

**MINUTES of Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting  
May 17, 2017**

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 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), Len Nguyen (CD11 Field Deputy), and Officer John Lawrence (LAPD West Traffic Division CTSU).

All present signed the attendance sheet and approved the Minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

**LADOT Agenda Items:**

**Old Business -**

Item #1: Rudy G. reported that a traffic study re: putting a left turn signal at Sawtelle and Charnock (a collector street), to enable drivers to make a left turn at a 4-way signal at the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection, has not been done because traffic data is needed before the study can begin. A manual traffic count is needed for both streets and this could take a while due to a workload backup. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Rudy G. reported that a traffic study is in progress for an all-way STOP at Palms Blvd. and Greenwood Ave. where many serious accidents have occurred due to speeding and visibility issues on this curve in the road, despite warning signs presently posted. However, there is a long work backlog and this planned study may also be delayed. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #3: Rudy G. reported that a study is pending re: a request to install a STOP sign at the street corner of Maplewood Ave. and Lucille Ave., on the Lucille side facing east and west. This study is also delayed with a long backlog of at least 1,000 pending requests including some needing studies. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #4: Rudy reported that as to the STOP sign which was granted and approved for Marcasel Ave. to help control speeding on that street, he is working on work orders and hopes to send them out within a week. He will send a notice when installation will begin and will end, probably 8 to 10 weeks after the work orders go out. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

**New Business –**

Item #1: Reporting on a stakeholder's request for resolution of an issue at the intersection of Palms Blvd. and McLaughlin Ave., where eastbound Palms traffic goes from one to two lanes across the intersection and creates a "problem" for northbound drivers on McLaughlin turning right on red onto Palms, asking for marking dotted-line striping so drivers waiting to turn can see when a car moves into the right lane on Palms and endangers the turn. Rudy G. said he discussed this suggestion with supervisor Mo Blorfroshan and LADOT will not put in the requested markings. He said this is a different situation from the striping at Inglewood and Venice Blvd., where so-called "cat tracks" are used to separate westbound Venice Blvd. left turn lane from Inglewood thru traffic. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

Item #2: Rudy G. said that sun-faded STOP and other signs on Redwood & Lucille Aves. near Mark Twain Middle School are a maintenance issue and will be handled by an engineering aide who now works in Rudy's office doing only this type of work. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

Item #3: Re: a request for a left-turn signal for northbound Sepulveda Blvd. traffic to access westbound Palms Blvd., Rudy G. showed a report approving this installation and said it is on the list of unfunded projects for which CD11 is working to secure funding in the next fiscal year. He said this signal is at an important location for pedestrian and traffic safety measures. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

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Item #4: Re: a stakeholder request for a 4-way STOP at the intersection of Barry/Colbert and Federal streets to replace a 2-way STOP for traffic on Barry/Colbert, to improve visibility of oncoming cars on Barry, Rudy G. said he will log in and do a study for this request, but with no known time frame at this point in time. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up at a future meeting.]**

Item #5: Regarding a stakeholder’s request for information on parking data for cul-de-sac parking patterns and whether diagonal parking is still in use, Rudy G. sent the stakeholder “Street Standards” documentation, and also made the following comments: “Most diagonal parking is illegal, unless so striped by LADOT. Cul-de-sac parking is usually supposed to be parallel to the curb unless so marked by LADOT, but most cul-de-sacs are not wide enough for parallel-to-curb parking because fire trucks have to have room turn around in that area.” **[No further action by this Committee at this time.]**

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**NOTE:** At this point in the meeting, a brief discussion followed re: an item not included on the Agenda, a stakeholder complaint that: “There seems to be no coordination between normal traffic-light timing and Metro crossing closures. Very often, when the rail crossing arms go up, the traffic lights turn red, leading to a doubly-long line of waiting traffic.” It had been determined that this matter was more agenda-appropriate for the MVCC Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Also, there have already been discussions between Metro, LADOT and LA City Council offices about this matter and those discussions will continue. It was also noted that trains have traffic priority.

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**Other Agenda Items:**

**Old Business –**

Item #1: Re: a stakeholder’s inquiry as to if and when speed humps which were removed during resurfacing of the section of Inglewood Blvd. between National and Rose in Dec. 2016 will be replaced, it was reported that those speed humps have been replaced during the past month. **[Note:** A discussion then followed during which Rudy G. said that the program for speed humps is closed again now, but it may reopen after the July budget figures are in; but now-existing speed humps removed during roadwork will continue to be replaced.] **[No further action by this Committee at this time.]**

**New Business –**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 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  
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