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City of Los Angeles,
Department of City Planning
Attn: Jordann Turner,
200 N. Spring Street, Room 721
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Mr. Turner & Bike Plan Update Team:

This letter is in response to your call for public comment on the 2009 Citywide Los Angeles Bike Plan Update (LABPU).

The Venice community has many bike riders and hosts many more from surrounding communities, including those from Mar Vista to our east.

Rose Avenue is one of our main thoroughfares, and has a bike lane through Mar Vista to Walgrove Ave. on Venice's eastern border, and westward to Lincoln Blvd. But here it stops.

However, the most heavily used part of Rose Avenue is the stretch between Lincoln Blvd and the Beach. On one end, the new Whole Foods at the corner of Lincoln & Rose is their busiest store west of the Rockies. On the other end, the beach is the city's foremost tourist and recreation destination.

Yet this stretch of Rose Ave. has no bike lane or other bike amenities. Furthermore, the condition of the pavement on this stretch of Rose Avenue creates dangers and hardships for bike riders.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) hereby requests that the LABPU include a bike lane on Rose Ave from Lincoln Blvd to the beach, and where such a lane may not be feasible, that it mandate bike "SHARROWS" to alert motorists that they are sharing a traffic lane with bicycles, or that LABPU otherwise provide space and security for bicyclists on Rose Ave in a manner it deems feasible and effective.

Additionally, the VNC requests that the LABPU call for such repairs to the pavement on Rose west of Lincoln as will allow safe and pleasant bicycle riding.

Sincerely,

Mike Newhouse
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

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