

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

West Los Angeles



We collected community input at Kick-off Events, Neighborhood Council meetings, walking/driving tours, farmers markets, community festivals and events, a survey, an online comment form, and through other interactions with community members. This is a summary of what we heard during the Listen Phase (Summer 2018 - Spring 2019).

Housing

- Affordable housing should be defined as people living on social security or minimum wage, not median income.
- Displacement from high rents, new development
- Increase density on arterials
- Affordable housing needed for students, seniors, and working class
- Increase housing stock through ADUs, infill, micro-units, duplexes
- Housing stock aging, out of step with needs for families (2BR+)
- Homelessness is becoming more problematic, and needs to be addressed; concerns about encampments on Wilshire

Mobility

- Bicycle and Pedestrian network improvements
- Road safety concerns
- More incentives for using public transit
- Traffic and congestion
- More parking
- Vigilance in addressing potholes
- An additional 6-foot dedication is desired on Sawtelle Boulevard for bicycle lanes
- New regulations for scooters are needed
- Local transit options / shuttles needed among Westside communities
- Problem with cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods
- Need illuminated and signalized crosswalks

Scale & Design

- More appealing design that conforms with local character
- Greater mix of apartment buildings, with range of unit sizes (1BR - 4BR)
- A greater mix of uses along corridors
- Preserving existing cultural amenities (especially Japanese heritage), while adding more attractive commercial and dining options
- Large, single-family homes are out of place and imposing
- Adapting underutilized spaces

Open Space

- Insufficient open space, parks, community gathering spaces
- New Google Headquarters: Add public plaza or lawn
- Lack of child- and family-friendly parks and resources
- Open up school athletic facilities for open space and recreation
- Addition of pocket parks every ¼ mile
- More small parks and playgrounds
- Add more green spaces, open spaces, parks, and nature

Infrastructure

- The infrastructure is insufficient to accommodate future growth
- Ensure that there are sufficient public services
- More housing may stress the current infrastructure
- Maintain good Schools and Police services with accompanying growth
- Fire Station No. 92 : Impeded access due to gridlock on Pico Boulevard
- School overcrowding with increased density

Streetscape & Commercial

- More street trees on Centinela, Bundy, and Olympic, and along Pico, near Robertson
- Unique local shops and restaurants
- Ability to live, work, and play here
- Streetscapes on major corridors are not green enough
- Supermarkets desired on Pico, near Beverly Glen
- Encourage more neighborhood-serving retail/commercial
- More upscale, neighborhood restaurants on Westwood Boulevard.
- Small businesses are having their needs ignored