

MP Clerk

From: San Gabriel Valley <safestreetsforsgv@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:01 PM
To: MPClerk; Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; Bow, Ron
Subject: Garvey Businesses Coalition Against the Removal of Street Parking
Attachments: Monterey Park Business Letter.pdf

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

Writing on behalf of businesses on Garvey Ave, we have created a letter for you to review. We oppose the current project to remove street parking to add additional lanes on Garvey Ave. This will hurt many of our businesses especially with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting our local stores.

We hope you take our letter into consideration as you vote on Item 2-A.

Sincerely,
Safe Streets for SGV

To: Monterey Park Mayor Lo, Councilmember Yiu, Councilmember Sornoso, Councilmember Chan, Councilmember Liang

From: Monterey Park Garvey Ave Business Owners

Re: Elimination of Street Parking on Garvey

We, the undersigned, are business owners and/or operators in the City of Monterey Park. We write to **oppose the removal of street parking for additional lanes** on Garfield Ave., Atlantic Ave., and Garvey Ave.

Our businesses rely heavily on street parking for our customers. The removal of parking would significantly impact the foot traffic in our region. Adding an additional lane 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 our vulnerable populations of senior citizens and children.

Additional lanes on these streets will also harm local businesses by turning them into mini-highways where the speed of traffic discourages local trips where patrons visit one or more businesses. The loss of parking on these streets further worsen the stress on businesses that have already been hurt by the pandemic.

As brought up by the Business Improvement District Advisory Committee (BIDAC), the creation of three way lanes on each side of Garvey will create more harm than good. According to BIDAC, this project would require "elimination of our tree and grass-lined medians... To do so would only have added one lane on one side of the street. The rest of the space needed for the other side third lane would have to come from an unrealistic reduction of pedestrian and off-loading spaces on both sides of the street, including the removal of street lamps, palm trees, large flower containers, benches, bike racks, seasonal banners and decorations." The BIDAC further stated, "**Many businesses do not have sufficient property available for rear parking. We cannot allow elimination of street parking for any amount of time per day no matter what.**"

Street parking is an essential need for our businesses. Our businesses have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and cannot afford to lose street parking.

Instead, this money should be used to create more walkable corridors so that Monterey Park can become more of a destination for people to shop and dine.

We hope you take our comments into consideration.

Signed,

Sherry Chen
Vitativ USA

Ku Wang
Tea Time Inc

May
Grace Trading Group

Sung Ho Lee
99 Market

Xin Lin
Vapor Times

Ning Li
Fukien Healthy Food

Xiaoling Huang
Sham Tseng BBQ

Dat-Minh Do
Dat-Minh Do, DDS Family Dentistry

Jesus
Club 21

Yong Ming Bao
Bao's Enterprise

Lin Tzu Hung
Lin Tzu Hung Health Care

Kitty Wang
May's Barber and Beauty Salon

Hei Di Lao
New Dream Flower

May
May and Tri Beauty Salon

Kibo Academy

Gaoyuan Zhun
Bubble Crush Inc

Brian Horn
Divine's

Kenny Chen
Topline Automotive

Venise Lo
Nha Hang Nha Trang

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From: Eve P <evperez94@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Sornosos, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Dear Mayor Lo and Members of the Monterey Park City Council, As a community member who cares deeply about the safety of local streets, I oppose agenda Item 2A. Widening Garvey Avenue by eliminating on-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. Removing street parking to add another vehicle will not reduce congestion. This is supported by science. Widening roads in populated cities encourages more driving trips and more cut-through traffic. This fact is well-documented in the academic world. Monterey Park already has a serious traffic safety problem. Several MPK residents have been killed walking across downtown streets in recent years. 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. We need to do better. The science is clear. We cannot continue to invest in projects that neglect the safety of local streets, increase pollution, and fail to reduce congestion. Now is the time to align our values with our spending. 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. Thank you for your leadership on this issue, Evelyn Perez

MPCLerk

From: Linh Tran <linh.savea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:16 PM
To: MPCLerk
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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,

Linh Tran

MPCLerk

From: YK <elisalee888@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:00 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 Elisa 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.

Sincerely,
Elisa Lee

MPCLerk

From: Leigh Phan <leighphan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:41 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,
Leigh Phan

MPCLerk

From: Susan Martinez <martinezsusan1220@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:58 PM
To: MPK710MIP; MPCLerk
Cc: Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; Chan, Peter; Bow, Ron; Yiu, Yvonne
Subject: Opposition to the Current Project

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Susan .

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 sales tax funding to widen downtown streets and remove street parking in order to create housing for cars.

I urge you to consider the funds for alternative projects. Currently, our City has numerous potholes and sidewalks that need to be repaired.

Sincerely,
Susan

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Susan Martinez

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Cho, Helena

From: Lo, Henry
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:36 AM
To: Bow, Ron; Alvarez, Inez; Lopez, Frank; Wong, Diana; Cho, Helena; Trang, Cindy
Subject: Fwd: Comments on Agenda Item 2-A

Good morning I received this email from Supervisor Solis' office regarding agenda item 2A. But it was only sent to me. Can we make sure the city council and clerks office also receives a copy for the record?

Thanks

Henry Lo, MPA
Councilmember, City of Monterey Park

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Reyes, Martin" <MReyes@bos.lacounty.gov>
Date: February 15, 2022 at 8:10:33 PM PST
To: "Lo, Henry" <hlo@montereypark.ca.gov>
Cc: "Gonzalez, Edith" <EGonzalez@bos.lacounty.gov>, "Rehman, Waqas" <WRehman@bos.lacounty.gov>, "Feldman, Benjamin" <BFeldman@bos.lacounty.gov>, "Pasebani, Aydin" <AyPasebani@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Comments on Agenda Item 2-A

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good evening Mayor Lo, I hope all is well.

I am writing to formally inform you that Supervisor Solis plans on introducing a motion at next week's meeting of the Metro Board of Directors (2/24) that will clarify and expand the eligible uses of SR-710 North Mobility Improvement Program Measure R funding (MIP), which is the source of funding for the City's proposed Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements and Parking Structures project. The motion, as currently written, will make the following improvements explicitly eligible for MIP funding:

- *On-street bus priority infrastructure including but not limited to bus lanes, signal prioritization, queue jumps, bus boarding islands/curb extensions, and bus stop improvements*
- *Class I, II, III or IV bikeway projects. Any recipient of MIP Measure R funding that proposes a bikeway project which requires a lane conversion should first make a determination that the proposed project is consistent with the purpose and need of the 710 N Project. Any standalone Class I, II, III, or IV bikeway project that does not reduce vehicular lanes is considered consistent with the purpose and need of the state 710 N Project.*
- *Sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to, widening, shade trees and curb ramps*
- *Pedestrian safety improvements, including but not limited to bulb-outs, refuge islands, midblock crossings, pedestrian signals/beacons, raised intersections/pedestrian crossings, and scramble crosswalks*

Additionally, the motion will direct Metro staff to formally provide an opportunity to recipients of MIP funding to re-program or revise the scopes of their projects to take advantage of any of the above eligible uses. Should the Supervisor’s motion pass, we would encourage all cities to take advantage of the clarified eligible uses.

I hope that you find this information useful during your discussion of Item 2-A at tomorrow’s City Council meeting. I will also be joining the meeting to make public comment during this item.

I am happy to answer any questions that you might have on this issue. Thank you.

Martin Reyes, P.E.

Transportation Deputy

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From: Andre Tran <tran.andre@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, ****André Tran****

MPCLerk

From: Devin Gladys <devin.gladys@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:03 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

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Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Devin Gladys.

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,
Devin Gladys

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Nate Yu <natea.yu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,
Nate Yu

MPCLerk

From: Ana Mezanazi <anam105@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornosos, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, ****INSERT NAME****

anam105@aol.com

MPCLerk

From: Phyllis T <phyllisee6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:09 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 Phyllis.

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 encourage you all to utilize our sales tax funding to fix other issues such as the uneven roads on Hellman Avenue, uneven roads throughout the City, left-turn lanes, right-turn lanes, improve our parks (walking paths, put exercise equipment, safety at the parks). etc.

Sincerely,
Phyllis

MPCLerk

From: Karen Thai <karenthai27@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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

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Removing street parking to add another vehicle lane will not and does not reduce congestion. Widening roads in populated cities actually encourages more driving trips and more cut-through traffic. This fact is well-documented in the academic world.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,

Karen Thai

MPCLerk

From: Valeria Garcia <valgarcia322@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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Valeria Garcia

MP Clerk

From: Diane Ojeda <diaoje28@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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MPCLerk

From: May Gonzalez <msarmac@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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May Gonzalez

MPCLerk

From: Edwin Sun <edwinyun@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:47 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

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Dear Mayor Lo and City Councilmembers,

My name is Eddie Sub.

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Sincerely,
Eddie Sun

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Edwin Sun
415.416.0069 | [LinkedIn](#)

MPCLerk

From: Bin Lee <bin@imaginebin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,
Bin Lee
Pasadena Resident who eats and shops in MP

MPCLerk

From: Seleny Rodriguez <seleny@activesgv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:15 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Seleny Rodriguez

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Outreach Associate

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MPCLerk

From: Marlene <marlenegbuenrostro23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, Marlene Buenrostro

MPCLerk

From: sefuderf <sefuderf@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:33 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 Yvonne T. Liu__.

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,
Yvonne T. Liu]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

MPCLerk

From: Casey Law <caseyjlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:39 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, Casey Law Commissioner, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission South Pasadena

MPCLerk

From: Ange Garza <anged52@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, ****INSERT NAME****

Sent from my iPhone

MPCLerk

From: A R <anab.323@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,
Ana Ramirez
Monterey park resident for 20 years

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MPCLerk

From: Bryan Matsumoto <bmotzbmotz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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

I enjoy visiting and eating in Monterey Park throughout the year. I am drawn to cozy business districts that have a pedestrian, human-scale, because they are rare in Los Angeles. They don't revolve around cars, but focus on the experience for people on foot. I hope you focus on making the streets more pleasant for everyone, not just cars.

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,

Bryan Matsumoto
8831 Longden Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780

MPCLerk

From: marlene ramirez <marlene.lechuga.ramirez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Marlene L. Ramirez

MPCLerk

From: Nina Dinh <nina@activesgv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: [Item 2A] Please Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you,
Nina Dinh

MPCLerk

From: Nancy Yee <nancyyee98@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:31 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, ****INSERT NAME****

Nancy Yee

Sent from Nancy's iPhone

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MP Clerk

From: Carly Curiel <carleavestheparkinglot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:32 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MP Clerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue, Carly Curiel

MPCLerk

From: Machiko Yasuda <hello@machiko.co>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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****INSERT NAME****

MPCLerk

From: Hon Lung Cheng <chef_lung@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
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Sent from my iPhone

MPCLerk

From: Danielle Zamora <danielle@activesgv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Danielle Zamora

MPCLerk

From: Jairo Avalos <jairo.r.avalos@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornosos, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Thank you for your leadership on this issue,
Jairo

MPCLerk

From: David Diaz <david@activesgv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Lo, Henry; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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MPCLerk

From: Dale Z. <dzapata34@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne
Cc: MPCLerk
Subject: Item 2A: Don't Turn Garvey Ave Into a Six-Lane Speedway

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Diane Velez

MPCLerk

From: Kamren Curiel <kamrencita@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:02 AM
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Kamren Curiel

MPCLerk

From: Tammy Sam <tammy.sam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:48 PM
To: Lo, Henry; Sornoso, Fred; Liang, Hans; Chan, Peter; Yiu, Yvonne; MPCLerk; Bow, Ron
Subject: Re: I oppose Item 2A - 710 North Mobility Project
Attachments: Screen Shot 2022-02-15 at 23.11.28.png

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

We should disincentive Garvey as freeway overflow. I don't think the point was being understood though because a lot of people are visual learners. I drew it out. By removing a lane in either direction, we disincentive people from using Garvey and our residential streets that connect the 10 to Garvey as shortcuts. By doing so, we actually net a lane, which can be used as integrated bike infrastructure. With the addition of the parking structures, we can actually run more bus routes on Garvey.

We should be investing in other modes of transportation and stop perpetuating the car as the only means to get around. People don't take public transportation because it may not be convenient, they don't have a safe place to park their cars, they can't complete the first/last mile of their trip, and they think poorly of public transportation.

Can the money be used for alternative modes of transportation?

I used to take the 70 and 770 to DTLA for work. However, I would worry about getting a ticket, towed, or having my car get keyed from leaving it near the bus stop. Parking near the bus stop usually meant I parked in residential streets because there is either no street parking or it is timed. We all see how people get upset about people parking in front of their homes because they think they own the street.

If we gain parking structures and bus routes, especially to DTLA, I would definitely be taking the bus more often. My day would look very different. I would drive to a parking structure, park my car, and grab a coffee and breakfast at the coffee shop that will materialize in my option. I will have my breakfast and coffee while I wait for the bus or while I'm on the bus. Go to work then come back. I can call one of the many restaurants on Garvey to pick up take out because it'll literally be on the way to my car. Or, I can have the rest of my family meet me at a restaurant on Garvey. After a nice meal, we can go get ice cream and meander down the now much more pedestrian friendly Garvey. This can be the new reality for a lot of people.

We will never achieve this if we expand Garvey, even if it's part time. If you look at a freeway at 3 or 4am when it's empty, it will still feel sterile. Same with Garvey. To revitalize Garvey, we must slow it down.

Sincerely,

Tammy Sam
Licensed Architect
LEED Green Associate
ICC Certified Building Plans Examiner

On Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 9:30 PM Tammy Sam <tammy.sam@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi all,

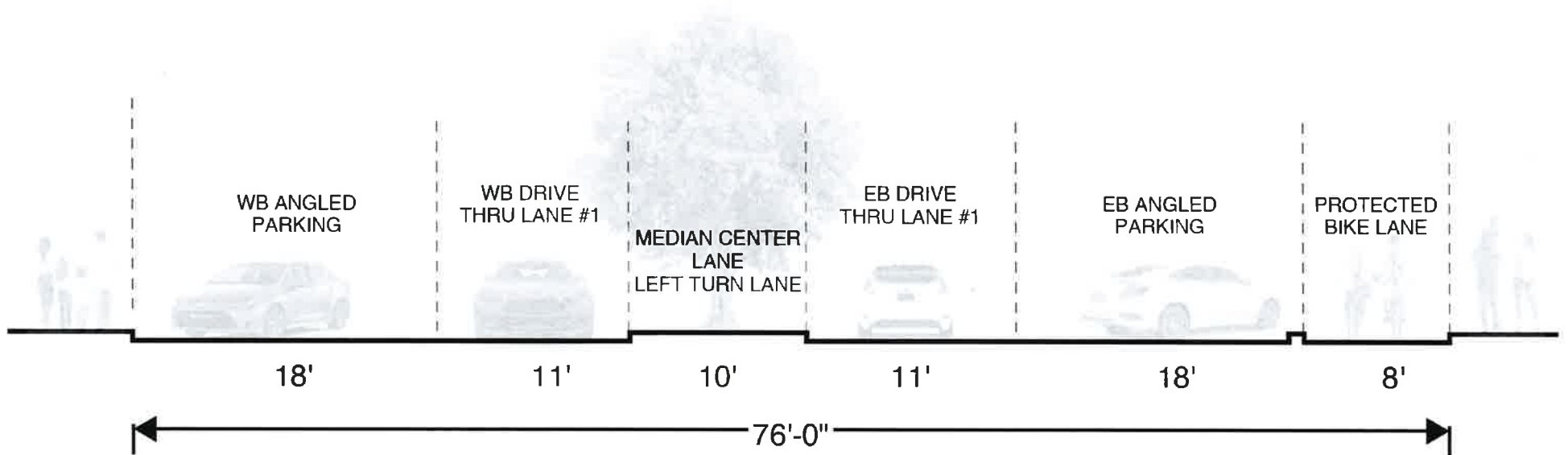
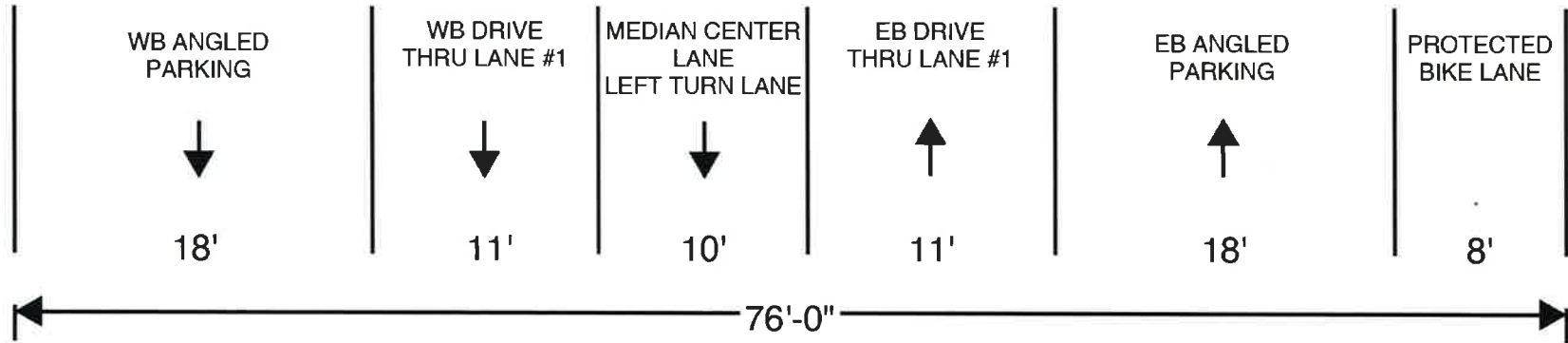
I am writing to voice my opposition to the lane expansion within this item's proposal. Monterey Park is a small town. Why are we even considering turning Garvey into a 6 lane unofficial highway? That will destroy any chance of having a truly walkable/bike able downtown. Can you guys share some examples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

OPTION 2



MPCLerk

From: Jessica Jinn <jessie.jinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:40 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 Jessica Jinn.

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,
Jessica

MP Clerk

From: Xavier Arre <angeleno.x3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:31 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 Angel Arredondo.

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.

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