

**CITY OF GLENDALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
***Questions/Comments Received During***  
***La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project Community Meeting***  
***March 8, 2023 COG Civic Auditorium***

Question/Comment No. 1

95% of the bike path will be used by road bikes. It will be a traffic nightmare due to the narrowing of the lanes. I love the landscaping. There will be terrible traffic jams. You need to address the traffic flow. The 23,000 postcards were sent out after Council approval. You need to resend the postcard as a survey. You did not capture all public opinion. People will be angry.

Response to Question/Comment No. 1:

Comment noted.

Question/Comment No. 2

I have an e-bike. Are there plans to add bike racks and other parking options?

Response to Question/Comment No. 2:

Staff will look into installing bike racks where possible.

Question/Comment No. 3

There is a bottleneck at Fremont School near Paloma Avenue, and I want to alert you to the unmarked crosswalk at Oakmont.

Response to Question/Comment No. 3:

Staff is currently designing intersection improvements at Paloma Avenue and Las Palmas to address this issue.

Question/Comment No. 4

There was no meeting in our neighborhood. The lane elimination is the wrong use of gas tax money. We don't want a road diet. Have the police issue more tickets for speeding. Don't eliminate a lane. Put this on the ballot. You can't make people get out of their cars. You're using gas tax money to solve a problem that doesn't exist. The project cons should be indicated on the postcard. PW Traffic didn't explain lane reduction to the public.

Response to Question/Comment No. 4 (YE):

Public Works developed project various traffic lane configuration alternatives and conducted five (5) months of community outreach, including 10 meetings with neighborhood home owner associations to obtain feedback on the alternatives. The majority of the feedback we received supported repurposing a portion of the roadway for installation of Class II bike lanes. A traffic study was conducted and evaluated traffic impacts, reduction in vehicle miles traveled, traffic collision history, traffic speeds, and

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potential safety benefits of the alternatives. This information was shared with the community and presented to the City Council for direction. Council provided direction to move forward with repurposing of a portion of La Crescenta Avenue and installation of Class II bike lanes, including protected bike lanes where feasible.

Question/Comment No. 5

I represent the La Crescenta Women's Club and the crosswalk is on the wrong corner at Piedmont. It's dangerous for pedestrians.

Response to Question/Comment No. 5 (PC):

Staff is conducting a traffic study to evaluate feasibility of the requested crosswalk at Manhattan Avenue and La Crescenta Avenue.

Question/Comment No. 6

The La Crescenta Women's Club does not have enough parking on-site and people park across the street at the American Legion parking lot on Manhattan Avenue. This makes it dangerous for those that need to cross the street at Manhattan. Make it a safe crosswalk.

Response to Question/Comment No. 6:

Staff is conducting a traffic study to evaluate feasibility of the requested crosswalk.

Question/Comment No. 7

Make the community safe. What is the width of the bike lanes?

Response to Question/Comment No. 7 (PC):

The bike lanes vary from five to six feet wide, as well as an additional buffered portion, and vertical protection where feasible.

Question/Comment No. 8

a) I have a concern about the amount of debris that builds up against the curb line. Cyclists tend to avoid those areas. Also, how close will parked cars be to cyclists? Cyclists ride in large groups and are concerned about confined space. If not enough space is provided, it may incite road rage. It may be a problem if cars pass on the center line.

b) How will GPD be responding to emergencies?

Response to Question/Comment No. 8:

a) There are various proposed parking and bike lane configurations along La Crescenta Avenue. Some sections will have cars parked adjacent to the curb, and other sections

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will have a curb running bike lane with three (3) foot buffer between the bike lane and parked cars. Public Works is planning on purchasing mini-sweepers to maneuver in confined areas such as between the curb and protected bike lanes to address the debris build up along the curbs.

b) Public Works coordinated with both GPD and GFD regarding the lane changes along La Crescenta Avenue and will be conducting additional coordination prior to project construction. GPD and GFD may use the 2-way turn lane.

Question/Comment No. 9

- a) Will there be parking restrictions, and will the speed be reduced on La Crescenta?
- b) Does the City have a tree donation program for residents to contribute to this project?
- c) Will the creative crosswalks be colorful?

Response to Question/Comment No. 9:

a) The final plans will incorporate appropriate striping and signage to indicate where and when parking is allowed. A traffic study will be conducted after implementation of the new lane configurations to determine if a change in speed limit is warranted on La Crescenta.

b) Staff will look into the previous tree donation program and see if it's still active. Glendale does have an active tree-planting program planned for the next ten years. If you would like to find more information, please call the Public Works Department at (818) 548-3950 and ask to speak to the Urban Forester.

c) Staff is currently coordinating with the Library, Arts & Culture Department to advertise a Request For Qualifications for artists to submit their proposals on the creative crosswalk designs.

Question/Comment No. 10

I appreciate what this project will do to not only slow down traffic but also add the center turn lane for residents that make a left turn into their driveways and adjacent streets. I'm looking forward to this project

Response to Question/Comment No. 10:

Comment noted.

Question/Comment No. 11

My family and I are excited about this project. We bike down to Fremont Elementary every day. Please implement protected bicycle crossing on southbound La Crescenta at Fremont School to help residents get across to the school. We need a signalized light at the school.

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Response to Question/Comment No. 11:

Staff is researching the feasibility of installing a bicycle crossing for access to Fremont Elementary school .

Question/Comment No. 12

I'm thankful for this project, especially the stormwater improvements.

Response to Question/Comment No. 12:

Comment noted.

Question/Comment No. 13

I support the center lane addition, but I'm concerned about the plastic bollards which tend to be knocked down.

Response to Question/Comment No. 13:

The proposed K71 bollards are traffic rated up to 65mph and will be supplemented with roadway striping that delineates traffic away from the bollards.

Question/Comment No. 14

I work at the La Crescenta Nursery and am concerned about customer's ability to enter the driveway. What are the mitigation efforts so that businesses won't be adversely impacted? Will equipment block the entrance to the Nursery?

Response to Question/Comment No. 14:

Staff is currently proposing traffic signal modifications at the intersection of La Crescenta and Shirlyjean to address the existing conflict points for traffic entering the nursery and traffic turning left onto Shirlyjean Street. All efforts will be made to mitigate traffic impacts. In the case of this project, construction will occur in different phases. Stakeholders will receive a Director's Postcard notification one to two months before the construction start date, as well as a two-week and three-day door hanger that will be distributed by the contractor when work is planned adjacent to affected stakeholders.

Question/Comment No. 15

Please mitigate cut-through traffic in the Sycamore Woods area. We also need a crosswalk there.

Response to Question/Comment No. 15:

Staff is proposing new intersection alignments to discourage cut-through traffic into the Sycamore Woods area. Additionally, the City has a traffic calming program to evaluate cut-through traffic and speeding issues in residential neighborhoods. Please submit

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your requests to the Traffic Engineering team so that staff can study and evaluate the issues in your neighborhood. Furthermore, staff will conduct a traffic study to confirm if a marked crosswalk at La Crescenta Avenue and Sycamore Avenue is warranted.

Question/Comment No. 16

Will you be addressing the wildfire issue with Glendale Fire? The flyers were sent to what areas of La Crescenta?

Response to Question/Comment No. 16:

Glendale Fire Department is considered a stakeholder and we have had their input into the project. The postcards were distributed to the 91208, 91020 and 91214 area codes.

Question/Comment No. 17

I support the project. Refilling of the aquifer basin is very important. What is the idea behind the bike lanes being adjacent to travel lanes and some bike lanes adjacent to the curb?

Response to Question/Comment No. 17:

. This project will incorporate Class II Bike Lanes, Class II Bike Lanes with buffers, and Class IV Protected Bike Lanes where possible. Due to varying street widths and other restrictions along the corridor, the configuration of the bike lanes may vary depending on available street width.

Question/Comment No. 18

I'm excited about the project but I fear that it will drop bikers into dangerous areas.

Response to Question/Comment No. 18:

Public Works plans on incorporate a continuation of the bicycle facilities onto North Verdugo Road from La Crescenta Avenue as part of the North Verdugo Road Complete Streets Project that is planned as part of the next 5-year capital improvement program.

Question/Comment No. 19

I support Alternative No. 1. Class II and Class IV bike lanes are good. Consider adding a crosswalk on Sycamore. Discuss potential evacuation efforts with the Glendale Fire Dept. What is the timeline for the bids? Is there going to be another community meeting?

Response to Question/Comment No. 19:

Staff will conduct a traffic study to assess if a marked crosswalk at La Crescenta Avenue and Sycamore Avenue is warranted. The advertisement of bids is tentatively scheduled for late fall 2023, barring any unforeseen conditions.

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Question/Comment No. 20

The La Crescenta Women’s Club and American Legion need a crosswalk. At night it is very dangerous to cross the street. Do it for safety reasons.

Response to Question/Comment No. 20:

Staff is conducting a traffic study to assess if a marked crosswalk at La Crescenta and Manhattan Avenue is warranted.

Question/Comment No. 21

- a) I support the bike lanes. On the downhill portion of La Crescenta, a Class II lane is safer and offers a rider an escape route.
- b) Install a crosswalk at Shirlyjean Street.

Response to Question/Comment No. 21:

- a) Comment noted.
- b) Staff will upgrade the existing crosswalks at La Crescenta and Shirlyjean as part of this project, as well as implement traffic signal modifications to enhance pedestrian and intersection safety.

Question/Comment No. 22

- a) Consider installing “flashing” crosswalks.
- b) You should re-send the postcard and include language indicating that a lane will be eliminated. The card only tells us that a bike lane will be installed. It’s not the complete picture.

Response to Question/Comment No. 22:

- a) Staff will conduct a traffic study to assess the situation and refer to the pedestrian safety plan to implement Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB) or Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB) where warranted.
- b) There are a lot of elements to the project. The postcard language provides an overview of the expected work and the purpose of the community meeting is to learn all the details about the project.

Question/Comment No. 23

Is there going to be a roll out of the plans for Verdugo Road?

Response to Question/Comment No. 23:

We are reviewing potential capital improvement for Verdugo Road as part of the next 5-year capital improvement program.