

## Molinar, Tess

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**Subject:** PLEASE KEEP VMT- Let's move forward not backward for our community

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Hello my name is Jazmine De La Torre,

I was raised in Pasadena. Have attended Roosevelt, Wilson, Marshall, and PCC. I have always been a transit and bike rider. This is because it was affordable for me and healthier. I would like to continue to see my community try to live up to its "Green City" ideals, a place that has a high quality of life because aims to increase safety for everyone. Please continue to work towards a more active, safe, and healthy Pasadena. I am asking you to keep VMT.

Please consider the following:

1. "One of the reasons that Pasadena has attracted and retained employers and retail is that it has a high quality of life. That quality of life includes beautiful neighborhoods with older homes, tree-lined streets, and great shopping districts. Making decisions based on Level of Service creates streets that help cars move quickly, but that diminishes the quality of life and the economy of the City."
2. "VMT incentivizes streets that are safe and appealing for all people, not just for those people driving cars. A recent in-depth history of Pasadena in Salud America included an interview with former Director of Pasadena Department of Transportation, Fred Dock. He describes how Pasadena decided to look at moving away from using LOS. Based on data collection, staff recognized that travel delay was not happening to the extent estimated initially. There were no major increases in commute times during peak travel. Mr. Dock and his team also recognized that congestion mitigation strategies were making it more dangerous and more difficult for people to walk and bike."

Thank you,

Jazmine