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CicLAvia – South LA

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7.25 Miles of Car-Free Open Streets Between Expo Park & Watts to Enjoy as Temporary Park Space

Sunday, December 4, 2022; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHAT: *CicLAvia-South LA*

On **Sunday, December 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**, Metro presents ***CicLAvia-South LA***, 7.25 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 car-free open streets. The ***CicLAvia-South LA*** is an opportunity to explore the neighborhoods of Exposition Park, Vermont Square, Historic South Central, Central Alameda, Florence-Graham, and Watts, passing landmarks such as Central Ave Jazz Park, Dunbar Hotel, and Ted Watkins Memorial Park.

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

Hubs are resting and meeting points along the route and offer additional programming and activities. For example, be sure to stop by Central Ave Hub to learn all about the new Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP) and the [City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation \(LADOT\)'s Universal Basic Mobility \(UBM\) Pilot](#). UBM was born of a vision that residents have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support. When people's right to movement is restricted, their personal health and wellbeing, productivity and belonging, and happiness are negatively affected. STEP offers an unprecedented opportunity to put this work into motion in South LA – delivering tangible and measurable results that will disrupt institutions and systems that breed inequity.

At the Watts Hub, Designing in Color (DCo) will remix the configuration of the typical hub to create an experience that encourages more transformative participation in the future of our city by centering the Hub on a large-scale 'workshop' centered on Watts/South LA.

There are many local gems near and along the *South LA* route – discover them here:

https://www.ciclavia.org/south_la_22dec_local_gems.

CicLAvia is a nonprofit that catalyzes vibrant public spaces, active transportation, and good health through car-free streets. It has never been more important to improve people's lives and strengthen communities, breaking free from isolation, exploring the connection between our health and our planet's health and to

support sustainable systems and materials that sync with nature. Instead of building permanent infrastructure, 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, scooter, or bikes, CicLAvia creates so many incredible moments and experiences enjoying our city streets together.

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 *ciclovia*, CicLAvia has been temporarily closing streets to car traffic and opening them as public parks in Los Angeles since 2010. With more than 259 miles of open streets, South LA is CicLAvia's 42nd 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.ciclaviala.org/ciclaviala-safety>

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:

CicLAvia – South LA; Sunday, December 4, 2022; 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. – 7.25 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 car-free open streets. CicLAvia's final event of the year will explore the neighborhoods of Exposition Park, Vermont Square, Historic South Central, Central Alameda, Florence-Graham, and Watts.

HOW & MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit https://www.ciclaviala.org/south_la22dec for more detailed information
- <https://www.ciclaviala.org/>; info@ciclaviala.org; 213-355-8500
- Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ciclaviala>
- Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ciclaviala> & Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ciclaviala/>
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- Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/762450848>



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Fact Sheet: CicLAvia, 12 years of catalyzing vibrant public spaces, active transportation and good health through car-free streets

The first CicLAvia event took place on October 10, 2010, with a stretch of open streets from East Hollywood through downtown L.A. into Boyle Heights. More than 100,000 Angelenos turned out with people-powered transportation (bicycles, walking, skateboarding, scooters, running, pedicabs, etc.), exceeding expectations. Through CicLAvia open streets events, people feel joy and belonging through safe, people centered and community-oriented streets.

Inspired by the Bogotá, Colombia's Ciclovía events that started over 45 years ago, CicLAvia began as a grassroots initiative by individuals who recognized that Open Streets events could address active transportation, urban land use, and public health needs in L.A.

- **Twelve years and 41 CicLAvia Sundays later, 2 million people** (averaging 53,000 participants at each event) have explored more than **259 miles** of open streets in L.A. County. Each CicLAvia route is 6-8 times larger than the median size of L.A.'s existing public parks.
- Attendees come from both the host neighborhoods – and all over L.A. and beyond – to share and enjoy the day. CicLAvia builds a unifying social fabric connecting neighborhoods and neighbors to each other through a spirit of play and exploration.
- CicLAvia is free, fun, and inclusive. Neighbors, families, and new friends can more intimately explore neighborhoods, historic sites, and hidden gems along with food, shopping, and educational resources available along each route.
- For those participating with children, CicLAvia is an opportunity to get exercise, explore the city, have fun, to bike and walk in a safe environment without traffic, and to simply get their children outside, as well as enjoying the activities our many sponsors offer.
- CicLAvia has allowed L.A. to imagine what air quality, mobility and public health would be like via car-free Open Streets events. CicLAvia routes change every other month creating greater equity for L.A.'s most park-poor communities – extending its reach and impact beyond any one community.

- By locating routes near public transportation, a broad range of local communities can easily participate. CicLAvia entices people to go places they never visited or always wanted to. Metro ridership increases 30% during CicLAvia, with some riders taking trains and buses for the first time. CicLAvia happens *with* communities not *to* communities. All routes, whether unique or recurring, are designed, planned, and implemented in partnership with local communities.
- CicLAvia's participants mirror L.A.'s demographics. They come from 75% of City of L.A. zip codes, and 50% of LA County zip codes. In a region that has at times struggled for harmony, CicLAvia creates a joyous, shared urban forum. Everyone is welcome... even dogs. Attendees start wherever they want along the route and enjoy as long as they like.
- These well-coordinated days are due to the hundreds of volunteers who work alongside public safety workers to close streets to cars and open them to celebratory fun. By design, CicLAvia routes traverse the centerpiece boulevards that distinguish LA's many unique neighborhoods.

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