to downtown businesses. I don't want my neighborhood to be a drive through city; I want it to be a safe, enjoyable destination city.

Thank you.

Sarah Chang  
91754

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Isabel Dominguez <isabelmdominguez@yahoo.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:33 PM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers, My name is Isabel Domínguez \_\_\_\_\_. As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish. Sincerely, [Name]

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Je-Show Yang <jeshowy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:34 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Je-Show Yang.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Je-Show Yang

## MPClerk

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**From:** Ron Vazquez <ronvaz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:35 PM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Ron Vazquez. I am a resident of Monterey Park for more than 15 years now. I live near the corner of Garfield and Riggin. It's not a quiet street - worse during rush hour - but it's OK. I walk almost everyday and ride my bike on weekends, negotiating Riggin, Floral, Monterey Pass Road, Garvey and Orange as part of my two-wheeled route in the morning.

I'm glad that there are plans to add more bike lanes. However, I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight because adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

There are so many examples of European communities that are planned to promote a healthy lifestyle, putting emphasis on alternative modes of mobility like bicycling - even during Winter, in fact - and avoiding the dictates of dated thinking. The equation is pretty simple, more cars and trucks on our streets will mean more noise and pollution, more potential for accidents and deaths/injury. It will also demote any idea of a healthy lifestyle that most of our city residents actually need. There are also quite a few American examples, if that's your thing. But if only to understand and get a feel for what this is all about, check out "Not Just Bikes" on Youtube. It provides a lot of insight on both the pros and cons of living a life bike-centric. View a few of the posts there. If nothing else, it's an educational treat.

Sincerely,

Ron V.

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Gregory Moss <gdmmail91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Gregory Moss.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish. Plus, the additional traffic will be way too close to the Highlands elementary school, which causes me concern for the safety of our children as they attempt to walk to and from school. There is no doubt in my mind that this unwarranted and unjustifiable expansion of Garvey Ave. will only encourage additional traffic to flow around Highlands school, especially if the terminus of the 710 freeway is relocated to the 10 freeway. We already have way too many cars that speed around the school and fail to stop at clearly marked intersections (as required by law). But with the additional traffic that will now "offload" from the Ramona exit we will have even more people driving recklessly through this area in an attempt to quickly get to Garvey Ave. Yes, I know that Garvey can be quickly reached from the Ramona exit, but as that intersection becomes jammed with too many motorists--as currently happens at the Valley Blvd. and Fremont Ave. intersection in Alhambra--motorists will look for alternatives to bypass this intersection as well! Thus, the area around the Highlands school will become another speedway as motorists attempt to reach Garvey from this direction, too! Why is the council so determined to find out the "hard way" that this what will happen? Once the project is done, it will be next to impossible, if not outright impossible, to undo the damage caused by this unwarranted expense and unjustifiable change to Garvey! We MUST "error" on the side of caution and NOT do this project! To not do so is clearly foolish and just plain dumb!

I not only urge a no vote, I demand that this project be permanently shelved. Period.

Sincerely,  
Gregory Moss

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Paul Kon <pkonkir@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:47 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Paul Konkirati. I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I am a avid biker and would like to see more bike lanes put in the City. I would be great to share this hobby with my kid someday. I usually use Garvey to shop locally or to bike to river path for exercise. If you decide to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> lane please add a bike lane to promote people to bike. If you don't please add a bike lane on Garvey all we ask is the min 5' bike lane.

Sincerely,  
Paul Konkirati

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Hannah Locop <hlocop1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Hannah,

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Locop

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Lizz Duenas <lizzduenas7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Elizabeth Duenas. I am a resident of Monterey Park at 215 W Hammel St, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone. I drive on Garvey often, and see no need for additional lanes, which would cause harm.

It would be nice to ensure bike lanes, clearly marked streets, etc. for pedestrian traffic.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Duenas

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Laura Gallegos <seyla1987c@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:03 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Laura

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish. Please listen to the constituents of this city, you will make a huge mistake if you vote yes on this measure. You should consider alternative mobility projects for the city which will improve the safety of our community and reduce green house gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Laura

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Evette <emk9454@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:16 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk  
**Cc:** Garrett/ ICE 1 Kurai  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Council-members.

My name is Evette Kurai. I am a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I would like to see pedestrian infrastructure, bike lanes, public transportation, and more environmentally responsible solutions to improve the quality of life for the residents of Monterey Park.

Sincerely,

Evette Kurai

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Melissa Chea <melissachea77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Melissa Chea.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Chea

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Shirley Chu <sshhirley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Shirley Chu.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Please do the right thing for the people of Monterey Park. The loss of convenient parking will hurt the local businesses.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Chu

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Shirley Chu <sshhirley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:26 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Dean Ng,

I am a long time resident of Monterey Park.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Dean Ng

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Steven Kan <steven@stevenkan.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:42 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** ITEM 2A: I oppose Garvey Lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Steven Kan. I have been a resident of Monterey Park since 1984. I lived here all my life and have even settled down and purchased a home and now we're a multi generations living in Monterey Park.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not benefit any citizens of this city. We currently have drivers speeding through our city which would only increase if there are 6 lanes. I have people going double the speed limit on a residential street and it's only two lanes.

Monterey Park is working towards a better city for 2040 and I can't imagine how adding 6 lanes can help citizens or businesses. No one will see our city if they speed through it. What can benefit the city will be slower roads, more pedestrian walkways, and protected bike lanes to ensure the safety of our citizens into the future. If we look at our large metro city downtown Los Angeles as a footprint. You can see how the city is decreasing their lanes to increase pedestrian traffic which only helps businesses. If we look north to Pasadena Colorado or Alhambra Main street both major downtown areas are thriving because of pedestrian traffic. Imagine if these streets would turn into Huntington. We would destroy our downtown and most of Monterey Park businesses included.

Sincerely,  
Steven Kan & Sue Kim

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Steven Kan  
626.236.0348

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Josephine Tang <jet.penguin00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:25 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Josephine Tang.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Josephine Tang

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Denise Ballesteros <dballesteros@hsrlegalfund.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:26 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

I was born and raised in Monterey Park and I now live in the house my grandparents bought over 40 years ago a few blocks from the Atlantic/Garvey intersection. I am terrified of what the expansion will do to my neighborhood and the safety of my children. I am also very disappointed that community concerns are being disregarded.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

I strongly believe you should be using the \$100 million to make the streets safer for pedestrians and bikers, and discourage commuters from "cutting through" residential areas. For instance, traffic could be restricted to only residents for streets like mine (Newmark), my in-laws (Mabel), and my parents (El Repetto) because they are already flooded with commuters speeding through. Opening more lanes will only make the problem worse. Also, I am fortunate to live close enough to walk to local stores on Atlantic/Garvey and even sit outside with my two young children. I would be scared to do so with the expanded lanes and if street parking is eliminated. It's already difficult to find parking and I hate imagining what it will be like in the future should you implement your plan. Lastly, I'd love to see the Spirit be revamped to increase accessibility. As a young adolescent, I fondly remember taking the Spirit from Monterey Highlands to Barnes Park to my after school basketball games, the library, or Atlantic Square for a meal.

I care deeply about this city and the potential it has to improve for my children, so I don't think this plan is what's best for my community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Denise Ballesteros*

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## MP Clerk

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**From:** Linda Tang <ltang33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:32 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

As a homeowner who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to please **STOP plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets**. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

In addition, I would like to request that the **City create a subcommittee comprised of residents and advocates to help create a proposed vision/project alternative that will be more beneficial and reflective of the community's needs**.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Tang

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Cindy <pipsqkcyee@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:41 PM  
**To:** Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; MPCLerk  
**Cc:** Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** City Council Feb. 16 - Agenda Item 2A - No 6 lanes on Garvey

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Mayor Lo and Councilmembers,

Our city needs a vision for the future enticing visitors to visit our city to stop, shop, and dine. We residents want quality multi-ethnic shopping, curb appeal, and proud to say we reside in Monterey Park. We definitely do not want to be an alternate highway when Interstate 10 is gridlocked with commuter traffic! I have no vote of confidence in our city's redevelopment when it comes to the Garvey corridor. Prime examples are Garvey and Atlantic with the eyesores of three corners along with Garvey Garfield's downtown area which is a joke. And now, your staff report is proposing six lanes of traffic for approximately 2 miles from Atlantic to New Ave. If passed, you will permanently hurt all the small businesses along Garvey. The city report doesn't even mention the locations of the proposed parking structures! Who owns the properties now? One past one term council member who owns property on Garvey? Even San Marino residents refused the money because they did not want any more traffic on Huntington Dr. That is one of the main reasons Rosemead to the east refused Metro's money.

Shouldn't Metro's plans be to keep commuters on the freeway and to entice commuters to use other sources of transportation such as Metro train, Metrolink, carpooling, etc? They need to educate commuters to think green. Metro needs to beef up security on their metro links because this is stopping ridership. Then the real question then reverts all the way back to why?

I would like information regarding the possible closure of the SR-710 freeway from Interstate 10 to Valley Blvd (where it ends) in the City of Alhambra/Los Angeles/El Sereno. The City of Alhambra has in the past proposed taking the property and turning it into a park <https://www.pasadenastarnews.com/2018/11/26/710-freeway-where-once-a-tunnel-was-proposed-a-regional-park-may-take-root> but has been halted "for now".

In May 2017 <https://www.cityofalhambra.org/313/710-North-Study-Update> the City of Alhambra's website contains an outline of proposals "to alleviate the traffic congestion" by expanding the entrances and exits off Interstate 10 at Fremont Ave., Atlantic Blvd, Garfield Ave., and New Avenue and one of their major streets Mission Blvd. The report says that some kind of "intelligent transportation system/synchronization to Huntington Dr and Montezuma" which to me appears unimaginable.

The report on their first bullet mentions **vaguely** the reconfiguration of Interstate 10 to SR-710 (Valley Blvd). Presently, turning left feeds into the back entrances of Cal State LA campus and west to the City of El Sereno. I am a retired employee with nearly 20 years at CSULA in King Hall (eastern end of campus). I am totally opposed to the complete closure of the SR-710 Stub for several reasons:

- Once CSULA resumes to a normal campus life, the traffic will once again back up from Cesar Chavez to the Ramona exit and snake around under the 710 freeway and over the ramp (Interstate 10) to parking lots at the south end of campus.
- I have not seen nor read nor heard of any outreach of neighboring cities and institutions that are directly affected:
  1. CSULA campus
  2. L.A. Children's Court (left turn to court house, right turn to 710 going south)
  3. L.A. County Sheriff's Headquarters on Eastern
  4. Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center
  5. L.A. County High School for the Arts (location is back end of CSULA campus)

Since retiring in 2012, Cal State LA has expanded their campus at the back end of campus erecting several multi-level parking structures and several Student Housing condos that faces directly above the 710 gap. There are not enough entrances and exits to the campus as it is! Closing the main artery to the back end of campus from the SR-710 from cars coming northbound on the SR-710, cars coming east and west off Interstate 10 will be INSANE once the pandemic is over. I have been stuck in the morning traffic when it is gridlock right under the SR-710 and it's not enjoyable. When gridlock from the SR-710 south occurs, it will feed-off south to exits on Cesar Chavez, Eastern, Atlantic, and Monterey Pass Road.

Metro or Caltrans plans to fix the Ramona Blvd exit by making extra lanes turn left but going under the SR-710 would still be bottle-necked because you cannot expand those two lanes. They definitely need to quickly fix the two right lanes going into one lane because they have the room. I have witnessed too many near accidents due to speeders who must quickly merge.

In conclusion, our city needs a vision for the future of Monterey Park enticing multi-ethnic businesses to shop and dine. We want people to come visit and shop, not the other way around! We might be able to make Atlantic Blvd, the Restaurant Row of the East like La Cienega is to the west. None the less, let Caltrans and Metro determine the fate of traffic flow so that the city's hands are wiped clean of any future litigations.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Yee  
One of the founding members Mark Keppel Alliance

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Sue Wong <suewong991@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:48 PM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Sue Wong

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE GARVEY AVENUE PROJECT- TO PLACE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANES AND REMOVE PARKING LANE.

**It does not benefit the citizens and residents of Monterey Park for the following reasons:**

1. More congestion on the streets of Monterey Park. It invites more commuters to use our community streets as a throughfare from the 10 Freeway off Ramona Avenue to by-pass the congested freeway.
2. A safety issue: more lanes, more cars and more speeding. Even the transition from Ramona to Garvey from 40 mph to 30 mph. Plus more drivers who are in a hurry.
3. For a small city we have enough congestion in our community. This will create more traffic for our city. I don't go out in the early morning hours and during rush hours because of the traffic on our streets. Our main boulevards, Atlantic and Garfield are transition routes for the unfinished 710 Freeway. Who would want to come to Monterey Park when we are stuck in grid-lock?
4. It creates more pollution in the air. We have enough pollution in our city generated by cars. We are already landlocked between the busy 60 and 10 freeways. Think about the health and welfare of our residents.
5. **Removing parking lanes on Garvey Ave. is unreasonable and impractical.** There are restaurants and shops on Garvey Ave that rely on their customers, and patrons to park on Garvey Ave. while they shop, dine and do business. These businesses don't have private lots as the City did not plan for it. To remove parking lanes from Garvey Ave. will have a negative impact for our small businesses on Garvey Ave.
6. Removing parking from Garvey Ave will impact the residents of this community. When visitors and shoppers can't find parking, they will start parking in the residential areas and impact the residents of this city. Do you realize how many cars each family owns? Many of residents have only a parking space and their other cars are parked on the street. There are many multi-family units and apartments in these areas and parking would become a nightmare for residents.
7. It makes no sense to expand additional lanes to Garvey Ave. in Monterey Park for 2 less than 2 miles; only to find yourself back to 2 lane streets as you reach the city of Rosemead. This grand idea to expand would only create traffic flow for a **SHORT** distance and it will cause a **bottleneck** between the city of Monterey Park and Rosemead.

Again, how much thought have you put into this? Does it really support small businesses? Does it bring benefits to Monterey Park? Does it make it safer for Monterey Park residents and visitors? Does it impact the residents living in this area?

Say NO to this project as it is not in the best interest of citizens and families of Monterey Park.

Sincerely,  
Sue Wong  
991 S. Bradshaw Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Steve Fujita <performancemp3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:50 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Garvey

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Please dont expand Garvey. The 10 freeway is already up the street. Why should we have extra traffic and make things worse?

I have been living in Monterey Park since 1976. I have seen it change, some for the better, some worse. This is definitely worse.

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Noelle Yu <noelle.yu095@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:55 PM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Item 2A – OPPOSE Garvey Lane Additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Henry Lo and City Council members,

My name is Noelle Yu, a concerned resident of Monterey Park.

**I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight.** Adding lanes on Garvey will NOT decrease traffic. In fact, it will worsen traffic and increase pollution over time. Also, widening Garvey will provide better access for those intending to do harm to our city and increase burglaries and street crime. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Please consider and support projects like pedestrian infrastructure, public transportation and protected bike lanes which bring the much needed support for active transportation in place of more car lanes.

Please vote NO on Item 2-A.

Thank you,  
Noelle

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Chris Bahm <aidenwealthinc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:56 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk  
**Subject:** RE: Monterey Park City Council regular meeting

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello M.R Chang,

There is some concern of "the lane expansion" and as many long time residents of MPK we got no information what so ever about the plan or an agreement of this projects, We all know this lane expansion will effect a lot of form, shape to our city and the residents so it should be vote by the public not by the city councils members which most of time in their favor not the lives of people live surrounding the area. I would like to join the zoom meeting and request to have all the plant written clear of the purpose to have the lane expansion, the peak hour was not on the written and very unclear. I urge the city councils officials to make it clear in public before go on with voting. and please add my question in the public comment as I wonder how the city insure the safety and convenient for the residents since you will use the lane that most of us use as parking while shop and support our local business. The city will sacrifice our city peace and parking lots right so everyone else from all the places to have an easy access and smooth traffic to travel through. What are the benefits for the MPK residents with the lane expansion?

sincerely,

Kathy Bahm

postal zip code is : 91755.

email : [aidenwealthinc@yahoo.com](mailto:aidenwealthinc@yahoo.com)

## MPCLerk

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**From:** T Hashimoto <gekko91@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:01 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers, My name is \_\_\_\_\_. As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish. Sincerely, [Name]

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Pete Shek <pete.shek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:08 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Do not want additional traffic lanes on Garvey Ave

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Yiu and City Councilmembers,

My name is Peter, a resident of Monterey Park.

I am writing because of concern of the addition of lanes to Garvey Ave ("increase traffic capacity"), which will eliminate street parking and increase the cars on our local streets.

Lane expansion has been proven not to decrease traffic, and will make our streets less safe. Cars will be able to drive faster and there will be no buffer of parked cars between the traffic and people on sidewalks. It will make our streets more dangerous for everyone, particularly senior citizens and children.

An example is Rosemead Blvd between 10 Fwy and 60 Fwy. That section of Rosemead Blvd is not neighborhood and pedestrian friendly. There are few pedestrian who walk along the sidewalk and tons of car using the road.

Please spend the funding wisely to make Monterey Park more walkable and pedestrian friendly. We want a Monterey Park that's like Old Town Pasadena where businesses are thriving and the area is pedestrian friendly, not a more drivable city like how some politicians made it 60 years ago.

Sincerely,  
Peter

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Russ Ng <russng@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:12 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Russell Ng

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Russell Ng

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Connie Ho <connie.h99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:15 PM  
**To:** Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; MPCLerk; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

As a community member who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local Monterey Park businesses that we cherish. The downtown Monterey Park area should be a place where everyone can walk to the businesses they love and share time with their families and friends on safe streets, not mini highways. Let's revitalize downtown Monterey Park to welcome people to slow down, get out of their cars, and patronize small businesses. That's how we should be building community and supporting the small businesses that make our city special.

Sincerely,

Connie

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Connie

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Christopher Mathers <topher@activesgv.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:23 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Cc:** Wesley Reutimann; David Diaz  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting 2/16: Item 2A  
**Attachments:** MPK CC\_ Oppose A2 (Garvey Widening) .pdf

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi,

Attached you will find Active San Gabriel Valley's (ActiveSGV) letter regarding agenda item 2A for the Monterey Park City Council meeting on 2/16/2022.

Thank you,  
Topher Mathers

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**Topher Mathers**

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## **Re: SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects Funding Agreement, Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements**

Dear Mayor Lo and Members of the Monterey Park City Council,

As a place-based community organization dedicated to realizing a more sustainable, equitable, and livable San Gabriel Valley, Active San Gabriel Valley (ActiveSGV) urges the Monterey Park City Council to vote NO on Agenda Item 2A regarding the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects Funding Agreement, specifically the proposed Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements.

ActiveSGV stands in solidarity with local residents who want a safer, less polluted, more accessible and economically prosperous Garvey Avenue. The proposed plan to widen Garvey Avenue by eliminating street parking will create a six-lane speedway through the downtown. The result will be **a more dangerous, more polluted, less accessible and less desirable Garvey Avenue to shop, dine, or visit.**

Monterey Park already has a well-documented traffic safety problem. **A wider, faster Garvey Avenue will be a more dangerous street for Monterey Park residents**, especially for children and older adults who walk to local shops, schools, and public places. According to the [California Office of Traffic Safety \(OTS\) 2019 Crash Rankings](#), among one hundred and five similar-sized California cities, Monterey Park ranked third for the highest number of injuries and fatalities for pedestrians sixty-five years and older. In 2018, Monterey Park was [ranked first in the same category](#).

**Increasing capacity will not reduce congestion.** The science is clear on this, increased vehicle miles traveled, and related congestion as a result of roadway widening and expansion is well-documented and acknowledged in the academic world. In 2017, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research advised agencies that ["each percent increase in lane miles results in a 1.03 percent increase in vehicle travel"](#).

**More cut-through traffic and vehicle trips will increase air pollution in Monterey Park.** Vehicle trips are the main source of local air pollution in Monterey Park and in Southern California, one of the most polluted regions in the United States. The effects of poor air quality are devastating, especially for the most vulnerable members of our community. High rates of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, cognitive impairments, some cancers, and even obesity have all been linked to exposure to high levels of air pollution.

**Increasing traffic capacity on Garvey Avenue will reduce quality of life and the economic vibrancy of a key business district.** Successful downtown districts are designed to make walking safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. More traffic, higher vehicle speeds, increased air pollution and additional road noise will make the district hostile for people, hurting businesses along Garvey Avenue.

We urge the Monterey Park City Council to support a safer, less polluted, more accessible and economically prosperous Garvey Avenue for Monterey Park residents. This can be achieved by utilizing modern engineering strategies. ActiveSGV urges you to vote NO on Agenda 2A: Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Diaz". The signature is stylized with a large "D" and a long horizontal stroke.

David Diaz  
Executive Director  
david@activeSGV.org

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Austin Phung <austinphung@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:35 PM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose lane additions on Garvey, Garfield and Atlantic

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

**Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.**

**My name is Austin Phung and my family has lived in Monterey Park for over 20 years.**

**I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey, Garfield and Atlantic will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.**

**My family drives, take the bus, walks and bikes, along Garvey, Atlantic, and Garfield, I am opposed with adding travel lanes in our community. Honestly, i dont think traffic in our city is even that bad. The signals on Garfield are well timed and i can often drive from Hellman to Garvey or Newmark without hitting red lights. South of Garvey, the traffic speeds on Garfield is extremely high and cars speed along the windy and hilly street. It seems as if there's a car crash on Garfield every other week. These projects would only attract more cars and cut through traffic. Our streets should not be used as an alternative to the freeway and Adding travel lanes would only increase traffic in our community.**

**Instead, i would like Monterey Park to add real bike lanes (not bike routes), more medians with trees, sidewalk widening and bulbouts at intersections, and more crosswalks to create safer and slower street for my community. The projects outlined tonight are extremely focused on vehicle through put and not the safety of people who actually live and walk in our neighborhood. The proposed bike routes do NOTHING to increase safety and would make it even more dangerous to bike in the city. The Monterey Pass Rd bike lane is nice but we should really be adding protected bike lanes on Garvey, Atlantic and Garfield to build a usable network. One bike lane on an industrial street does not encourage more biking and bike route signage doesn't do anything to improve safety. I've been year for decades but have not even been on Monterey Pass Road. So I hope the city reconsiders the addition of travel lanes.**

**Thank you**

Austin

## MP Clerk

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**From:** Brian Horn <divinesfurniture@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:38 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk  
**Subject:** 2/16 Council meeting item 2a - Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Brian Horn. I am a 4th generation owner/operator of Divine's Furniture, Monterey Park's oldest business located at 802 E. Garvey Ave. I urge you to vote NO on Agenda item 2-a Sr-710 North Mobility "Improvement" for many reasons but at the very least, for the following reasons:

Garvey Ave does not have a traffic issue but does very much have a critical parking issue that one, two, or even three parking garages in the almost 2 mile span of Garvey Ave will not fix! Shoppers to our local businesses will not and cannot be expected to walk for many blocks to arrive at their destination or carry their purchases returning to their vehicles (in my case furniture).

Most businesses on Garvey Ave already have little to no parking/loading zones and to remove street parking on both sides of the street creating a 6 lane highway, would be the death sentence to many businesses, most likely ours included. In addition to the loss of street parking, it seems no one has given any thought as to how businesses will accept deliveries from UPS, FEDEX, Amazon, USPS, and other freight and delivery carriers with no place to park. Will you also be rerouting all public bus/van transportation? Eliminating parking on Garvey Ave will also cause an increase in the risk of serious injury to pedestrians and drivers alike as speeds will increase. In terms of speed, please also remember that the City has already eliminated many of the crosswalks along Garvey Ave due to pedestrian deaths that have occurred with only 4 lanes of traffic and a 25 mph speed limit. Finally, I cannot see any way that this plan benefits our community and in reality will only encourage people to zoom through a major retail/business sector on their way to other locations that are far safer and accommodating to both pedestrians and customers/shoppers alike! I strongly urge you to vote NO!

Thank you for your time  
Brian Horn

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**Brian Horn**  
**Divine's Furniture**  
**802 E. Garvey Ave**  
**Monterey Park, Ca 91755**  
**626-280-8484**

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## MPCLerk

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**From:** Maggie Trinh <maggie.trinh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** Yiu, Yvonne; MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Support for Public Transit and Active Transportation Solutions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Council Member Yiu,

*As someone who was born and raised in Monterey Park, and who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors and the climate change crisis, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in Measure R sales tax funding that increase our community's car dependency.*

*I am particularly concerned that removing all the street parking to make Atlantic, Garvey, and Garfield Avenues 6-lane mini-highways and replacing it with parking garages will:*

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- **Make local streets more dangerous for everyone,**
- *especially the many older adults and children who walk to local shops, schools, and public places. The City already has a well-documented safety problem on these streets. Almost every year a pedestrian is killed walking across these corridors, and many more*
- *are seriously injured.*
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- **Hurt small businesses**
- *by making businesses on these streets more difficult to stop and visit*
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- **Increase air pollution**
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- *Vehicle trips are the main source of local air pollution in the San Gabriel Valley, which remains one of the most polluted regions in the United States. After decades of improvement our air quality has gotten worse in*
- *recent years. We must take action to reverse course, not make it worse.*
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- **Increase traffic**
- *- Mobile applications like Waze send drivers the fastest way available, even if it's off the real highway and only saves a minute. Making*
- *downtown streets a more inviting cut-through will only encourage more cut-through traffic, inducing more vehicle trips. This will not benefit local businesses, residents, and patrons.*
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- **Reduce quality of life and the economic vibrancy of a key business district**
- - *City downtowns are not made more appealing if you can drive faster through them. All the most successful downtown districts are designed to make walking safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. More traffic and higher vehicle speeds will increase pollution and*
- *road noise. They will not make downtown Monterey Park a desirable place to visit. This is more important than ever as the rise of e-commerce and cheap delivery has made local shopping trips a choice, not a requirement.*
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Other San Gabriel Valley cities are changing similar projects based on public feedback. **I strongly encourage you to put this project on hold to allow the community to identify alternatives that will better serve public safety, health, and economic recovery such as strengthening public transit and supporting safer active transportation (biking and walking).**

Thank you,

Maggie Trinh

## MPClerk

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**From:** Jason Rogers <jrisover@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:47 PM  
**To:** MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jason.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Jason Rogers

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Erin Gillum <egillum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:15 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Opposing 2A

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To whom it May concern,

I'm writing to oppose item 2A.

Thank you,  
Erin Gillum  
20 resident of MPK

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Natalie Reyes <bnataliereyes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:29 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Natalie Reyes. I moved to Monterey Park six months ago for the calm, pedestrian friendly neighborhoods.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will remove the family friendly atmosphere of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Instead, prioritize pedestrian walkways that would attract more foot traffic to the area and revitalize local businesses. We need to invest in infrastructure that will invite people to stroll around, similar to Main Street in Alhambra.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Reyes

## **MPClerk**

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**From:** Victor Bagnato <bagnato@usc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:29 PM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Victor Bagnato. I have been a resident of Monterey Park for the last 8 years.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, as demonstrated countless times around the world it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

Plans to reduce traffic should not come at the expense of having a welcoming, walkable downtown area. We should strive to be more like Main Street in Alhambra or Colorado Blvd in Pasadena, not like Rosemead Blvd. Adding two extra lanes will turn Garvey into a mini highway where people speed down the streets at 60+ miles per hour. It will become a major freeway bypass, funneling more cars through the center of our city. It will make downtown MPK less accessible to the elderly, handicapped, and local residents. There are already too many accidents on Garvey and adding an additional lane of traffic would only increase this.

Please reconsider and develop a plan that favors walkability, safe streets, and public transit over letting single-passenger cars save a few minutes as they speed through the heart of our city.

Sincerely,  
Victor Bagnato

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Amy Gebert <amy.gebert2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:32 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I Oppose Garvey Lane Additions - This Will Not Increase Revenue, Improve Safety or Alleviate Traffic Issues

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers.

My name is Amy. I am a resident of Monterey Park and I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A tonight.

Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will make our streets more dangerous for everyone. Monterey Park already has a higher than average pedestrian death and injury rate and this proposal will increase that statistic, not decrease it.

Garvey is an essential commercial corridor and we should be doing everything in our power to make it a pedestrian-friendly corridor following the examples of downtown Pasadena, Alhambra, and Monrovia to name just a few. We should be implementing traffic calming measures here

**We cannot let Garvey become Huntington Blvd. because our residents, local businesses, and the city will suffer, not improve.**

Thank you,  
Amy

**From:** [Bill Lam](#)  
**To:** [MPClerk](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 2-A for 2/16/2022 council meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:46:10 PM

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**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Good evening I am here to talk about item 2-A regarding about the SR-710 North study. I urge all of you to not spend money on expanding lanes on streets and instead use the money for public transit instead people who work or live near on Monterey Pass Road were unable to get around using public transportation in which people would have to walk very far to either Floral or Garvey to catch the bus in which it would be unacceptable to the people who really need the transportation the most. My proposal is that instead of bringing back the 258 on Monterey Pass Road then please consider extending the 256 metro bus line from CSULA to ELAC via Monterey Pass and 1st St so that people who live near or work on Monterey Pass Road can have a better access to use a better public transit.

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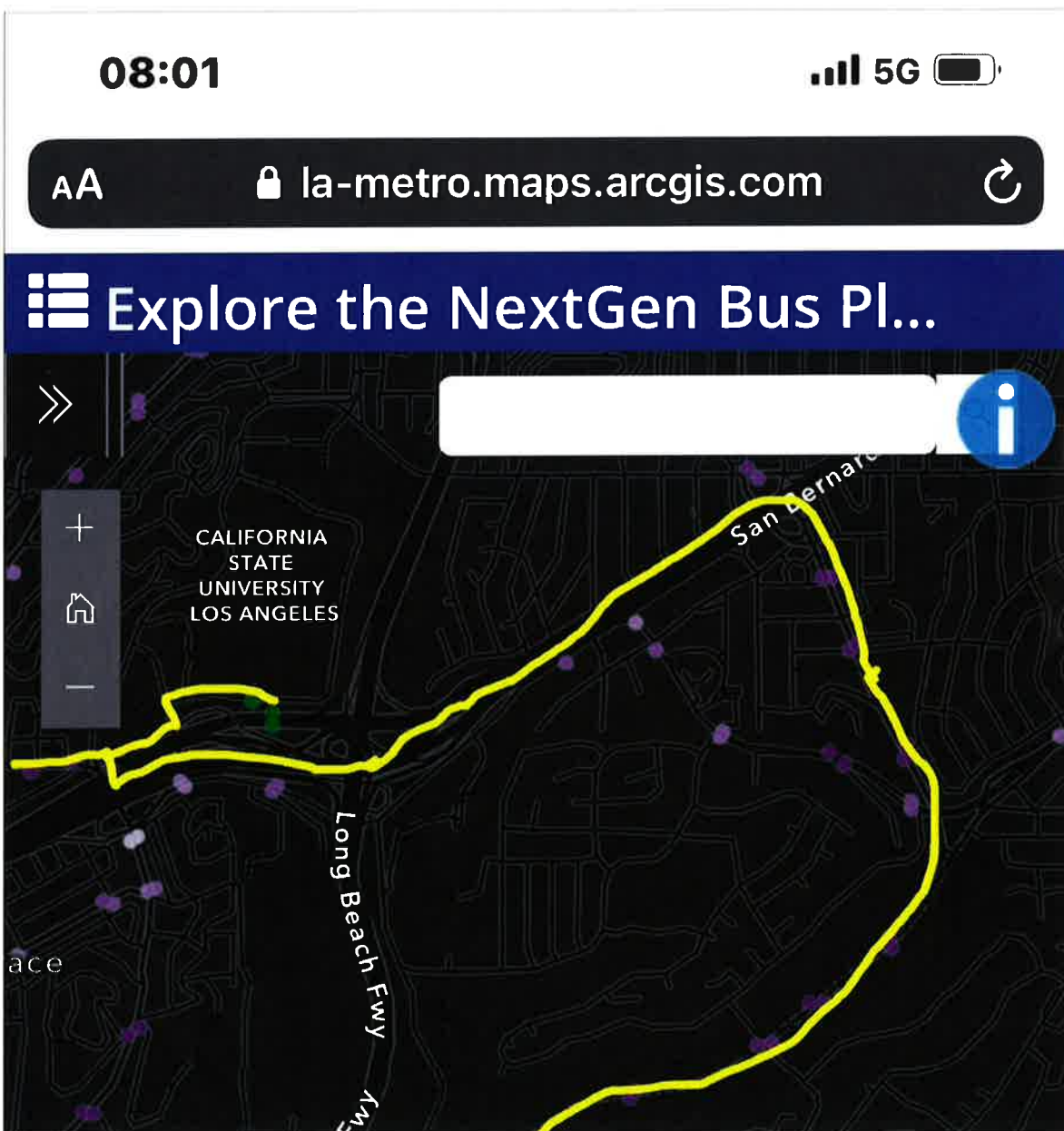
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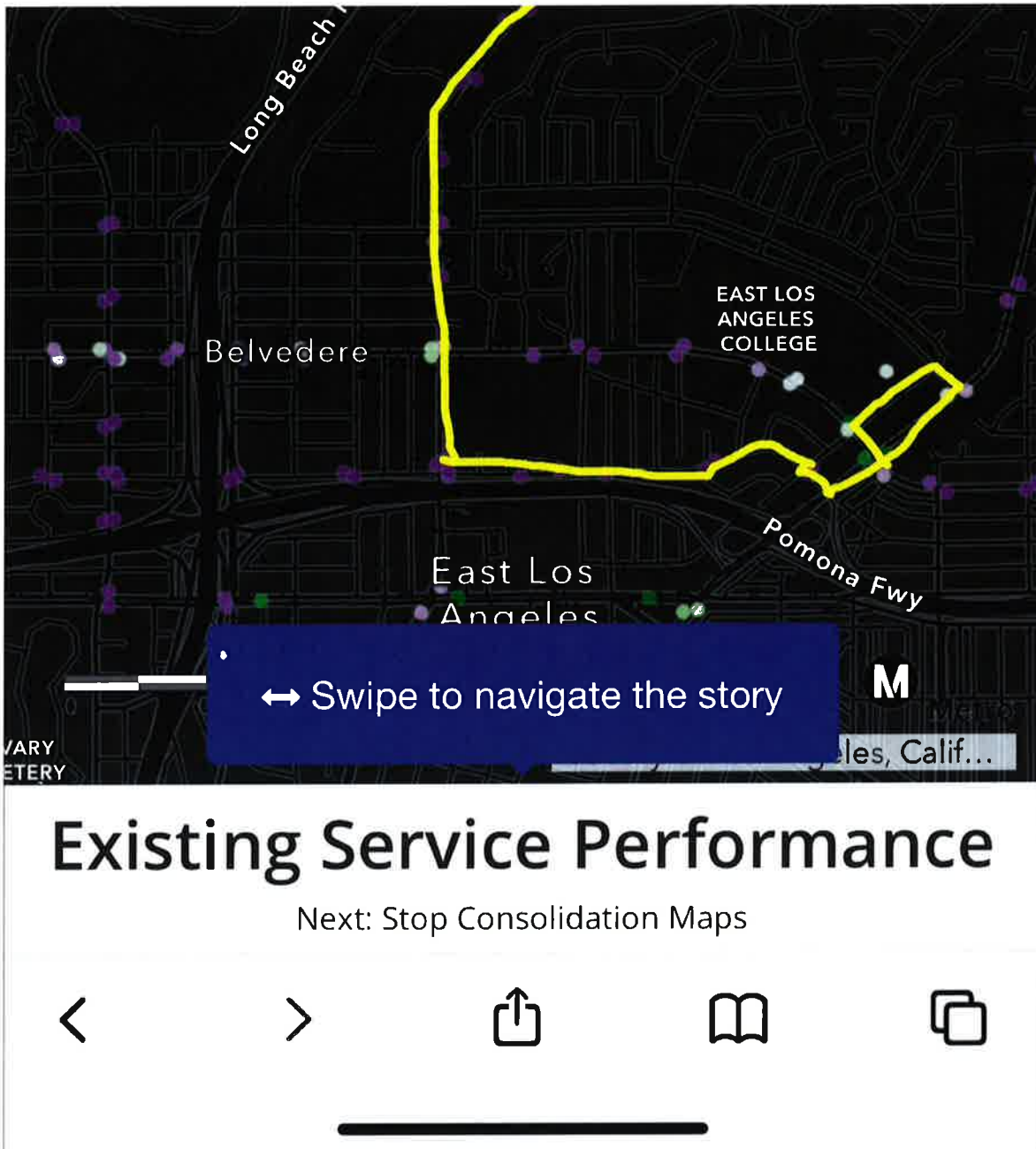
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## MP Clerk

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**From:** russell mcneil <xmcneilx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:57 PM  
**To:** MP Clerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Russell McNeil. I am a resident of El Monte but I am a teacher at Monterey Highlands School. I am opposed to the lane widening project. I commute by bicycle and adding another car lane to Garvey would make my commute less safe. Please consider my perspective as you deliberate your decision. Please consider adding bike lanes and returning the Highlands to the local bus route.

Sincerely,  
Russell L. McNeil  
6th Grade Teacher  
Bike Commuter

## MPClerk

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**From:** Amy J. Wong <amyjwong1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:58 PM  
**To:** MPClerk  
**Subject:** Item 2A: I oppose Garvey lane additions

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Amy J. Wong. I am a resident of El Monte, and I live as a neighbor of Monterey Park. I frequently visit Monterey Park to eat at the many restaurants, especially the ones on Garvey Avenue, in your city.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on Item 2-A. Adding lanes on Garvey will not decrease traffic. In fact, it will increase traffic over time. It will ruin the neighborhood feel of Monterey Park and make our streets more dangerous for everyone.

I personally remember having to help an elderly man on wheelchair cross Garvey Avenue alone. He was already experiencing much difficulty doing this, and I am very concerned about everyone, of all ages and abilities, who continues to walk, bike, and take transit in Monterey Park. Please prioritize peoples' health, safety, and lives, over cars and traffic. Consider evaluating other alternatives, such as improving the streets for pedestrians and bicyclists. This will not only make it safer for residents, but it will boost the local economy and most importantly, prevent unfortunate traffic injuries and deaths along Garvey Avenue.

Please vote NO on Item 2-A. Thank you.

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Best,  
Amy J. Wong

## MPCLerk

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**From:** Dania Chawkins <daniachawkins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:06 PM  
**To:** MPCLerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron  
**Subject:** 2/16 Item 2-A Public Comment in Opposition

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Dania Chawkins.

As a resident who cares deeply about the safety of my neighbors, the quality of the air we breathe each and every day, and the health of my friends and family, I urge you to stop plans to spend \$100 million in funding to widen downtown streets. Removing street parking and adding additional lanes will only hurt our community and local businesses we cherish.

Sincerely,  
Dania