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CicLAVia – South LA **Presented by Metro**

Another Exciting Day of Car-Free Streets
Connecting the Neighborhoods of South Central, Exposition Park,
Leimert Park and Crenshaw

December 5, 2021; 9am-3pm

WHAT: CicLAVia-South LA presented by Metro

On **Sunday, December 5**, CicLAVia will open up 5.3-miles of streets in South LA connecting the neighborhoods of South Central, Exposition Park, Leimert Park and Crenshaw. For all ages and abilities, the public is invited to bike, skate, scooter, run, walk, skateboard, hitch a ride on a pedi-cab, spectate and enjoy the route. CicLAVia is a **free**, open event – show up anywhere along the route at any time, and have fun!

CicLAVia is where joy meets purpose, restoring comfort to the community and reminds us of the value of public spaces for all. CicLAVia reinforces what matters most to us – connection with each other and with our communities. Whether one bikes, walks, strolls, skates, or jogs, we create more incredible moments and experiences enjoying our city streets together. Inspired by Bogotá's weekly ciclovía, CicLAVia temporarily closes streets to car traffic and opens them to Angelenos to use as a public park.

Only people-powered vehicles allowed. No electric scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, unicycles, motorcycles and other non-people-powered vehicles 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](#).

We're closely following [LA County Public Health guidelines](#) as we approach the event. Masks are now required on public transit and in all indoor public places in Los Angeles County, as well as at events with over 10,000 attendees. If you forget your mask, we will have complimentary masks available at our Info Booths and CicLAVia branded masks for sale if you want to add one to your collection.

Participants assume all known and unknown risks of participation in CicLAvia. More information regarding participants rights can be found here: https://www.ciclavia.org/south_la21

WHO:

Free for all, CicLAvia connects communities to each other across an expansive city, creating a safe place to bike, walk, skate, roll, and dance through Los Angeles County. CicLAvia is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that catalyzes vibrant public spaces, active transportation, and good health through car-free streets. CicLAvia engages with people to transform our relationship with our communities and with each other.

WHERE & WHEN:

• **CicLAvia-South LA; Sunday, December 5, 2021; 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** – The 5.3-mile open streets route connects the neighborhoods of South Central, Exposition Park, Leimert Park and Crenshaw, encompassing Crenshaw Blvd. between West Exposition Blvd. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., and along MLK, Jr. Blvd. to South Central Avenue

HOW & MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit https://www.ciclavia.org/south_la21 for more detailed information
- <https://www.ciclavia.org/>; info@ciclavia.org; 213-355-8500
- Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ciclavia>
- Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ciclavia> & Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ciclavia/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CicLAviaLA>

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Fact Sheet: CicLAvia's eleven 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.

Inspired by the Bogotá, Colombia's ciclovía events that started 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.

• **Eleven years and 37 CicLAvia Sundays later**, more than **1.8 million people** (averaging 53,000 participants at each event) have explored nearly **235 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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