I'm for the bus-only lanes, but a continuous system," Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl said. "The 5.4 miles would be a first step. If that is successful, we could work with Santa Monica and Beverly Hills," which are not participating in the project. "If everyone got on board, we could have a real system."
Rosendahl’s proposal would have the bus lanes run without interruption from South Park View Street to South San Vicente Boulevard on the eastern border of Beverly Hills. He says that using traffic lanes for buses during rush hours would further congest surface streets in his district.

Opponents of the proposal, such as the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Green L.A. Coalition, the Bus Riders Union and the Transit Coalition, contend that shortening the busways might threaten federal funding for the project and setback the effort to build dedicated lanes around the county.

"We are mortified by what Rosendahl is doing," said Bart Reed, director of the Transit Coalition. "This project is for the greater good. He is doing this to help a few squeaky wheels in his district."

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ocean hill at 6:40 AM February 02, 2011
C’mon Rosendahl, LEAD! Get people out of their cars and into mass transit. LA needs faster buses. For those westside residents taking their cars, hop on the bus instead and stop clogging the system. C’mon Santa Monica and Beverly Hills, get with the program and stop adding cars to the roads. It’s all clogged up and we need less cars on the road, not more!

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We tried a bus lane on Wilshire in West LA and it was a disaster. It locked all car traffic into one lane and resulted in massive traffic jams. Wilshire became unusable. After several years of god-awful traffic jams and inaccessibility for businesses, the thing was finally abandoned. What a relief! Never again.

dex127 at 11:01 PM February 01, 2011
White people on the Westside and Santa Monica are trippin’. You can’t stop progress no matter how much money you have. You want the mexican maids to come to get your kids to school and cook your breakfast but you don’t want to make it convenient for them. Just Selfish. Just a known fact. The expo line is coming through in the next five years and you wont be able to stop the ease of flight to the westside of all the Mexican and Black robbers and rapeist you think we are... Get into it. It’s coming...

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