

TO: Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, LADOT
Los Angeles City Councilmembers

Re: Improving Slow Streets for our community

Dear City Leaders,

The undersigned represent communities that to date have implemented Slow Streets. We have watched as our communities have come alive on our Slow Streets, and have used them as intended to walk, run, and bike during the COVID pandemic while maintaining social distancing.

However, we are disturbed by the recent trends in the program, including the removal of the “Road Closed” sign and the reduction of two A-frames to one A-frame per intersection. The result is a sign that is too small for people driving to read, and less effective at discouraging cut through traffic.



We are writing today to request the following:

1 - the restoration of **two** A-frames per intersection

2 - the restoration of a large font sign easily readable by drivers (if “ROAD CLOSED, LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY” is problematic due to State Law, then we suggest “SLOW DOWN! (same size as ROAD CLOSED) and “THIS IS A SLOW STREET” (same size as Local Traffic Only)”)

3 - the addition of sandbags and/or delineators to keep the A-frames in place. Our volunteers are exhausted by having to constantly put them back in place every day. Along some Slow Streets routes that intersect with major thoroughfares, due to lack of efficient signage, volunteers worry about their personal safety while replacing fallen signs.

4 - the addition of cones around the A-frames (this was done initially in Del Rey but has since not been part of the program).



We all love the vision of Slow Streets and are in support of making the program permanent per CF #20-0838. We hope LADOT will consider these changes to help improve the safety and effectiveness of our Slow Streets.

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