



Aaron Kunz,
Deputy Director of Transportation

August 25, 2011

Mr. Mark Elliot
BetterBike.org

Dear Mark:

This letter is to provide you an update on the City's bicycle planning activities and also respond to your letter of August 3, 2011. As we discussed over the phone, we acknowledge the need to move forward with bicycle planning and have scheduled the next Traffic & Parking Commission Bicycle Ad-Hoc Committee for next Monday, August 29 at 5:00 pm at the City of Beverly Hills Public Works facility, 345 Foothill Road. At this meeting we will discuss potential pilot bicycle route/lane/sharrow projects that can be implemented over the short term. We will also begin developing a work plan to address bicycle planning for the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition to the pilot project, addressing bicycle racks is a top priority. Your letter, and previous correspondence, provides several well thought out suggestions that we will incorporate into this work plan.

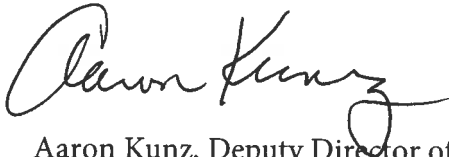
While we will have a discussion next week about the overall work plan, I want to emphasize a few details about bicycle planning:

- The conceptual design/public outreach process for the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction process is planned to occur during Winter/Spring 2012. At the conclusion of this process, the City Council will decide if bicycle lanes will be incorporated into the reconstruction process. Please be assured that the public outreach process will provide numerous opportunities for you to provide input into this process.
- Bicycle Planning is a top priority for the Transportation Division this fiscal year. We are currently looking at staffing alternatives to achieve our goals. For the near term, I will remain your contact for bicycle planning.

A top priority for the Westside Cities Council of Governments is bicycle planning and we are working with Metro on how to best provide public information related to bicycle planning, either through individual City websites or through the COG website.

We look forward to working with you going forward. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310-285-2563 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Kunz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "K".

Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation

cc: Traffic & Parking Commission