

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

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, November 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), Len Nguyen (CD11 Field Deputy), and Officers John Lawrence and Ernie Schoop (LAPD West Traffic Division CTSU).

All present signed the attendance sheet and approved the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business -

Item #1: Rudy G. reported that the traffic study to put a left turn signal at Sawtelle and Charnock, to enable drivers to make a left turn at a 4-way signal in the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection, is complete and the necessary manual traffic-count data is done. However, over 75 Charnock /residents have now signed a petition opposing the installation the traffic signal at the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection, and at this time no decision has been made as to whether or not to proceed, and no presentation has been made to the MVCC Board by LADOT for a decision on this signal, as was recommended as a new Boardd policy by the MVCC T&I Committee at the Board's Sept. 15th meeting. LADOT says traffic volume data is "borderline" as to requiring a signal at this location, and there are no safety issues for the nearby residents or anyone else as to having or not having the signal; it is not needed if the community objects.

Complaints opposing the signal list many reasons, including dangers of increased traffic volume, the safety of children and families, speeding, exhaust fumes from backed up traffic, blocking of homeowners' driveways, blocking of alleys with homeowners' garages, and similar issues related to the basic residential quality of the Charnock Rd. neighborhood, as well as damage to property values. A traffic signal at that location may make sense, but if the community at large doesn't want it, it is not a necessary installation from LADOT's point of view, at least at this time. Len N. will consult with the MVCC Board's Chair as to whether or not the community wants the signal or not. **[Tabled for further discussion and a decision from LADOT and MVCC BOD as to whether or not the community agrees to the installation.]**

Item #2: Rudy G. reported that the study 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, was completed, approval has been received as of Nov. 13th, and installation of the STOP sign should take 10 to 12 weeks depending on the field crew's schedule. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

New Business –

Item #1: Rudy G. reported re: a stakeholder #1 request to installation of all-way STOP sign controls for Gateway Blvd. between Barrington Ave. and Bundy Dr., that this request cannot be approved. "Gateway Blvd. is classified as "Boulevard II" in the Mobility Plan 2035 of the City's General Plan, and Boulevards with this designation are basically major streets and are not eligible for the installation of stop signs control. Only local streets and collectors are eligible for installation of stop signs controls. Any streets classified higher are not." Rudy says issues regarding speeding should be referred to LAPD West Traffic Division to request speeding enforcement: contact LAPD Western Traffic Division (213) 473-0220. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

Item #2: Rudy G. said 2019-early 2020 is planned for construction of protected-only phasing for left turn on Ocean Park at Centinela, included in a funding cycle with a group of similar projects. The "all-red" timing will be updated by next month. **[Tabled for an LADOT updated report at the next meeting.]**

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Other Agenda Items:

Note: The following Old Business items were on the Agenda for the Sept. 20th meeting, but because both Len Nguyen (CD11) and Officer John Lawrence (LAPD) were absent from that meeting, no discussion took place, so the items were tabled and are repeated here.

Old Business:

Item #1: Follow-up report from Len N re: a study of a stakeholder's request that street lights be installed on Victoria Ave. between Walgrove Ave. and Beethoven St. as there presently is no street lighting, and stakeholder says street is "super dark" at night so installing lights is a matter of nighttime safety for residents on and visitors to this street. Len reported that he counted wood poles on Victoria where lights can be placed and consulted with the President of the West Mar Vista Residents Association, who said residents have complained about overly bright streetlights. Plans now fare to install streetlights, with no time frame given, but hopefully it will be within 6-months. **[Tabled for a further update report at a future meeting.]**

Item #2: In follow-up reports from Len N. and Officer John Lawrence re: solving speeding and parking problems reported by a block captain for the section of Inglewood Blvd. between Palms and National Blvds., Len N, said he looked at the location but he didn't see any serious problems. Officer Lawrence also looked at the location and said that morning traffic could be an average issue, except for the many construction bins placed on the street as a lot of house remodels are underway. However, he didn't find any major parking problems. **[No further action by this Committee at this time.]**

New Business –

Item #1: Officer Lawrence reported that resident complaints re: speeding cut-through traffic on Inglewood Blvd. between National Blvd. and Navy St. daily during morning and afternoon commuter hours appear to be directly related to the changes in lane markings on Venice Blvd. which are sending traffic through neighborhoods on both sides of the main road, and also to WAZE Apps. that commuters use to avoid traffic tie-ups on major east-west thoroughfares. LAPD will continue to monitor the issue as needed. **[No further action by this Committee at this time.]**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m..

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 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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