



## Season One Overview: Transportation

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## Season One Plot Overview:

**Story A** - Jessica gets really frustrated with city traffic and with the Sarah's help, learns about active transportation. Sarah, already an avid bicyclist, helps her figure out the nuances of biking in a big city. Along the way, Jessica builds a relationship with Daniel.

**Story B** - Sarah and Jose's relationship implodes as their work stresses increase as they lack effective communication and stress management strategies.

**Story C** - In a medical office, Liz and Stephanie debate overconsumption. Medical cases in the office highlight the relationships between climate and health. Liz increases her peer groups participation in civics.

**Story D** - Roger feels lonely and discouraged. His smoking and criticism irritate his community.



### **Episode 1 - Pilot/Jessica stuck in traffic**

In a flashback, middle-school aged Jessica and Sarah are sitting next to each other in the back of a 1980s station wagon comparing albuterol inhalers. Jessica is describing albuterol inhaler misuse to Sarah, “One puff and nothing happens... at thirty puffs you pass out.”

At breakfast, Jessica, a medical assistant in her early twenties with a knack for fixing things, quickly repairs Sarah’s broken cell phone case. Sarah, a programmer at a nearby tech company, informs Jessica that her boyfriend Jose is coming to dinner. Jessica has trouble driving to work. While waiting in an intersection, she briefly locks eyes with Daniel as he bikes past her with a distinctive bike trailer (toolbox and ladder) She stops for gas, which takes forever. Just as she starts moving, she hits a wall of traffic. Meanwhile, Sarah bikes effortlessly to work.

Jessica narrowly slides into the large corporate medical complex where she works. She gets a cup of coffee, and begins her work day. Sarah tries to get a cup of coffee but is foiled when the fancy coffee machine explodes on her. Jessica gets sexually harassed by an obnoxious patient at work. Her coworker Stephanie empathizes with her. Accumulated office clutter inconveniences another work-friend, Liz. Jessica instantaneously constructs a decorative desk organizer for Liz from recycled bottles. Stephanie enthusiastically shares new music with Liz and Stephanie. On her way home from work, Jessica hits an unending wall of traffic. Impeded repeatedly, Jessica feels increasingly frustrated. The weather report on the car’s radio soundtrack introduces the **Weathercaster (#1)** character, humorously describing LA’s current weather. Leaving work, Sarah checks her phone for messages from Jose, she texts him that she’s on her way home and asks if there’s anything he’d like for dinner from the market. Sarah comfortably bikes home, stopping for groceries on the way.

Arriving home, Jessica passes an assortment of her neighbors, including jovial age mates Andy, Josh and Matt, and crabby old Roger. Sarah and Jose cook dinner together while Jessica expresses wistfully that she wishes that she had a warm relationship like theirs.

During dinner, Jessica vents her aggravation with driving in traffic. Sarah offers her old bike to Jessica. Jessica voices skepticism, but agrees to try it. **Sarah explicitly describes efficacy through iterative goal setting.** Jose accidentally sets the kitchen on fire while making crepe suzette for desert. The smoke causes Sarah to have a mild asthma attack, which she downplays. Sarah, Jose and Jessica relax on the kitchen floor together enjoying the crepes.



## **Episode 2 - Sarah asthma**

Sarah and Jose wake-up together in Sarah's bedroom. Sarah's asthma gets triggered by smoke drifting upstairs from Roger smoking outside. The room has an air purifier, a humidifier and a few houseplants near the window. Jose gets-up to make coffee and breakfast. Sitting together over coffee and breakfast, Sarah and Jose plan their meals together in a shared app for the week breaking grocery lists by store for efficiency. On her way out to work, Sarah passes Roger and politely mentions that the smoke is blowing into her window and bothering her. Roger berates her defensively "I'm allowed to smoke here! Just close your window." "Don't sleep with your window open! Hot outside temperatures and no air conditioning in apartment make keeping the windows closed difficult. Jessica hesitantly bikes to work. It's rickety and tentative, but it works.

An attractive doctor at the medical office smiles at Jessica a few times. The cute doctor has trouble with something technical asks the medical assistants to help him, a couple of times. He asks Jessica out and she politely declines. Stephanie shares a picture that she painted the night before at a "paint night" with her boyfriend. She shares a couple pictures of them in a class of everyone trying to replicate a copy of the same cheesy puppy picture. Jessica, "Oh, I didn't know that you liked to paint?!" You have to come over and paint with me!" After a little wrangling with everyone's schedules, it turns out Stephanie is a bit shy and self-conscious about doing something creative but her and Liz agree to come over after work. Liz, "I needed to make more posters for the [upcoming medical care protest, <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-obamacare-protest-20170323-story.html>] anyways. Do you have any pasteboard?" Jessica, "Let's look through the recycling for cardboard boxes. I'm sure we can come-up with something." Liz, not knowing when to quit and now annoying everyone a little tries to coerce her colleagues into "Like and Share" the related social media campaigns. Lots of excuses, ex. "not enough time" "don't know how, "don't care." Etc. (*Civics Story #1: Asking a peer to contact elected officials.*)

At Sarah's work the coffee machine still isn't working. Bill asks Sarah to bring down the descaling fluid to try to fix it. She can't reach and goes to get a chair to stand on. While she's up on a chair reaching for the last package of descaling fluid way at the back of the dusty top shelf in a storeroom cupboard, dust rains down on her just as she reaches it. The falling dust triggers an asthma attack. By the time she goes back to her desk with her coffee she's disheveled, covered in dust and wheezing.

**Daniel/Jessica M-C 2:** While Jessica is out to lunch with Liz and Stephanie. Andy bikes past them on a city bike share while getting lunch with colleagues. He waves a friendly, "hi," as he passes them. Jessica spots Daniel's bike and bike trailer parked outside the sandwich shop that they're heading into. He's several people ahead of her in line and already ordering his sandwich. It's a fairly long line. Jessica notices him as they both get sandwiches but doesn't say anything. Stephanie is showing Liz and Jessica pictures of cute baby animals on her phone while they wait in line. Daniel and Jessica don't speak, but as he leaves the sandwich shop he notices her too and smiles at her as he walks out.

Josh and Matt have dancing apples tied to strings and are competing to see who can eat theirs the fastest as the apples swing around wildly. Matt: "I win! Although, I think I just accidentally ate the core..." Josh brings out speakers to play music loudly outside. Andy is goofing off and tries to eat a banana through a nylon stocking. Roger complains about the volume and type of music. He leans over to pet his cat.

There's great relief when Liz and Stephanie show-up at Jessica's apartment and there's ample alcohol. They do drinking and drawing together and have a great time drinking, painting and sharing music together. Stephanie mentions the doctor hitting on Jessica, "What was wrong with him? He's cute!" Jessica, "He might be a cute doctor but he's not self-reliant enough for me. I want a guy that can take care of himself. Why can't I meet any good guys?!" Sarah checks in with Jessica about biking, as a review of efficacy. Stephanie keeps drawing baby animals, "I can't help it, I just love them so much!" Through the evening the three medical assistants all uniquely support Sarah with her asthma.

Jessica uses an online tutorial to try soldering. It works okay, but she'd benefit from a little more personal instruction. But doesn't light up her painting.

### **Episode 3 - Phlebotomy**

Early in the morning before the patients arrive, Liz, Stephanie and Jessica are all just arriving at the office. It's dark and quiet, Liz and Jessica start going down checklists preparing for the day. They are all dragging a little bit after drinking the night before. Stephanie turns on a tiny portable speaker and blasts bouncy pop music through the offices. Montage of Liz/Stephanie/Jessica: checking supplies, checking the refrigerator temp holding vaccines, checking logs and initialing them, checking follow-ups for patients, looking at the numbers of patients coming in that day and what they are coming in for. They are speeding up and enjoying their tasks more because of the loud, happy music. The music gets turned off abruptly as the doors open and patients arrive. By now Liz/Stephanie/Jessica are all smily and awake to get the incoming patients (and doctors?).

*(Climate Health Story #1: Insect Vectorborne Disease)*

Stephanie shares pictures of a loved toddler niece in some "cute clothing." She loves online shopping and buys the niece "cute sale clothes." Stephanie, "Oh look at the little cat on this one!" Her resourcefulness in online shopping has a co-benefit of her being good at navigating complex computer systems. She helps Jessica solve a complex insurance billing issue with a patient. Liz asks Stephanie for help with a venipuncture, which detail-oriented Stephanie is particularly skilled at. Stephanie is on a roll helping out her co-workers. **Weathercasters (#2)** on TV in from background (possibly screen in waiting room?) "Zone of mosquito friendliness moving North." "Stephanie, "Eeew... mosquitoes are so gross. They're like flying dirty needles." She tosses the used needle into the sharps bin. (Put LA public health, "It's not just a bite signs visible in shot.) A delivery guy flirts with Jessica. Stephanie, "Why not him?" Jessica, "He's married."

**Daniel/Jessica M-C 3:** Out for a lunchtime walk with Liz and Stephanie, Jessica sees Daniel bike past her with his trailer again. Jessica and Daniel smile at each other as they go past. Jessica/Liz/Stephanie had been talking about an article in a medical magazine, related to medical billing changes. Stephanie is talking about problems with billing changing with new healthcare insurance rules. After he passes, Jessica to her friends, "That's the cute guy that I was talking about!" Then the topic switches to relationships.

Andy, Matt and Josh are out in the yard drinking beer and playing Cornhole. Roger is sitting outside, smoking and listening to sports on a small, old, portable radio. Matt brings over a beer and offers it to Roger. Roger accepts and Matt sits next to him on the ground listening to sports on the radio for a moment together and chatting about the game. Roger complains about how much time Mini spends with Sarah and Jessica. He blames them for her wandering off. Matt points out that she's just a rescue cat and that's what cats do.

Sarah and Jose are cooking dinner together and kissing in the kitchen again while Jessica is sewing a child's outfit by modifying some of her younger siblings old clothes, adding medical themed trim and decorations onto it. In the kitchen, Sarah burns her hand pulling a tray out of the oven because there's a hole in the potholder. Jessica bandages Sarah's hand and then easily patches the potholder with a scrap of the fabric she was just sewing with. Jose does homework while Sarah and Jessica play music, he looks relaxed and happy. Sarah and Jose get ready for bed together, sharing a shower. This is a well practiced routine with them taking turns in the water, Jose soaping while Sarah shaves her legs. (The shower head has a detachable sprayer on a hose.) Sarah mentions to Jose that get grandmother gave her a bag of glass jars and she doesn't know why.

Jessica thanks Stephanie for her administrative help the day before by giving her the phlebotomy themed outfit and a homemade toy phlebotomy kit. Stephanie loves it and brings in pictures of the niece wearing them at the end of the episode. She talks about playing medical practice with her niece and teaching her phlebotomy (which she is particularly good at.) (Toy phlebotomy kit in tin with medical gloves, tourniquet, tylenol syringe, band aids, cotton balls, and real tubes).

#### **Episode 4 - Where to Park?**

Jessica is happily biking in the sunshine, smiling at her newfound freedom. Jessica receives “hello’s!,” friendly nods, and smiles from a variety of other peoples cycling around her. She tries to run a quick errand before work. However, when she arrives she has trouble finding bike parking. Trying to find bike parking ensues in a comedy of errors, needing permits to park, no available bike racks, etc. (to be based real experiences suggested by formative research). She finally finds parking. As she is leaving, her bike (an older bike needing maintenance) gets a flat tire. Jessica, “Oh, come on!” **Daniel/Jessica M-C 4:** Daniel, passing by sees that she’s having trouble with her bike. He helps fix Jessica’s bike tire and she asks him out for coffee.

At work, Jessica wants to test a sex worker for STI’s, she feels frustrated when a doctor at the practice thinks it’s unnecessary. (Someday, I’m going to decide who does what! and be a doctor!) Liz shares stories where patients are popping in and out too fast to receive adequate care. For example, high schoolers needing pregnancy tests need more counseling and medical care and birth control. Liz is too blunt as a result of short visits and blurts out, “What’s that on your breast?!” The patient feels defensive and uncomfortable. Liz feels bad afterwards. Jessica, Liz and Stephanie at a lunchtime walk talk about problems with healthcare in America being inadequate. Liz feels frustrated by interactions with patients being too brief and consequentially she’s providing too little information about birth control. They share a few of their own experiences with birth control. They agree that dating is fun, but that sex does not have to result in children that they aren’t ready for yet. Good place to insert recommendations for birth control “use condoms” “oh absolutely!” (*Climate Health Story #2: Population and Reproductive Health*)

Jose is catering for small parties to make some extra money to pay for school, in addition to driving for Uber. Jose has stored custards for creme brûlée in Sarah’s fridge. He runs in kisses her, grabs them, and runs right out again. Sarah looks at the clock on her phone and yells after him, “You’re running late.” Jose melts the sugar on top of them with a butane brûlée torch while driving through LA traffic. There is no parking near the event that he’s catering, and the loading only area is filled already. Parking far away and walking everything into the event makes him even later. He’s feeling pretty stressed.

Josh hands Jessica a pair of tiny speakers. “Have any use for these?” Josh is excited about his new find and rambles a bunch of technical stuff about them. Roger, overhearing Josh while taking out the trash comments, “You son’t need any of that new technical crap. My old radio works just fine!” Jessica and Jost roll their eyes. Jessica thanks Josh for the speakers and Velcro's them onto the front of her and Sarah’s bikes.

Sarah and Jessica dressed in skimpy party clothes, sync music through their phones and play it while they ride to share music. They arrive at a busy club where there’s no car parking, but plenty of “no parking here” street signs for cars. Sarah grabs a traffic sign and shakes it before locking her bike up to it. Jessica, “Why did you do that?” Sarah, “because to steal them sometimes people loosen the tops and lift the bikes off.” Someone walks by, smoking. Sarah coughs as they pass. As a result of riding their bikes they park next to the club and get in easily.

## Episode 5 - The Path

Jessica and Daniel spend the day texting about where to go on their date. Even though Jessica had suggested coffee, there's a musician performing locally that she really wants to see. This creates conflict for Jessica because she can't choose to go to the show or on the date.

Stephanie is having a rough day because of car trouble, and she's really down about it because it's her birthday. She comes in late and Liz covers for her so she can take a long lunch to get it fixed. She returns feeling frazzled, it's not going to be fixed for weeks. Jess has been driving less because of bike commuting, and offers to share her car until it's fixed. A patient comes in speaking only Spanish. Stephanie needs help processing them. She calls Jessica over to translate. It comes out through the conversation that the patient is undocumented and needs medical assistance but is afraid of being deported. Jessica and Stephanie work closely together to avoid the billing loopholes associated with the case. Jessica treats the patient and when they leave suggests a few community resources to help the patient connect better to support in the neighborhood. At the end of a particularly difficult case, Stephanie hugs her patient and says, "tell me how it goes!" (*Climate Health Story #3: Community Health*)

Liz interjects unhelpfully well-meaning with something dealing with environmental social justice. Liz, "Did you know that low income communities disproportionately bear the brunt of environmental degradation? They can't afford to protest pollution and their neighborhoods get sicker as a result." While texting/flirting with each other through the day, Jessica and Daniel strike a compromise and agree to go to the performance together. Jessica shares her excitement about the upcoming date with Liz and Stephanie.

A salesman at Sarah's company sells a feature that's not a part of the software that Sarah was writing. Sarah, under pressure from her boss to quickly add the new feature frantically tries to write it. Bill helps her with something that she's stuck on and reassures her that things will be alright. Sarah comes home really tired.

Liz and Jessica make Stephanie a little collage of dogs and cats one day captioned with them saying silly things and leave it on her desk to find. Stephanie thanks them. Stephanie, "I need need a mental health break." For my birthday present to myself, I've decided to go to on a Caribbean cruise. I deserve this. Tomorrow, I'm going to start looking for a really cute swimsuit." Stephanie tidies Jessica's dirty car. Stephanie gives Jessica a funny look about the mess, but doesn't say anything because she really appreciates the wheels.

Jose needs to bake a cake for another party that he's catering and runs to the store to get groceries on his way to Sarah's house to use her kitchen (his tiny student kitchen is too small and Sarah offers to help him.) Riding in the car is like riding in an oven, the car gauge reads the outside temperature as 100°F. As he's unloading the car, an egg carton opens-up and an egg cracks onto the hood of the car. The eggs fries itself. He runs into Sarah's house and grabs a spatula to scrape it off. Sarah is surprised at first and then she laughs which makes Jose relax as they laugh about how ludicrous it is together. Sarah helps him bake the cake. It's a relaxed, well-practiced routine.

Since the date is right after work, Jessica bikes there, using the navigation guide on her phone, in her back pocket. **Daniel/Jessica date 1:** At the musical show together, Jessica and Daniel have a wonderful night. They get drinks and dance together to live music (possible place to insert a performance from transmedia campaign to drive up viewership.) Sitting at the bar as the band packs-up, Jessica tells Daniel about making the collage for Stephanie. This sparks a conversation about them both liking making things. Daniel, "Hey look! I made something today too!" Daniel pulls out his keys and shows her a tiny electronic gear toy on them.

Biking home from the date at night time, Jessica's navigator leads her to ride home along "The Path" (Ballona Creek Bike Path) next to the river. It is scary the first time she bikes it at night. There are bats, a human that she thinks might mug her is just out for a walk, smoking. She's afraid of biking into the river, hitting a pothole, or getting lost. When she gets back onto city streets she's nervous about getting hit



by a car in the dark where there's no shoulder and trying to dodge poles and power boxes when biking on the sidewalk is very slow. She feels relief and accomplishment finally arriving home.

### **Episode 6 - Up and Down a Hill**

The next day Jessica is wearing an outfit with no pockets, so she has no place to put her phone for navigation. She shrugs her shoulders, says "meh," and tosses her phone in her purse. We hear muffled, unintelligible sounds coming from her purse.

Stephanie brings souvenirs home to share with her office mates (candy and toys) from her recent vacation on a Caribbean cruise. Most people appreciate it. Stephanie loves to shop and her stories are about spending lots of time window shopping to find "just the right travel gifts," and about the fantastic cultural musical that she heard. Colleagues stop by her desk all day to get a piece of candy and chat with her about her trip, but Liz is resentful about it.

Sarah receives a perpetual stream of frantic messages from coworkers confused about the new software feature, that keep her phone chiming, interrupting her train of thought. Sarah has her phone in her back jeans pocket and it falls into the toilet when she pulls down her pants to go to the bathroom. Bill electric car foreshadowing: The company promotes that carpool lane stickers.

On her way to meet Sarah for lunch, there are more muffled sounds and Jessica isn't really sure where she's going. She mishears the directions and tries biking down a hill that's too steep. "I can do it!" ... "Oh, shit!" Sarah ends up picking gravel out of her arms instead of them eating lunch together. Jessica commiserates with Sarah's now-bricked phone. Sarah takes Jessica to buy safety gear (helmet, lights etc. montage scene) and a phone mount for her bicycle, they also get Sarah a new phone.

Liz's resentment finally boils over. She points out how airline flights and gifts are wasteful and contribute to environmental degradation and social inequality (rant, "You don't need that!)(stuff —>fuel+runoff= destruction of the reefs that Stephanie went to visit). Stephanie's feeling get hurt because she was trying to have a nice vacation and bring home something nice for her colleagues. She gets defensive and her and Liz yell a bunch at each other. Jessica helps mediate the situation by getting them together and helping them empathize with each other. Jessica, having not actually eaten at lunchtime, is eating lots of the snacks that Stephanie brought to the office, and really appreciates them. Jessica mentions how much fun she had out at the concert with Daniel. She's a little wistful about it because Daniel's been really busy at work so she hasn't seen much of Daniel in the last week or so and she's not sure if he's really interested in her after all. Liz, "Jessica's right! There's tons of amazing music right here in LA. You don't have to travel halfway around the world to hear amazing music and drink cocktails on the beach!" Liz and Stephanie agree to a 'staycation' next weekend in LA together (with Liz promising to show her fun things to do around LA (beach, drinking, dancing, little umbrellas in drinks, massages and room service etc.)

After work, Sarah and Jessica decide to go biking down a steep hill together, for fun. They avoid all of the work of biking uphill by taking a bus to the top of the hill and then riding down really fast. While riding on the bus uphill, they coincidentally meet up with Andy, Josh and Matt and a few of their guy friends. One of them is really attractive and he and Jessica flirt a lot. Sarah and Jessica discuss the pro's and con's of Daniel vs. the bus guy. Sarah leads community music example of "The wheels on the bus" gradually people into the song as they share the ride. After several rounds up and down the hill they arrive home hot and tired. They collapse on the cold wooden floor wearing just their bras to cool down, laughing hysterically at the fun they just had.

### **Episode 7 - Fixing Things (a Jessica and Daniel Romance)**

It's a Saturday. Sarah and Jose are making omelets with fresh vegetables and toast for breakfast, with fresh orange juice. Sarah hears yelling and looks out the kitchen window to see a chaos of people wearing colorful sports jerseys and balls flying everywhere. Josh, Matt and Andy are already drinking in the quad while splaying sports games with their friends. Sarah brings out a bowl of orange slices. Andy, "We are having Balls, Bagels and Beer for Breakfast, want to join us?" Sarah, "No thanks, you guys are gonna die of scurvy..." Matt calls over to Jose to join them and he does. Roger, smoking, starts heckling them about the noise and trips a ball. Roger, "Why are you playing that here?" Matt, "The park is too fun and the streets are too hot." Roger is also having trouble with the heat inside, which is partially what brought him outside to smoke in the shade (and he's bored and lonely.) Sarah, deterred by Rogers smoking, returns to the kitchen alone to finish making breakfast. Sarah has an asthma attack triggered by the heat and Rogers' smoking. As she's distracted looking for her inhaler, the toaster/outlet explodes shooting burnt toast across the room.

Sarah is now feeling sick and frustrated. Jessica offers to fix the toaster after breakfast and goes to get parts from the hardware store. Now in the heat of the day, Jessica is biking next to traffic in the hot sun along big roads and breathing bike exhaust and starts to wilt. Just then a car door that swings out unexpectedly into a bike lane. Jessica dodges it narrowly.

With now more bikes at the apartment, there's a shortage of bike parking that increases throughout the day (Andy's friends, and Daniels bike). The bikes become a tripping hazard in the front hall. Bikes get stashed on the back patio, chained-up on the downstairs railings so they start getting occasionally parked chained up downstairs in the common areas. The sports toys are a source of irritation to Roger downstairs (running gag, how many ways can we make Roger trip over them?).

Jessica fixes the toaster, only to realize that the outlet blew too. Jessica calls Daniel over to help fix it. Jessica, "I think I know how to fix this, but I don't want to electrocute myself. Please come oversee this." When she is fixing it, he mostly watches and says nothing, smiling. Daniel, "switch those two wires." Jessica, "Thanks!" Daniel, "As long as I'm here maybe you can help me fix something too?" This leads into (**Daniel/Jessica date 2: Building things together.**) Daniel fixes something in Jessica's home that's electric. Jessica rebuilds/decorates something that Daniel needs and makes it musical. Daniel is charmed by her cleverness. They discover that they can work well together and have a shared love of building/making things. (sexual tension and a little nudity here, but he doesn't sleep over). Sarah (positive role) introduces Daniel (transitional role) to the Community Music Game. They enjoy a music game that starts out un-coordinated but she's encouraging. They practice it a few times and he picks it up quickly.

Sarah and Jose quietly hang out in Sarah's room together. Sarah putzes with music happily with Jose listening, cuddled next to her on her bed while he does his homework.

## Episode 8 - Weekdays

While bike commuting to work, Jessica repeatedly gets nearly hit by cars and starts to feel angry. Meanwhile, Sarah gets hit by a truck. She's fine, but she leaves a dent in the truck. As a result of the collision, she is now running late. She brushes it off, and asks the truck driver to give her a ride to work. He gives her an incredulous look, then agrees and drives her where she's going. Sarah is stressed to get in early for a big meeting about software release information that affects her having a job.

Liz is playing Tag with a kid in the waiting room. Jessica startles out of the way, again narrowly avoiding collision, she's startled, reacting jerkily triggered by a harrowing morning of barely avoiding collisions.

Sarah's boss announces that he's bought a new database from a salesman. Everyone in the office has to use it even though it's not better and the old system worked fine. This is a big work transition at Sarah's work, she feels anxious about it, and will have to do lots more work for a few months. Bill buys an electric car and gets lots of Ooh's and Aah's about it at work.

Liz is playing peek-a-boo behind an exam table (physical comedy) to get a sick kid to laugh. Elaborate on why the kid is sick (*Climate Health Story #4, Sick kid, maybe reinforce the insect-vector story?*). Liz protests a public health issue related to kids at a city council meeting (To be determined at time of production, matching current news). Stephanie to Jessica, "Why is she always protesting something?"

Back at their apartment together, Sarah and Jessica share their days experiences. Together they learn safer bike routes. Sarah looks at her phone frequently, wondering where Jose is.

Andy, Josh and Matt are goofing off in the quad as they get ready for friends to come by for a marathon video game session. Andy is drawing arrows on the sidewalk up to the door of his apartment with, "play games here," written in chalk. Jose, already running late, gets sucked into the game and runs even later for dinner. Jose runs enthusiastically into the house looking for dinner, the excitement of the game has rubbed off on him. He doesn't notice that Sarah is irked by his tardiness. He juggles fruit as he starts to pull ingredients out for dinner. The girls giggle a little. Encouraged, he tosses an apple at to Jessica who, still spooked by rapid objects from her day, ducks. Something breaks. The Jessica and Sarah aren't upset exactly, but the game is extinguished.

After dinner, Jose struggles to focus on his homework while Sarah and Jessica play music. He tries to join-in and relax. He really wants a break. Sarah reminds him to focus on homework. Sarah to Jose: "Don't you have homework that you need to be doing?" nagging. He resents her comment and feels stung. Jose snaps back, "Yes, I do." After all, he's in graduate school and has two jobs (driving for Uber and catering) on top of school. He has no "free" time, but everyone needs to decompress sometimes. Sarah misunderstands what he's looking for because he's still annoyed that he was late. Jose storms out to join Andy/Josh/Matt to relax, escaping into video games.

Jessica takes out the trash and gets cornered by Roger on a rant about noisy 'kids' tromping everywhere (commenting on one city bike parked out of the way in front of Andy/Matt/Josh's door). Roger, "In my day adults drove cars." Roger then continues talking, spending way too long bragging about old cars. Jessica, reluctant to seem rude, wants to get away from him but wearily listens anyways.

Jose stumbles back later from gaming, tired but too sleepy to drive home, still annoyed with Sarah. He talks Sarah into taking a shower with him (replay the old comfortable routine) but this time he tries roughhousing with her. She's really not interested. As a joke, he sprays water up her nose. She hates it. She goes to bed really annoyed with him.

As a funny gag at the end of the episode: Sarah and Jessica go jousting for cars while riding bikes in silly costumes. They dress-up in costumes that look like armor made from household materials, carrying broom/mop sticks that have been unscrewed from their heads. They zoom down the street charging, like knights jousting, but riding on bikes instead of horses.

## Episode 9 - Music Party

It's another hot day. Jessica is surprised to meet a variety of dogs hanging their heads out of car windows. A driver in a car stopped next to Jessica at a traffic light with the window down. the driver says "thanks for biking! acknowledges to Jessica how challenging biking can be and "I appreciate there being one less car on the road." Jessica is surprised, and a little shy about it. She doesn't quite know what to say as the car drives off past her. the encounter leaves her touched and encouraged about bike riding. The shade from trees and quiet roads are much more comfortable along Ballona bike path, Jessica is now enjoying her morning bike commute. Jessica gradually comes to like The Path, finds it a relaxing routine away from the cars. Several positive things happen to her there, it becomes a comfort.

*(Climate Health Story #5, Elderly - Urban Heat Island Effects)*

Stephanie is having trouble with an elderly patient suffering from symptoms cause/exacerbated by urban heat island effects. She asks Liz for help. Liz is playing charades to help a disoriented elderly patient describe their symptoms. There's a brief discussion about city heat and how to cool it. Jessica adds a corroborating anecdote about her childhood or a family member.

Sarah gets coffee just fine in the morning, she has a friendly cat chat with Bill about his kids. She mentions the incident with the truck, but downplays it. When her code isn't working because of the transition to the new database, Sarah calls up the company who makes the new database and every time she calls, she gets the opposite answer." It's frustrating. And then, the coffee machine explodes again. Sarah texts Jessica about evening plans. Sarah: "I've been having a tough week. Can we stay in tonight? I'm beat. Jessica: " Sure. Mind if I invite over Daniel?" Sarah: "Of course. The more the merrier as long as we can stay home.

On her way home, Jessica's rear bike lights have a dead battery and she has a close call biking home at an underpass crossing with no bike lane or sidewalk.

Roger is sitting outside, and listening to sports on a small portable old radio. **Weathercasters (#3)**  
**Report:** sports - again, unusually hot weather, stay hydrated. (Something like, "Today is hotter than any other July on record" Weather is your mood. Climate is your personality." "Expect a lot more hot days, folks.") As Jessica, arriving home, walks by, Roger complains about the day being too hot to be inside without air-conditioning and complains about how his sports team is doing. Matt chimes in, "We are seeing a lot more heat stroke and asthma in sports too." Roger complains about recent bike lane improvements slowing down traffic.

It's a Friday night. Sarah is already home from work. When Jessica walks in, Sarah takes out a bottle of wine, lights two shabbat candles and they sit down to drink and talk over snacks. While they are drinking, Sarah comments to Jessica, "Oh man, I needed this. I had a crappy week." Jose arrives. They pour him a glass of wine and they all go to the kitchen to start cooking a large family style meal with fresh vegetables (stew and bread). Jose is drumming a rhythm with his hands as he cooks. Daniel arrives and they all sit down to dinner together. Jessica mentions her close call with the car on the way home. Daniel offers creative bike lighting ideas. After dinner they chat and drink and talk about music. Playing clarinet, Sarah's clarinet corks are tight, and she realizes that she's out of cork grease. Sarah steps aside again to discretely use her inhaler. Jessica starts putzing around with her bass guitar, Jose adds in a percussive rhythm with his hands again. One at a time they all join in until they are playing a cover of Cecilia by Simon and Garfunkel. Music and drinking continues through the evening. Both Jose and Daniel sleep over. **(Daniel/Jessica date 3: Sex at the end of the music party.)**

**Episode 10: Nightlights** (Two parallel dates)

Jose has slept over with Sarah the night before, it's a Saturday. He wakes-up early in bed next to her and quietly cleans up after last night's party.

Jose: "Jessica, can I borrow that old bike that Sarah lent you? I'd like to go on a beach bike date with Sarah today."

Jessica: groggily "Oh sure! I'll be staying in to do crafts with Daniel today day anyways."

Jose makes breakfast (toast, eggs and fruit. it's simple but laid out beautifully.) then he packs a picnic and ties it onto the bike rack. When Sarah wakes-up he hands her coffee and leads her to the table with the beautifully laid out breakfast. After a quick but elegant breakfast they bike down a "beach bike trail" to the beach together. At the beach we see them building a sand castle, wading in cold water making silly faces as they react to the cold water, and picnicking. The empty food containers (yogurt and sour cream tubs etc.) become both buckets for water for building and shapes for moulding sand.

At the beach Jose tries a variety of goofy things to try to get Sarah to laugh.

Sarah stops on her way (biking) at a music store and buys some more cork grease for her clarinet. She sticks it next to her chapstick which is the same size and shape of packaging. She forgets it in her purse. Since the chapstick is next to the cork grease, she accidentally puts cork grease on her lips.

Andy, Josh and Matt are playing frisbee and drinking outside.

Roger: yells at Andy, Josh and Matt about their game being too wild, complains about Jessica feeding Mini, complains about the news, heckles Jessica and Daniel about PDA when kissing outside "get a room!" (their mutual dislike of Rogers heckling bonds them together).

Roger: "Don't you kids ever work?" Josh: "It's a Saturday!"

At the beach, Sarah is worrying about work, this is annoying to Jose who's working hard trying to help her relax. Sarah uses playing music as a creative outlet and goes to shows to unwind. Sarah finds singing/drumming with Jose relaxing.

Roger, listening to sports on his radio is yelling about the ref making a poor call. Matt, usually friendly with Roger, is even deterred by him today. Matt to Andy: "That play was fine. I don't know why he's so critical today. Jessica walks by with a basket of laundry. Roger: "Those machines are terrible!"

Back at home, Jessica and Daniel are fixing bike lights together. Jessica and Daniel are comparing notes on what it's like to bike in LA. Because her bike lights have a dead battery, Daniel suggests a jar of spare lights. Jessica makes a decorative household jar in the front hall near key racks for spare bike lights and bike light batteries. They are having a wonderful time together.

Roger is grumpy about all sorts of things and makes himself a real nuisance. Jessica brushes-off his threats because he's so grumpy about everything. (He's lonely, bored and lacking constructive engagement.) "It's not like you even are taking the time to listen to me."

Sarah and Jose return with the bikes. Jessica wants to try the new lights out. Her and Daniel go on a night time ride to test it them together. While they are out riding they encounter Operation Firefly (a program of the LA Bike Coalition to improve nighttime bike safety) - handing out bike lights and nighttime safety ride information. (It's very romantic, sexual tension but no sex).

### **Episode 11: Carrying a Watermelon**

Sarah is in a bathtub having a mild asthma attack, it sounds like Darth Vader when her head is underwater. She notices, but doesn't do anything about it and carries on normally. **Weathercasters (#4)**: Poor air quality day, plays on screen in background. Jose has spent the night, but he doesn't notice that she's not feeling well. Her work keeps pinging her urgently.

Jessica tries to carry a huge plastic sports cooler full of homemade horchata to work for an office party for a surprise birthday party that Stephanie has organized for Liz. Comedy ensues as it repeatedly falls off of her bike in ridiculous, inconvenient ways (ex. it rolls away and she has to chase it. The background music is ragtime, emphasizing a Charlie Chaplain style of physical comedy). She tries all sorts of arrangements of tying it on with rope and bungee cords, but nothing really works because it's so massive and round.

Meanwhile, Jose has a car and is driving Sarah to work because she's bringing-in a new largish coffee machine. Sarah: "At least this is one thing I can fix." She stands waiting for him for a long time. She texts him, "Where are you?" and nervously checks her phone repeatedly. The ride is helpful, but they end-up fighting with each other because he's running late and she has a lot to do at work that day. Sarah's co-worker gets a big bonus and buys a Tesla and charges it at home, "energy is independence, the solar panels are at home."

When Jessica arrives with the, now beat-up and dusty cooler, Stephanie says, "Thanks for the horchata," but laughs about it a little because by the time the cooler makes it into the office it's seen better days. Stephanie reminisces about her Caribbean trip and asks Liz, "How are you celebrating your birthday?" Liz, "Oh, I'm going to a social activism conference next Wednesday, I'm really excited about it." Stephanie rolls her eyes, "Good thing I threw you a party." (*Civics Stories #2-4: Launch Civics Platform*). At Liz's birthday request Liz, Stephanie and Jessica write postcards to their elected officials over drinks (#2). Liz teaches them how to contact their representatives (#3) and together they gamify it (#4).

Back at home, Sarah and Jessica laugh about the ridiculousness of transporting a cooler on a bike with no cargo space and Sarah helps Jessica install a rack and panniers on her bike. Then, they trade clothes to go on a date, "Here try this on." They discuss how for many things, like groceries a bike rack/panniers/rope will help transport cargo on a bicycle, and how sometimes, unless you have a trailer, or just because it's huge, a car is really helpful for moving things. Cars vs. driving, it's not all or nothing you just need the right time and place for each. They bike out to dinner on a double date, bike riding at night, with profiles provocatively silhouetted.

At dinner, Jose tells funny stories about driving for Uber relating to both cars and bikes at dinner. (Collect these from research.) then he starts telling inappropriate jokes that are irritating to Sarah, his jokes go too far without him noticing how she feels. Daniel breaks the tension by making origami napkin animals that hinge together with leftover hardware in his pockets, and wins him favor with Jessica. Daniel bikes part of the way home with her and they stop in a secluded spot along The Path to have sex. **D/J 4th Date.**



## **Episode 12 - Flaky Jose**

Sarah is sitting on the couch in Andy/Josh/Matt's living room, typing on her laptop while the boys are gaming all around her (noisy background video game music). Andy sits next to her, quietly at first without her looking up. The couch is squishy as it folds in, their thighs touch. She ignores it. Andy offers her a beer. Sarah: "No thanks." Andy: "...offers something else that she doesn't want. Sarah. "No thanks, got any coffee? Andy makes her coffee and watches her use her inhaler. Jose is there but he isn't paying much attention to Sarah. Andy notices. Andy warns Jose to "Pay attention to Sarah, she's struggling." Josh and Matt are completely oblivious to anything outside of their game.

While on a lunchtime exercise walk to go get donuts, Jessica shares stories of her and Sarah's amazing bike dates with Liz and Stephanie. Stephanie tells a story about enjoying a recreational-only bike ride with her boyfriend and brags about how new/cute/fashionable her bike is. (Her bike is mostly unused and she drives a nice clean car. This could be a way to get Jessica/Liz/Stephanie talking about biking at the office.) Jessica likes the idea a colorful bike and starts talking about decorating it with whatever is around the medical office. Stephanie: "You're like one of those decorator crabs that I saw in the caribbean!" Liz talks about the meetings and protests that she's been going to, mentioning the boy she was kissing earlier and something about city planning for climate change. A noisy protest with loud speakers and bucket drums interrupts their conversation. Stephanie: "Ug, how obnoxious!" Liz gets defensive about it and stresses the importance of civic participation being at the heart of a functioning democracy and public health so that people's interests are heard and represented. She defends the cause they are protesting about (to be determined later by current events.) Stephanie, "I agree with you, but sometimes I just want to get a donut in peace." After work, Jessica decorates her bike. A flock of fit, competitive bicyclists rides by wearing spandex. Stephanie comments, "Whoa, now that's exercise," while taking a bite of donut.

Sarah and Jessica at dinner/drinks together a second time (brief reference to bike/train multimodal transit together with lots of other bicycle commuters). This time Sarah is crying about how upset she is that things are falling apart with Jose. Talking with Jessica helps Sarah process her feelings so she can clearly articulate them to Jose. Sarah to Jessica, "Thanks for listening." Sarah is so overwhelmed that she puts her phone into the washing machine still in her pants pocket. She catches her mistake just in time, stopping the machine a moment before the water starts.

Jose realizes that Sarah is slipping away and makes an attempt to fix things. He turns down something else fun that he'd like to do to have dinner with her. He makes her an amazing meal and really listens to how she's doing. Sarah tells Jose that she's upset and that she's needing more connection. She tells him about her frustrations at work, her problems with asthma and about how she's feeling stressed. Jose listens well, offering exceptional empathy for how she's feeling. He says that he'll try to game less and spend time with her when he's not working or in school. They reconcile connecting over some music and there's a good sex scene.

In the next scene we see Jose playing video games with Matt and Josh again. Sarah is working late leading up to a software release and counting on him to cook dinner. Sarah microwaves herself a frozen dinner and eats it alone, feeling sad and lonely.

Jessica is relaxed, biking home on her newly decorated bicycle. Unexpectedly, she gets hit by a car making a left turn that doesn't see her.

### **Episode 13 - Recovery**

Jessica gets up from the road and is bleeding, the car hadn't stopped. It's only road rash, but it really scares her. She does not want to get back onto a bike. She calls Sarah to come get her. Sarah takes Jessica's car keys from the key/bike light rack in the front hall and picks her up, brings her home and helps clean her up. The car is tidy from disuse. Daniel and Sarah take care of Jessica after she's injured.

At work, Sarah needs a feature from the new version of the database and upgrading it breaks everything. Sarah goes to Bill to help and this time instead of reassuring her, Bill is frustrated because the same thing is happening to him too.

Liz and Stephanie cover work for Jessica while she's out injured. Liz is struggling with a Spanish speaking patient because Jessica's not there to translate. At lunch, Stephanie ducks out to buy her a pocket translator. Stephanie is very detail-oriented and carefully, intricately wraps the gift. Liz gets defensive/resentful "I don't need that!" Liz reluctantly tries it when no-one is looking and decides that it's useful. She later admits to Stephanie that "I would have never bought that in a million years myself, but you're right it makes the job easier. Thanks." (*Climate Health Story #6, Community Health again?, the point here is that they help each other.*)

Rogers smoking bothers Sarah again. She wants to live peacefully with him, but she's really having trouble with his smoke triggering her asthma. She plants a screen of plants on the upstairs balcony to try to create more biological air filters. Jessica helps her find suitable containers to stick the plants in.

Daniel and Jessica are overly sweet to each other. Sarah needs some space from how happy Jessica and Daniel are with each other. Sarah is feeling sad about her relationship with Jose and can't handle being around a happy couple. No matter what she does, Sarah is uncomfortable and fidgety, needing a break from the smoking and some emotional space. She walks downstairs and knocks on Andy's door. Andy answers groggily in just his boxers. Sarah is visibly upset. Andy: "What's going on Sarah? Are you okay?" Sarah: "not really. I need some space. Can I crash on your couch for a while?" The apartment is untidy, but quiet. Andy is home alone and the couch is mostly clear. Andy: "Sure" He opens the door wider. Sarah walks over to the couch, moves aside a pizza box from the coffee table and put the gaming controllers by the TV and settles in with her laptop to work. Jose goes back to his room, leaving her the space that she needs.

Back at Jessica and Sarah's apartment, Daniel is continuing to care for Jessica. They are having a really good time. Daniel makes Jessica dinner and they make flower lights out of recycled bottles (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCUrfTZi9L0>) together. Jessica's fingers are banged-up making it difficult for her to cut through the plastic them. Daniel takes the bottle that she's working on and helps her do the cutting while she paints them. He's also helping wire the electric lights through them in interesting ways. Liz and Stephanie drop off a very pink gift basket full of medical supplies. Jessica rests with her head in Daniels lap as they watch TV together.

Andy walks back into the living room, now dressed, a few hours later. The light in the room has visibly darkened. He walks into the kitchen and turns a light on. Andy: "You want some food?" Sarah: "Sure" Andy quietly boils spaghetti and pours a jar of tomato sauce over it. He carries over bowls for both of them to the couch and hands one to Sarah. She sets down her computer to eat. While they eat, Sarah unprompted starts talking. She starts talking about her frustrations with Jose and then has trouble stopping. In the glow of the computer screen, despite her anxiety, she's remarkably beautiful. Andy sits quietly listening next to her. When she's done talking she notices that their thighs are touching again. She leans over to rest her head against him. He puts his arm around her to cuddle her.

In the morning at Andy's house, Sarah and Andy are asleep cuddled on the couch together. It feels serene, peaceful and content. Sarah's alarm goes off. Sarah: "Shit! I'm going to be late for work!" Sarah gathers her computer and heads back to her apartment to leave for work. (The encounter is genuinely compassionate, I want the audience to wonder about sexual overtones, but none happens.)

### **Episode 14 - Everybody walks**

Close-up of feet walking, it's Jessica walking to her car. Jessica feels impatience at the long commute times across town to meet-up because she has now gotten used to biking around. Jessica starts eating, drinking, shaving, texting, and singing in the car. Her car has grown cluttered as a result of how much time she spends there, there's an increasingly gross build-up of old cups, clothes, and bags left from previous trips. It becomes increasingly ridiculous as Jessica spends so much time in traffic that she's moving her life into her car one thing at a time. Daniel parks his bike to a bike rack on the sidewalk. Many people are walking by. He unlocks the tool case on his trailer, pulls out his tools, slings them over his shoulder/carries and walks to his job site. Arriving at work, he jokes with his coworkers.

At Sarah's office, the CFO falls for a scam and hires a CSO (Chief Security Officer) who locks down everything, including the coffee machine. Sarah tries to override the security codes on the coffee machine and it shoots out steam and error messages but will not produce coffee. Sarah: "Argh! I fixed this already!"

Jessica meets Daniel for lunch in a cafe, kissing him "hello." They laugh and joke while eating lunch. Daniel shares a joke from his co-workers that morning. Jessica walks to a parking garage. Leaving the parking garage after lunch, Jessica flinches at the high cost of parking (bike parking is frequently free). We see her buying gasoline and the price just clicking up and up. While sitting in her car, stuck in traffic she sees pedestrians crossing the street at a crosswalk in front of her and bikes passing her in the bike lanes. We see the lights change color on the pedestrian 'walk' signal. She looks at the line of stopped cars in front of her at a standstill and says to herself, "Oh god, why are we here? We are all sitting here but no one is getting anywhere."

Liz and Stephanie are chatting happily each other walking around the block next to their work for exercise. Jose is walking around his college campus wearing a backpack. Sarah buys clarinet reeds from a music shop, walks across the street to get a cup of coffee. The barista starts making an espresso drink for her and that coffee machine explodes. Sarah walks out with a bottled, cold coffee drink looking unhappy. Before crossing the street, Sarah pushes the button on the traffic light and waits for the signal to change. Roger buys cat food at a grocery store, spots an old, restored historic car across the street and walks around an intersection to go get a closer look at it. Bill picks up his kids from school and walks home with them. Andy exits a train and walks home. Josh and Matt are carrying a large TV monitor (larger than the one they already have) up the sidewalk from a parking spot on the street up to their apartment. Roger complains about his leg/foot hurting him. He wants to feed Mini but doesn't know where she is.

While Sarah is making dinner (beans and rice with salad), Jessica carves radish flowers to add to their plates. Her fingers are healed now. Jessica complains that she's living in her car. She's worried that being in the car so much is making her less attentive and resents that she might be becoming like the person who hit her. Jessica complains about the Mar Vista and Playa del Rey active transit projects because they are slowing down traffic. Sarah reminds her that everyone walks and the point of these projects is that they improve safety. Sarah confides to Jessica about sleeping over at Andy's house. Sarah: "I'm really happy for you and Daniel, but being around you guys made me feel really sad because things haven't been going so great for me and Jose recently. Talking with Andy calmed me down and helped me figure out why I was feeling upset. I'm really wanting more connection with Jose and he just hasn't been available recently."

Jessica is afraid to get on a bike after her accident. Sarah needs to relax from work and Jose. She persuades Jessica to come with her on a group ride. The group leaders emphasize bike safety procedures. The group ride is fun and exciting. The riders and bikes are brightly colored, the group is a diverse cross-section of Los Angeles resident's from mom's with kids to old ladies. A few dedicated riders are blasting music from large speakers on their bikes. There's a feeling of group safety and camaraderie. Jessica enjoys the experience, but the bike riding doesn't stick. She is still too scared to want independence on a bike.

## Episode 15 - Getting back on the Horse

Jessica drives to work. Trash tumbles out of her car when she opens the door.

The salesman moves up the release date of the software Sarah is working on. Bill... Sarah feels simultaneously bored and stressed at work. She gets stressed because they want her to write code faster than she can keep-up, but there's no creativity to it. It's the same thing over and over again. Sarah calls Jose looking for support but Jose gets bored listening to her tell the same story over and over again. His attention drifts off. Jose, "Yeah, hey. I'll see you later tonight, okay?" hangs up the phone abruptly.

Jose invites Andy, Josh and Matt over to Sarah and Jessica's apartment to drink beer without asking and they leave a mess. Sarah arrives home to a mess and cleans up after them. Sarah: "It's fine to hang out with them but at least clean-up after yourselves! Or go hang out in their apartment." In the hustle to clean-up Sarah's inhaler falls out of her purse and rolls under the couch. No one notices. Andy feels badly that they over imposed and brings her home-brew. It's tastes terrible to Sarah and she gives it to Jose to drink, but she appreciates the sentiment and calms down. Jose drinks double beer while playing a game on his phone and doesn't really apologize to Sarah. Andy empathizes with Sarah and suggests that Jose pay more attention her. Josh and Matt encourage Jose to drink and play video games more. Jose leaves with Josh and Matt to play video games, complaining about how Sarah isn't fun to hang out with anymore.

Jessica drives home. She searches for her car phone charger but can't find it under a pile of clutter. She's given-up completely, she just tosses the empty coffee cup into the backseat of her car. **Weathercasters (#5)**: Cold evening, high winds. Sarah uses her inhaler and pulls a scarf over her face as a mask before biking home.

As Matt/Josh/Andy are leaving Sarah's apartment, Roger stumbles as a result of his leg/foot injury and he drops his radio. Rogers radio breaks, he's heartbroken. Josh notices and offers him a new one. Roger snaps: "I don't want that complicated damn new radio! I just want my old one fixed!" After some putzing with it, Josh suggests taking it to Jessica. Josh knows how to fix it but doesn't have the tools. He dictates to Jessica where to solder it. She adds a dab of glue to repair it's case and then it works again, just a little worse for wear. (The radio has a "stop global whining" sticker on it.) Roger appreciates having his radio back again. Matt and Andy continue on to play video games.

Sarah and Andy talk briefly and decide they are better as friends. They don't have enough in common to date, it's mutually agreed but they stay close. They hug. The intimacy of her spending the night has created a trusting bond between them. Andy invites her and her friends to a big upcoming New Years party.

Jessica sees that Sarah is having a bad day and suggests that they go out for dinner to try a new restaurant that they've never been to before. After the group ride, Jessica's phone navigation has been accidentally left in bike mode, there's comedy of errors as Jessica is led on a convoluted path through small neighborhood roads instead of giving her a direct route through the city on a highway. When Jessica's road dead-ends at Ballona bike path she realizes that her phone was still navigating for a bicycle. Her and Sarah laugh about the navigation error but Jessica feels wistful passing the bike path entrance. She has a flashback to fun times along it with her friends and on dates with Daniel (and sex on The Path). This motivates her to try again. She's still frustrated with driving, is now healed, and misses that bike path. Jessica bikes down the Ballona creek path tentatively. She gradually gains confidence, overcoming her fear.

(add context of Christmas and Chanukah holiday parties to this episode?)

### **Episode 16 - Naked New Years**

Everyone is getting ready for the evening's party. Daniel and Jose have both slept over the apartment is cluttered with remains of breakfast dishes and forgotten coffee mugs. Jessica and Daniel are finishing up making lighted decorations, there are large blank canvases leaned up against the wall. Sarah and Jose are in the kitchen making party snacks. Sarah has a headache.

Roger tries to feed Mini but she's runs off to Jessica's house again. This time, Roger thinking of Jessica's help fixing his radio, doesn't get quite as upset about it. Instead, they say tentative but friendly "hello's" to each other in passing.

Sarah sees her doctor about stress induced headaches, and her doctor tells her to just take aspirin for her headache and to try to relax and have fun but warns her about climate change caused health impacts, including asthma, exacerbated by urban heat island effects.

While carrying a tub of paints over to Andy's apartment, Jessica walks past Rogers window and sees him alone, asleep in front of the TV with New Years footage on the screen. Prompted by new sympathy for him and remembering Rogers constant complaints, Jessica calls her landlord to ask for them to put in more bike parking.

In the background, a **Weathercasters (#6)** on the television is giving an air quality warning as Sarah and Jessica are leaving their apartment for the New Years party at Andy, Josh and Matt's apartment. They enter a boisterous house party at full of music and drinking. Someone declares it a, "Naked New Years" and the party escalates, now mostly naked, with people playing all sorts of silly games, like Guitar Hero, Kinect (a motion capture game), but naked. A group of people is trying to paint with odd body parts on the huge canvas. (*Civics #5: More games*) One of the games doubles as a civics activity. "Dear Senator will you please..." as a drinking game. Maybe someone is live tweeting the requests to the senators twitter handle? Liz and Stephanie bond over silly party games.

While the Daniel and Jose are distracted by a very jiggly naked version of DDR. Sarah and Jessica leave drunk to go for a naked midnight run alone together. While out running, and far away from the apartment, Sarah has a serious asthma attack. Jessica carries Sarah back to the party. Jose can't be found. In a panic, they can't find Sarah's inhaler in the party madness, while she's now nearly not breathing. Jessica pulls her own inhaler out of her purse and shares it with Sarah, danger averted. Sarah gets really angry at Jose for not being present when she needed him. Sarah breaks-up with Jose. Jose leaves the party in a huff. Jessica consoles a now tearful Sarah.

Jessica entices Sarah into the painting-with-your-body game to help her relax. The game is infections, Sarah relaxes again and the party gets wilder. There are too many electric games plugged in at the party. Someone plugs in a blender. Suddenly, the power goes out comically. Daniel hits the circuit breaker and the circuit blows again immediately. Jessica and Daniel open up the wall to check on the circuitry (they are looking for a damaged wire) with giggles and flashlights. (*Leads into Season Two: Energy*)