

MINUTES of Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting March 15, 2017

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee was called to order at 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the West Los Angeles office of CD11 Councilman Mike Bonin, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The meeting was chaired by Linda Guagliano (MVCC Liaison) and attended by Rudy Guevara (LADOT Western District Engineer) and Officer Anthony Davis (LAPD West Traffic Division CTSU). CD11 Representative Field Deputy Len Nguyen was absent from the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

All present signed the attendance sheet and approved the Minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business -

Item #1: Re: a request regarding a visibility problem for drivers turning left (south) onto Walgrove Ave. from Marco Pl., reportedly due to a short red zone on the southeast corner which allows parking too close to the corner and obstructs drivers' ability to see oncoming northbound traffic, Rudy G. reported by e-mail that because study investigation showed that the existing red curb allows adequate visibility for making left turns, that drivers can move forward far enough to check for oncoming traffic before turning, and that LAPD records for the last 5 years showed only one left turn traffic collision at this location, therefore any measures to increase visibility are not currently needed. **[No further action by this Committee at this time.]**

Item #2: Re: stakeholder request for a left turn signal at the intersection of Westminster and Sawtelle Blvd., reportedly a location where many accidents occur from drivers crossing Sawtelle or making left turns onto Westminster or Sawtelle, Rudy G. previously reported he will not put a traffic signal at this location, but will do a study to put the signal at Sawtelle and Charnock (a collector street) between the signals at Sawtelle & Palms and at Venice Blvd. -- so people could make a left turn at Charnock at the 4-way signal at the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection. However, this study will be delayed due to other expedited projects in "Vision Zero" which is a citywide plan. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at a future meeting.]**

Item #3: Reporting re: a request for a study/mitigations/enforcement for Palms Blvd. at Greenwood Ave., due to many serious accidents and both pedestrian and animal fatalities caused by speeding and visibility issues on this curve in the road and despite warning signs presently posted, Rudy G. said his planned study for an all-way STOP at Greenwood and Palms to slow traffic in this section has not yet been done but the outlook is good for probable approval of a 4-way STOP at this intersection. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

New Business –

Item #1: Reporting on a request from a stakeholder to install a STOP sign at the corner of Maplewood Ave. & Lucille Ave. on the Lucille side facing east and west, Rudy G. will do a study but he warned that approval is unlikely because this location is only 535 feet from – halfway between – two nearby STOP signs on Lucille located at Rosewood and Ashwood Aves. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Responding to a question from a stakeholder as to when speed humps will be reinstalled in a section of Inglewood Blvd. where the speed humps were removed during resurfacing between National Blvd. and Rose Ave. in December 2016, Rudy G. said this is not an LADOT matter -- Street Services is the agency responsible for replacing the speed humps. However, he has forwarded the request to the supervisor of Street Services Resurfacing Section for action and a reply. **[Tabled for BOSS follow-up under Other Agenda, at or before the next meeting. Referred to Len Nguyen at CD11 for further action.]**

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Item #3: Re: a stakeholder's request as to when a Marcasel Ave. STOP sign -- originally requested in July 2016 to control speeding on Marcasel Ave. and reportedly approved after the speed trailer was removed from 4181 Marcasel -- will be installed, Rudy G. said the stakeholder sent LADOT, CD11 and several other people the STOP sign request and that a study is ongoing and may be approved, but no official approval has been made. He said this may take more time because LADOT needs striping modification due to the geometry of the intersection in order to place the STOP signs at this location, after which a work order can be sent to the LADOT Yard. **[Tabled for an LADOT follow-up report by the next meeting.]**

Other Agenda Items:

Old Business –

No Other Agenda Old Business items were tabled or carried over from the previous meeting for discussion at this meeting.

New Business –

No Other Agenda New Business items/requests were received for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Council District 11 West Los Angeles office, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

Submitted by Linda J. Guagliano, Chair
Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee
March 20, 2017