

Rowena "Road Diet" Update

A group of Silver Lake residents, including four members of the SLNC, has been working with Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu's office to engage an independent consulting firm that will examine issues surrounding the Rowena Avenue "road diet."

As reported in the *Los Feliz Ledger* earlier this year, "... members of the group have various views *on* the road diet and the traffic mitigation issues regarding Rowena Avenue and the adjacent area. (They were) brought... together to find common solutions that can benefit all constituents in Silver Lake."

After several meetings, the contract for the consulting firm is in the final stages. The consultant will conduct data gathering, community outreach efforts and implement potential solutions in 2017.

The road diet was implemented in 2013, reducing four traffic lanes on Rowena Avenue to one in either direction, with bike lanes on both sides. Some residents and commuters believe the diet created a bike-friendly environment, but others note that new cut-through traffic on adjacent streets has led to dangerous situations.

The *Ledger* article noted that, "As the road diet is seen as a litmus test of how the city's bike-friendly Mobility Plan 2035 might play out, it has been closely watched."