

# OHIO AVE. COALITION

March 23, 2026

Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky  
Council District 5  
200 N. Spring St., #440  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilwoman Traci Park  
Council District 11  
200 N. Spring St., #410  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Ohio Ave. Bike Lane

Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and Councilwoman Park:

The undersigned community organizations in CD5 and CD11, which collectively represent tens of thousands of residents in Westwood, Brentwood and the West LA area, are writing in response to the most recent design proposed for the bike lane on Ohio Ave.

We all support the idea of a protected bike lane, with the goal of creating safer conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

**However, we strongly OPPOSE the CURRENT DESIGN because it bans left turns on eastbound Ohio at the traffic signals at Barrington, Federal, Sawtelle and Veteran.** The current design prohibits drivers from going north at these signalized intersections. It creates even more dangerous conditions than now exist, as eastbound drivers will inevitably turn across the bike lane to cut through adjacent unsignalized residential streets to get where they need to go.

This project must be sent back to the drawing board to find a solution that does not ban left turns on eastbound Ohio Ave.—and **we are asking each of you to support your constituent communities in finding a solution that works for all stakeholders.**

The city describes Ohio Ave. as “a vital neighborhood corridor connecting Westwood, West Los Angeles, and Santa Monica.” It is indeed a vital component of the transportation infrastructure on the Westside, and serves as a critical safety valve for the heavily trafficked Santa Monica and Wilshire Blvds.

- Barrington and Federal are major streets to reach Wilshire Blvd., including the western terminus of the Purple/D Line where Metro anticipates “high demand for cars picking up or dropping off transit riders” (First/Last Mile Plan for Purple Line Extension Sections 2 & 3, Attachment A, p. 2, prepared by Metro)
- Sawtelle is the only southern access to the VA Hospital and to the western terminus of the Purple/D Line, again where there will be a high demand for cars picking up and dropping off transit riders.
- Veteran provides access to many important resources, for example: Westwood Park; the Federal Building; UCLA parking lot 36 (which, in addition to university parking, contains the only full portal for the Westwood/UCLA Purple/D Line station, a large

planned Metro bus terminal, and the Geffen Academy school); the UCLA Health Rehabilitation Building; Weyburn Terrace housing; North Village housing; and the entire Westwood Hills neighborhood of more than 600 homes. Veteran also provides an alternate route to UCLA Hospital and the Village; serves as a safety valve for overburdened Sepulveda and Westwood Blvds.; and is the only direct connector from Ohio Ave. to Sunset Blvd. between the 405 Freeway and Beverly Hills.

Although this project has been in the design phase for years, these eastbound left-turn bans were disclosed only a few months ago. They do not appear on the project's webpage, <https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/ohio>, nor on the fact sheets downloadable at that site. They are instead buried in a "new" (emphasis on website) set of FAQs that must be downloaded.

We are happy to work with the city engineers and experts, and have every confidence that a creative solution can be found.

**We would appreciate a response from you that will address our concerns.** Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor.

Sincerely,


Brentwood Community Council

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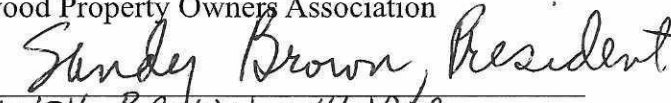
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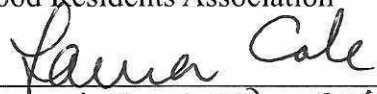
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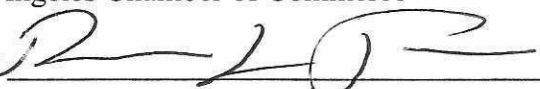
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