

Studio City Neighborhood Council

August 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

Re: Metro Open Streets Cycle 5

To whom it may concern:

The Studio City Neighborhood Council is in full support of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) application for Metro's Cycle 5 open streets program for CicLAvia The Valley in partnership with CicLAvia.

The last CicLAvia in Studio City was March of 2015 and was very well attended. We are excited to see this event returning to Studio City.

Since 2010, the LADOT and CicLAvia have produced impactful and highly successful open streets events that have become the model of open streets production in the country. It is clear to us that the success of LADOT's and CicLAvia's open streets events is a function of their commitment to early and on-going community outreach and community-based partnerships. Their consistent on-the-ground outreach with residents, community-based organizations, local business, churches, educational institutions, and other key stakeholders have resulted in meaningful open streets events that meet the priorities of the communities they serve. Their work to collaborate and coordinate with public sector agencies and departments at the local, county and state levels have also enabled a streamlined production process where shared responsibility and leadership produce safe and accessible open streets events.

We have worked directly with LADOT and CicLAvia on prior open streets events. Their focus on showcasing art, culture, local small businesses, and community priorities are highly effective. Their work to partner with the community, create opportunities for local business engagement, and generate hundreds of local volunteers at open streets events have been demonstrated countless of times.

We are in full support of LADOT's application for CicLAvia The Valley. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [smandell@studiocitync.org](mailto:smandell@studiocitync.org) or [board@studiocitync.org](mailto:board@studiocitync.org)

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Mandell  
President,  
Studio City Neighborhood Council.