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City Council Approves Bike Lanes on N. Santa Monica Blvd.

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council has approved the installation of bike lanes on N. Santa Monica Boulevard upon completion of the current reconstruction project. At the June 20 City Council meeting, councilmembers voted unanimously to stripe the boulevard to create a passage for cyclists.

“This was a great night for Beverly Hills!” said Mayor Lili Bosse. “We are saying YES to a Healthy City, where everyone who lives, works or visits Beverly Hills is encouraged to leave their car at home, get outside and move!”

When the City Council approved the budget and design for the N. Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project in 2015, they decided to widen a portion of the roadway to the south along the Santa Monica 5 parking structures to accommodate bicycles. The reconstruction project is about one third complete and is scheduled to be finished in mid-2018. More information on the construction project can be found at www.beverlyhills.org/smbldv.

At the meeting Tuesday evening, dozens of speakers talked about the importance of reducing greenhouse gases and the need to create a bike friendly environment and better connectivity to neighboring cities.

Staff will return to the City Council this calendar year with a striping plan that will include travel and bike lane width and options for high visibility bike lanes.

Additional information is available at www.beverlyhills.org/bicycles.

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