

Dear Pasadena City Council and Staff,

The city of Pasadena has been awarded funding from the Metro Board to construct four “Greenways” - streets that will prioritize safe walking and biking - on El Molino Avenue, Wilson Avenue, Sierra Bonita Avenue, and Craig Avenue.

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) has published guidelines for Greenways that are safe and comfortable for people of “All Ages and Abilities.” NACTO describes the guidelines in this way:

“The All Ages & Abilities criteria is a national and international best practice that should be adopted for all bicycle facility design”

We, the undersigned, believe that the Pasadena Greenways should follow this “international best practice.” The City of Pasadena's own planning documents promote replacing some car trips with walking, biking and other forms of sustainable mobility. Routes that are safe and comfortable for everyone are needed to meet this goal, and weak design simply won't work.

Reasons to choose an All Ages & Abilities design criteria on the Greenways include:

- **Safety:** Meeting the design criteria will reduce the rate of collisions and injuries for all road users, including pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists.
- **Reduced Traffic:** Safer routes will lead to higher levels of walking and biking. For example, in Palo Alto, CA, implementing a city-wide Greenways network has led to 48% of students riding bikes to school. This represents a significant reduction in traffic and VMT, which is badly needed here if Pasadena will meet its Climate Action goals.
- **Equity:** Research shows that women, children, and people of color are disproportionately less likely to bike when roadways are less safe. If we are not designing for All Ages and Abilities, then we are excluding a significant portion of our community.

Recognizing these benefits, the PUSD School Board, Pasadena City College Board of Trustees, the Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission, and the Pasadena Accessibility & Disability Commission have all called on the City of Pasadena to apply the All Ages and Abilities Guidelines in Greenways design. Our organizations stand with these groups in calling for Pasadena to apply NACTO's All Ages and Abilities Guidelines in the design of the Greenways.



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