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CicLAVia – Culver City Meets Mar Vista + Palms Presented by Metro Kicks Off 2019 Season with Return to One of LA’s Favorite Routes

LOS ANGELES (March 3, 2019) - CicLAVia will hosted its first event of the 2019 season with Culver City Meets Mar Vista + Palms. The event is CicLAVia’s third visit to Culver City and includes its first stop in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Palms.

Funded through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (Metro) Open Streets Grant Program, the event features a 6.5-mile car-free route that connected Downtown Culver City and Culver City Arts District with the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Mar Vista and Palms.

“Today’s route through Culver City, Mar Vista and Palms sets the tone for an exciting season of growth and new shared adventures,” said Executive Director Romel Pascual. “There is a fresh sense of joy in the air. It will be great to see the community join together in car-free streets for the first time in 2019. We can’t wait for the rest of year.”

In addition to the regular CicLAVia festivities, Metro’s Bike Share Program will be on full display, with its new Smart Bike system stations and bikes available throughout the route in Palms and Mar Vista. Staff will provide information about the new bikes and their lock-to technology that allows

users to access a bike with their TAP Card. The Smart bikes will also offer riders the option to park the bike anywhere within the service area, not just at stations.

The route has five hubs -- Arts District, Downtown Culver City, Palms, Washington West, and Mar Vista, where fun activities for the whole family will be offered.

Metro, CicLAvia's presenting partner, supports numerous active transportation programs that create better conditions for walking and bicycling, particularly to connect with Metro's growing public transit system. Metro's Open Streets Program, the largest of its kind in the United States, supports events, like CicLAvia, that re-imagine our streets by temporarily closing them to automobiles and opening them up to people walking, biking, or using other forms of non-motorized transportation. The program aims to encourage these sustainable modes of transportation and provide an opportunity for residents to take transit for the first time. Metro is sponsoring three CicLAvia events in 2019.

Since its inaugural event on 10/10/10, over 1.6 million people have explored nearly 200 miles of car-free streets at CicLAvia events.

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About CicLAvia:

CicLAvia is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. CicLAvia 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. CicLAvia is an innovative model for creating new public space and enriching civic life.

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