



A community group dedicated to biking in Santa Monica.

Working to make the City of Santa Monica a more sustainable, bikeable place to live, work and play.

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Support Agenda Items 5A, 5C, 5I

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Santa Monica Spoke and the Santa Monica Safe Streets Alliance thank you for supporting staff's work and moving forward the community-supported projects identified in items 5A, 5C and 5I. Each of these funded projects moves us closer to our Vision Zero commitment and street safety goals, helping to protect our diverse community and visitors, particularly our most vulnerable – children, youth and elders.

Agenda Item 5A This final contract for Olympic / 26th is yet another of the components to carry forth the City's determination to provide safer streets for everyone. This critical new sidewalk is another of the key components of the Bergamot Area Safety Enhancements to provide a safe and inviting setting for the local residents and the local workforce to enjoy connecting to local destinations and public transportation like the Metro E Line and the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus.

Agenda Item 5C Like the benefits and safety improvements we were able to identify, support and then implement as part of the Wilshire Blvd. Safety study, we are beyond excited to see the efforts addressing Santa Monica Blvd. with the same data-based input to support meaningful safety improvements on the corridor.

Agenda Item 5I We are very excited to see more of the Safe Routes to School projects get funded and get built. Thank you to staff for their exceptional work and to the Council for your continued priority to the safety of the youngest and some of the most vulnerable in our community.

We have all been working hard together on a vast number of interconnected projects like these to ensure Santa Monica's streets are inviting, healthier and safer. We look forward to seeing the implementation of these important projects.

Sincerely,

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*Safe, livable, and sustainable streets are welcoming to everyone
and strengthen our community.*