

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

September 9, 2020

Agenda Item # 8

MOTION IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED UPLIFT MELROSE PROJECT

We, the Westwood Neighborhood Council, voice our concern that in the middle of a pandemic and historic shortfalls in our city's budget, that Uplift Melrose is being aggressively pursued without adequate outreach that will allow meaningful input from all of the stakeholders in the community.

We are concerned that this project will be implemented across 22 blocks on Melrose Avenue between Highland and Fairfax Avenues, a major east-west artery in the City of Los Angeles at a cost of up to \$50 million dollars that will allow only three left turns within this boundary, install at grade bike lanes next to the sidewalk, eliminate 50 percent of the current parking spaces with no specifics regarding the impacts on the businesses and surrounding neighborhoods, the impact on traffic displacement onto the surrounding residential streets and parallel east-west arteries already in gridlock (Santa Monica, Beverly, Sixth Street, etc.), the impact on emergency services ability to navigate within this area, etc.

We support a major makeover to the area, that would include new sidewalks, more parking, new lighting, and better crosswalks.

For further details regarding the proposed Uplift Melrose project, click on the link below:

https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/melrose_project_brief.pdf