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Krekorian Secures Changes to Burbank Blvd. Project to Reduce Speeding and Increase Safety

North Hollywood – Councilmember Paul Krekorian has blocked a 20 year old street widening plan on Burbank Boulevard, and in its place he has secured significant traffic safety improvements that will reduce speeds and protect motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

The original city plan for Burbank Boulevard, which was designed and funded long before Krekorian was elected, was to widen the street between Lankershim and Cleon and add vehicular travel lanes to increase traffic speeds. Krekorian and community members objected to the plan, noting that speeding in the area already creates too much danger. Unfortunately, the appropriated funding for the project was specifically tied to “congestion relief” and thus appeared to require widening.

Undeterred, Krekorian worked closely with city transportation planners and Metro staff to change the scope of the project to promote greater traffic safety while still retaining eligibility for the funding. Through Krekorian’s efforts, the revised project now will widen sidewalks, add left turn phasing signals, and provide pedestrian-oriented safety features, including curb extensions, new crosswalks, enhanced lighting, and flashing beacons. Increasing pedestrian safety is especially important in an area that lies in close proximity to the North Hollywood transit hub and the NoHo Arts District, one of the most walkable areas in the city.

Representatives of Councilmember Krekorian’s office and relevant city departments will attend the North Hollywood Neighborhood Council meeting on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. to update the community on the changes and improvements coming to this project because of their input and efforts.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian represents Council District 2 in the east San Fernando Valley. He is chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and also serves on the Metro and Metrolink boards of directors. His website is paulkrekorian.org, where you can sign up for news updates. Visit him on Twitter ([@PaulKrekorian](https://twitter.com/PaulKrekorian)) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/paulkrekorian).