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Hello,

I am a registered voter in Whittier and have lived in Whittier almost my entire life. I am unequivocally opposed to the addition of any extra lanes to the Whittier Blvd/ Washington Blvd intersection. Adding turning lanes to this intersection will increase risk of pedestrian injury, urban sprawl, and carbon emissions.

Instead of adding lanes, I highly suggest city planners utilize government funds to replace this five-way intersection with a roundabout. Roundabouts are a safer alternative to traffic signals and stop signs, as the tight circle of a roundabout forces drivers to slow down. Roundabouts improve traffic flow and are better for the environment, as fewer idle vehicles reduce vehicle emissions and fuel consumption. Roundabouts are generally safer for pedestrians, who would walk on sidewalks around the perimeter and cross only one direction of traffic at a time. Crossing distances are relatively short, and traffic speeds are lower than at traditional intersections.

Please do not make Whittier worse by adding more lanes to our already unnecessarily large roads.

Best,
Liz Israelian

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