



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Windward School Boardroom 1030, Building C (by baseball diamond)
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Michelle Krupkin

AGENDA

1. Call to Order—Ken Alpern and Michelle Krupkin 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
6. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates
 - a. Update of bus shelter info (from Hannah Levien, Joseph Galloway, and Francois Nion) to add, improve, replace and upgrade key bus locations.
STATUS: No New information.
 - b. Policy Motion: Tree Stump Removal Motion
WHEREAS, the MVCC recognizes there is a long waiting list and lack of stump removal teams and/or services to serve the MVCC, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC recognizes that tree stump removal has impacts on transportation/infrastructure and related safety issues, and

WHEREAS the MVCC mandates that cities are required by CEQA law to maintain streets, curbs, parkways, and sidewalks within their borders,

THEREFORE, the MVCC calls upon the City and any related departments (LA Street Services, LADOT, LADWP, etc.) to fund and implement tree stump removal programs immediately so that there is no longer more than a 6-month wait for any unsafe tree stumps to be removed in a timely, safe, and cost-effective manner.
STATUS: Passed on consent at the Board of Directors Meeting 3/13/18
 - c. Policy Motion: Six Month Follow-up request for promised data
WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, the Mar Vista Community Council passed a motion entitled “Continuation of Venice Boulevard Pilot Project” by a near-unanimous vote of ten ayes and one no, and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2017, the Mar Vista Community Council passed a motion entitled “Great Streets Venice Blvd. Point Person” by a vote of 6-3-1

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the LAPD and LAFD submit data on response times and incident rates for before and after the changes and track same by month, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested the same data on streets in Los Angeles where this same configuration was implemented, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested an evaluation be done by an ADA consultant, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the buffered bike lane be evaluated for safety by established bicycle safety advocacy groups like League of American Bicyclists (www.bikeleague.org), American Bicycling Education Association (<https://abea.bike>), and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the City of Los Angeles post all related survey results, traffic studies, and community impact reports online for this pilot project and others previously implemented, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the city of Los Angeles provide data available on cut through traffic on neighborhood streets that is available through the agreement with Waze, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with a breakdown of all petitions showing a breakdown of signatures indicating the number of signatures by zip code or community of residence, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with the data to date on the survey created by CD11 and updated on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with the LADOT data collected on the Los Angeles City streets where this configuration has been previously implemented, and

WHEREAS, in that motion, the Mar Vista Community Council urged “the City of Los Angeles and grass roots community organizations to provide the needed information promptly with a planned reassessment six months from this date,” and

WHEREAS, that six-month reassessment date will be January 11, 2018, and

WHEREAS, to date LADOT, CD11, LAPD, LAFD, nor any other city agency has provided anything requested in that July 11, 2017 motion.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to instruct the Chair to invite Councilman Bonin, Nat Gale, and Seleta Reynolds to either the April 10, 2018 Board of Directors’ meeting or to a special MVCC meeting to be held not later than May 1, 2018 for the purpose of answering questions from the board and the community regarding these items.

STATUS: Passed as amended at the Board of Directors Meeting 3/13/18

d. Policy Motion: MVCC Follow-up Request for Parking Demand Survey

WHEREAS, in June and July of last year (2017), both the West Mar Vista Residents Association and the Mar Vista Community Council sent resolutions to Councilman Bonin asking him to obtain city funding for a parking demand survey as provided for by AB 744, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC and all neighborhood associations have heard no feedback or other helpful input from either the CD11 or any appropriate City offices,

Therefore, the MVCC strongly insists on a funding for this parking demand survey for Venice Blvd. and other major thoroughfares west of the 405 freeway from the CD11 office, and

THEREFORE, the MVCC strongly insists on a funding for a parking demand survey for Sepulveda

Blvd. and Overland Ave. from the CD5 office, to be assigned and authorized by 4/1/2017.

STATUS: Passed at the Board of Directors Meeting 3/13/18

- e. Policy Motion: MVCC Motion to correct the status of Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. Bus Service with the LA City Planning Department.

WHEREAS, current SCAG information states that the junction of Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. does not have the required Bus Service to be eligible as “a major transit stop,” and

WHEREAS, in the past, the mistaken categorization has allowed out of character developments to be approved inappropriately due to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission using incorrect information, and

THEREFORE, the Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. junction should not continue to be categorized as a Major Transit Stop,

THEREFORE, MVCC Insists that Councilmember Bonin officially notify City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission of these facts and receive confirmation that this junction will not be categorized as a Major Transit Stop for any future developments.

STATUS: Passed on consent at the Board of Directors Meeting 3/13/18

- f. Funding Motion: Funding for Community Projects for Joint MVCC/CD11/LADOT Safety and Mobility Enhancement.

Whereas, the MVCC has a strong interest in enhancing the safety and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders and car commuters for the benefit of all parties, and

Whereas, the MVCC budget has approximately \$5000 - \$10,000 to dedicate for potential safety and mobility enhancements, and

WHEREAS, in the past, the mistaken categorization has allowed out of character developments to be approved inappropriately due to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission using incorrect information, and

THEREFORE, the Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. junction should not continue to be categorized as a Major Transit Stop,

Whereas, the Joint CoPS and T/I Committee meeting held with both LAPD and CHP members derived a preliminary consensus of how to spend these funds as potential "seed money" for the CD11 and LADOT to fund and prioritize for several such projects,

Therefore, the MVCC supports the following funding priorities:

- a) High Visibility Crosswalks at McLaughlin Avenue and Charnock Road, and/or McLaughlin Avenue and Victoria Ave., and/or Grand View Blvd. and Pacific Avenue, and/or Colonial Ave. and Victoria Ave., and/or Colonial Ave. and McCune Ave., and/or Beethoven St., Zanja St. and Caswell Ave., and/or Moore St. and Pacific Ave. and/or Grand View Blvd. and Victoria Ave., or
- b) Reconstruction and restoration of the Venice Blvd-adjacent alleys (which serve a vital function to that thoroughfare's commercial corridor) north of Venice Blvd. and east of Centinela Blvd, as well as any repairs to the alley south of Venice Blvd. due to last winter's storm damage.
- c) Repair of Pacific Avenue adjacent to the Farmer's Market, and any potential strengthening of that street due to the higher volume of trucks associated with the Farmer's Market.

STATUS: Passed at the Board of Directors Meeting 3/13/18

7. New Business

a. Policy Motion: Extension of L.A.M.C. 85.02

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 85.02, "Use of Vehicles as Living Quarters," went into effect on July 7, 2017, and

WHEREAS L.A.M.C. Section 85.02 shall expire on July 1, 2018 unless extended by ordinance,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to advise Councilman Bonin and Councilman Koretz to immediately introduce an ordinance making the provisions of L.A.M.C. 85.02 permanent.

8. Discussion of how to align/restructure L.A.'s Departments for better Transportation/Infrastructure service and operations (Laila Alequresh, City Administrator's Office).
9. Discussion of how to fund and implement reconstruction/repair of critical streets/alleys, and construct high-visibility crosswalks with joint MVCC, CD11 and other sources of City funding (Hannah Levien, CD11 Mar Vista deputy).
10. Public Comment
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Adjournment

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