



July 25, 2024

Dear Mayor Asatryan and Councilmembers Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, and Najarian,

Re: Bicycle Plan

The Glendale Environmental Coalition wholeheartedly supports the draft 2024 Bicycle Master Plan Update.

The plan creates a roadmap to guide Glendale toward a more environmentally-sound infrastructure. According to the City's draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, transportation has been identified as the single largest contributor of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions presently emitted into the atmosphere.

Many residents (especially downtown) live near major destinations, workplaces, and transit hubs. Making these important and short connections without a car will alleviate traffic in the busiest parts of town, and encourage a sustainable community. By creating a safer road infrastructure, people can find how easy it can be to bike in the city: it's relatively flat (for the vast majority of residents) and e-bikes can help where it's not; it's sunny, and the grid is conducive to more biking. If we even shift some trips, that can make a big difference in GHG reductions.

Another important benefit is public safety. Glendale has a national reputation for unsafe streets. Recognizing that, the City is presently creating a Vision Zero plan that will identify a path by which accidents involving cars, bikes and pedestrians can be reduced. Part of Vision Zero will focus on infrastructure, and the bicycle plan will be a significant portion of that. For motorists in Glendale this can lead to an additional benefit, less congestion and the lowering of auto insurance premiums.

By creating a system whereby cyclists (and pedestrians) will be able to more safely travel the City streets, the plan will help reduce GHG emissions and other pollutants by decreasing the number vehicular trips and reducing vehicle miles traveled. The plan therefore plays a vital role in enabling the City to achieve its sustainability goals.

Sincerely,

Glendale Environmental Coalition

cc: City Manager Roubik Golanian