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Good evening Mayor and Council Members

My name is Monica Sena and I live on La Entrada Ave. in Whittier

I must compliment the Whittier City Council for the fine job they are doing in the area of transportation. There are at least 6 existing programs or current projects that are supported by the City. I am most excited about the extension of the west end of the Greenway trail. Some of the almost \$3 million federal dollars coming to the city is earmarked to connect the west end of the Greenway Trail to the San Gabriel River Trail. Imagine being able to get from Whittier to the beach without ever having to go on a street, get in a car, or pay high beach parking fees. On the other end of the Greenway Trail, the east end, construction of the 2.8mile extension has already begun. Some of it is already completed. In fact, I was on part of it this morning. Another boon to our city is the extension of the Metro Green Line from its terminal in Norwalk to its new end in Whittier. This will make it so much easier for Whittier residents to get to LAX, Long Beach, downtown LA, Hollywood, etc. and all points in between. Also to serve its constituents, the City is considering a micro-transit project, the Whittier People Mover. It is a small-scale circular transit route that would connect all key Whittier destinations like the malls. PIH, and uptown. Of course, there are the existing systems, the Sunshine Shuttle and the Dial-A-Ride Community vans, that help so many of the citizens of Whittier. Good, reliable transit, is one of the contributors to a quality city. A variety of options for getting from Point A to Point B provides so much flexibility and is critical especially in these times of inflation and rising gasoline prices. Most importantly, we will never win the war against Global Warming without revamping our modes of transportation.

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