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CicLAvia – The Valley

New Year, New Car-Free Open Streets Event on Sherman Way Between Canoga Park & Reseda to Enjoy as Temporary Park Space

Sunday, February 26, 2023; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHAT: CicLAvia-The Valley

On **Sunday**, **February 26**; **9 a.m.-3 p.m.**, *CicLAvia-The Valley*, 5 miles of car-free open streets for all to enjoy as a temporary park space – free of charge. Participants of all ages and abilities can play, explore local gems, and sightsee, while experiencing the joy of safe, people-powered transportation on streets that are car-free. The *CicLAvia-The Valley* is an opportunity to explore the neighborhoods of Canoga Park, Winnetka, and Reseda along Sherman Way. This February 26th CicLAvia-The Valley will be the second time along Sherman Way – the first time occurred in December 2019.

Show up anywhere along the route at any time and have fun! Hubs have family-friendly activities, restrooms, free water refilling stations, free basic bike repair, bike parking, and first aid. In addition, free pedicab rides, sponsored by AARP, are available at each information booth.

Hubs are walking zones (bike dismounts) and meeting points along the route and offer additional programming and activities. *CicLAvia-The Valley* will have three hubs along Sherman Way in Canoga Park, Winnetka, and Reseda. In addition, there are many local gems near and along *The Valley* route – discover them here: https://www.ciclavia.org/the_valley23_local_gems.

CicLAvia is a nonprofit organization committed to introducing Angelenos to the vibrant civic and cultural treasures throughout Los Angeles. CicLAvia highlights important issues to all Angelenos - from environmental health and air quality improvement to access to safe and open parks, physical and mental well-being. CicLAvia has captured the imagination of more than 1.8 million people who have traveled together along more than 260 miles of streets. CicLAvia builds unifying social fabric, joyously connecting culturally diverse neighborhoods and neighbors to each other through open streets. CicLAvia is not just about cycling, it's also about multiple modes of people-powered transportation. Whether one walks, strolls, skate, jogs, scooters, or bikes, CicLAvia creates so many incredible moments and experiences enjoying our city streets together.

Over the past 13 years, CicLAvia has grown into a beloved staple of the Los Angeles landscape. More than just an open streets movement, CicLAvia helps communities re-imagine a greener and cleaner Los Angeles, while also promoting equitable transportation options, healthier lifestyles, and closer connections to community. Inspired by Bogotá's weekly ciclovía, CicLAvia has been temporarily closing streets to car traffic and opening them as public parks in Los Angeles since 2010. With more than 260 miles of open streets, The Valley is CicLAvia's 43rd event.

Only people-powered vehicles are allowed. No electric scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, electric unicycles, motorcycles and other non-people-powered vehicles are allowed at CicLAvia. Class 1 e-bike pedal-assist allowed. Class 2 e-bikes allowed when throttle is powered off. Class 3 e-bikes allowed when pedal-assist is powered off. Motorized wheelchairs are allowed. Learn more here.

Participants assume all known and unknown risks of participation in CicLAvia. More information regarding participants rights can be found here: https://www.ciclavia.org/ciclavia-safety

The 2023 CicLAvia schedule includes: **April 16**: Mid-City Meets Pico Union; **May 21**: New CicLAmini – Watts; **June 18**: South LA – Vermont Ave; **August 20**: Koreatown Meets Hollywood; **September 17**: New CicLAmini – North Hollywood; **October 15**: Heart of LA; and **December 3**: South LA – Leimert Park Meets Historic South Central.

WHO:

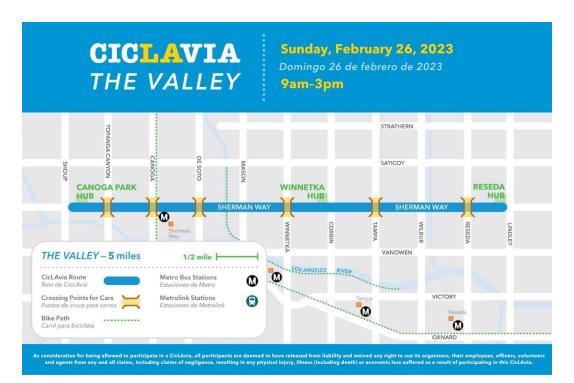
Free for all, CicLAvia is a nonprofit organization working to connect neighborhoods to each other across a sprawling city, creating a safe place to walk, skate, roll, bike, play and dance through Los Angeles County. CicLAvia engages with people to transform our relationship with our communities and with each other. Participants of all ages and abilities will enjoy a day to sightsee, play and explore local gems, while experiencing the joy of safe, people-powered transportation on car-free open streets.

WHERE & WHEN:

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HOW & MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit https://www.ciclavia.org/the_valley23 for more detailed information
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