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Bus Only Lanes Are an Important Victory

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In 2008, the Strategy Center in Los Angeles decided to fight for Bus Only Lanes in the city. They believed that if buses had their own lanes, they would be faster. More people would ride buses. There would be fewer cars on the road. The air would be cleaner. People’s health would be better.

The Strategy Center asked the city government to make a lane on Wilshire Boulevard for buses only. When they first shared their idea with the city council, they only had one supporter. They worked in the community and got more and more supporters. Three years later, they won the bus lane. They also got federal funding for the project.

In November 2015, the Bus Only Lane was almost 8 miles long. It saves time for commuters. It is a victory for people who use buses and for everyone who breathes the air!

Next, the Strategy Center wants to start a campaign called No Cars in LA.

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