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West Hollywood City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee

RE: Fiscal years '24-'25 & '25-'26 budget

Dear City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee and Councilmembers:

The West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition is a group of local volunteers that promotes bike-oriented services, advocacy, education, and projects that benefit everyone, from pedestrians to cyclists to transit riders to motorists. We are happy to present our general recommendations for improvements within West Hollywood that will enhance mobility conditions to the City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee and Councilmembers for the FY24-26 budget cycle. We encourage the City to invest in long-term improvements that will continue making it easier, safer, and more fun to get around with a variety of transportation options. With that in mind, we prioritize safe, efficient mobility for the City's most vulnerable road users.

We appreciate that the City embraces an open, transparent process that solicits continual feedback and input from residents invested in improving the place where we live, work, and play. The following are the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition's FY24-26 budget recommendations:

- The installation of bicycle video or loop detectors at all signalized intersections within the City of West Hollywood jurisdiction. These will ensure that cyclists can use all public roadways safely and predictably. We appreciate the City's stated commitment to adding bicycle loop detectors at signalized intersections along the Willoughby, Vista-Gardner and Kings Street Design Concept.
- Provide funding in the budget to complete Santa Monica Boulevard bike lane expansion, including median reductions as necessary. We acknowledge that this project is still in the initial study phase. Should the project be approved, and grant funding obtained, we want to assure that any matching funds required from the City are already allocated so that this important project can proceed.
- The installation of green-backed sharrows along all existing and future Class III bicycle routed in the City. The green enhancements make the bicycle-chevron symbol even more visible on bicycle routes where more substantial bicycle infrastructure is not warranted or practicable.
- Wayfinding signage for significant destinations (e.g., the West Hollywood Library, City Hall, the Sunset Strip, etc.) along planned and existing bicycle routes, including signs for "Bike Route 66."

Thank you for considering these items as part of the City of West Hollywood FY24-26 budget. We at the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with elected and appointed officials to make the City a place with multiple viable and thriving mobility options.

Sincerely,

West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition