



## Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Thursday, October 5, 2017, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
St. Bede's Church

3590 Grand View Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SE corner of Grand View and Charnock Blvds.)  
Co-Chairs: Michelle Krupkin and Ken Alpern

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order—Michelle Krupkin and Ken Alpern presiding
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda
3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings
4. Public Comment
5. T & I Related (Great Streets) and Other Reports
  - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting - Linda Guagliano (10 min)
  - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals (Chuck Ray)
  - c. Venice Blvd. Great Streets Project (see Agenda Item 6.c.)
6. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates
  - a. Update of bus shelter info (from Jessie Holzer, Len Nguyen, Joseph Galloway, and Francois Nion) to add, improve, replace and upgrade key bus locations. NO NEW INFORMATION
  - b. Stormwater Treatment System at Mar Vista Park: Presentation at last Board of Directors Meeting reported state/city unity and progress on meeting all original environmental, engineering, and fiscal goals of this project.
  - c. POLICY MOTION: Support of Dr. Frederick Pickel to be reappointed as the Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate for another five year term: PASSED by Board of Directors.
  - d. Potential Reversal of Lane Reductions on Venice Blvd.  
POLICY MOTION: Restoration of 3 car-lanes in each direction on Venice Blvd. The Mar Vista Community Council asks that Councilmember Mike Bonin immediately reverse the lane reductions on Venice Blvd. and implement other strategies to improve the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of our roads for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. As representatives of your constituents and your elected advisory body, we believe strongly that this is the only remedy that addresses the constant, voluminous, community outcry on this issue. SENT BACK to T/I Committee by Board of Directors.
  - e. Opposition to Proposed Stop Light at Sawtelle and Charnock  
POLICY MOTION: Whereas, the LADOT is recommending the implementation of a stop light at Sawtelle and Charnock; and  
Whereas, the neighbors living next to the stop light will be significantly impacted in that they will be restricted from easily and reliably accessing their homes; Therefore, The Mar Vista Community Council calls for a presentation by LADOT of any proposed stoplight or traffic treatment.  
PASSED by Board of Directors, and sent to Linda Guagliano for the most recent CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting. TABLED for further discussion and decisions by LADOT and MVCC.
7. New Business

- a. Advocacy/Laws for Potential Safety Measures for Bicyclists and Pedestrians
- 1) POLICY MOTION: Universal Helmet Laws and Night Lights for Bicyclists  
The Mar Vista Community Council supports requirement of all bicyclists, regardless of age, to wear protective bicycle helmets, and to have reflective night-lights installed on all bicycles, regardless of age.
  - 2) POLICY MOTION: Distracted Pedestrians Crossing Streets and Highways  
The Mar Vista Community Council supports both informational and legal efforts to prevent pedestrians from crossing streets or highways while viewing any mobile electronic device.
  - 3) POLICY MOTION: Regional Safe Bike Routes Policy Motion  
WHEREAS, extensive segments of government owned land exist in and around Mar Vista that could be used for protected bike paths and bike lanes

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study exploring the following alternative long-term protected bike lane solutions along the entire length of Venice Boulevard, from Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles:

1. Removing the center median, which is a former Red Car Rail right of way ("ROW"), to increase usable roadway and provide at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, an extra wide bike lane, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
2. Replacing the center median Red Car ROW with a signalized protected bikeway, while retaining at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
3. Constructing at least one off-street public parking facility per 3 city block segment, to enable removal of the current parking lanes to create a roadway that includes at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and an extra wide curb adjacent protected bike lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to pave new regional connector bike paths on an expedited basis, especially including: 1. A path along the former rail ROW adjacent to the southwest side of the California 90 Expressway/Freeway from the Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Trail in Marina del Rey and connecting to both the Culver Boulevard Median and Ballona Creek Bike Paths in Del Rey; and

2. Reinstallation of the former rail bridge top, potentially via fast-track City approval of 5000 Beethoven "Del Rey Pointe" apartment development plans, to connect existing and potential new bike paths in Del Rey across Ballona Creek and into Playa Vista via either McConnell Avenue and/or following the ROW to Jefferson Boulevard; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica to designate a north/south onstreet bikeway through Del Rey / Mar Vista to follow a likely route from the Ballona Creek Path along McConnell Avenue, past the Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, continuing along McConnell Boulevard, connecting to Wade Street after crossing Washington Boulevard and Washington Place, and continuing through Mar Vista on May Street, Cabrillo Boulevard, and Stewart Avenue before connecting to Airport Avenue and into current and proposed parks on the Santa Monica Airport site, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study to explore installation of bike lanes along the entire length of Walgrove Avenue, accomplished through removal of the existing parkway, widening of the street without removing any existing parking spaces, and roadway restriping, including green paint to designate the bike lanes. Such changes should include attempted coordination

between the Cities of Los Angeles, Culver City, and Santa Monica to potentially include installation of a traffic signal at Washington Boulevard and Walgrove Avenue, and to seamlessly connect to the 23rd Street bike lane in Santa Monica, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to restore existing bike paths, including resurfacing uneven sections and redirecting flood drain outlets to clear excess sewage runoff, specifically including Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path in Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek Bike Path, and Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to expand the frequency of police patrols, sweeping of sand, glass and other debris and removal of weed overgrowth from all area bike paths, bike lanes and bikeways.

4) Motion to Amend MVCC Support of Great Streets Project

WHEREAS, "Vision Zero" and the "Great Streets" pilot programs were recently implemented on both the east-bound and west-bound sides of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd., and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the stated goals of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries throughout the City of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports making the stretch of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd. a "Great Street" with well-maintained medians and parkways, thriving businesses, and friendly to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the Venice Blvd. lane reductions have caused significant daily increases in traffic, increased commuter traffic on surrounding residential streets, increased average commuting times, and increased pollution from idling vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017, Councilmember Mike Bonin named a 20-member community panel - comprised of a broad range of Playa Del Rey stakeholders with differing views and perspectives - to "analyze data, community feedback and available financial resources to make short-term and long-term recommendations to reduce speeding and improve safety on Playa del Rey streets."

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves:

(1) To advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11 to reverse the lane reduction component on Venice Boulevard and restore the six-lane configuration, and

(2) To urge the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to study, and present to the community, alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors and to provide a monthly update of changes made and data collected, and

(3) To urge Councilmember Bonin – as a vital part of this study - to appoint a community panel that is approved by the MVCC Board of Directors, similar to the one appointed for the projects in Playa Del Rey, to commission a scientific survey, to conduct focus groups comprised of

random stakeholders from all sides of the issue in the proper proportion, and to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd.

8. Public Comment
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjournment

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