

MINUTES of Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting July 18, 2018

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, July 18, 2018 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 Mo Blorfroshan (LADOT Western District, attending for Rudy Guevara who was absent), Hannah Levien (CD11 Field Deputy), Officer John Lawrence (LAPD West Traffic Division CTSU) and Alek Bartrosouf (CD11).

All present signed the attendance sheet and approved the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business -

Item #1: Mo B. reported that the study re: a request for a crosswalk at Barrington & Sardis is still open, with traffic counts (pedestrian and vehicle in all directions) still pending in the survey section. The other DOT study (proposed traffic signal with crosswalk at Sawtelle & Graham) has been completed and will be recommended; especially because there is a school at the corner, the signal at this location will have fully protected crosswalks. **[Tabled for further LADOT updates on both studies at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Re: Stakeholder Jeff Marder's complaint that the left turn signal from Sepulveda Blvd. turning west onto Venice Blvd. doesn't work during rush hour, was checked out by field crews and they reported that the signal is working as designed. The conclusion is that the design did not consider that when oncoming traffic is very busy, the turning vehicle must wait to complete a left turn, so often that means only one car can make the left turn each traffic cycle. **[No further action by this Committee at this time.]**

New Business -

Item #1: A stakeholder request for a crosswalk between 3415 Sepulveda Blvd. and Rose Ave. for pedestrian and vehicle safety is on hold while waiting for pedestrian and vehicle counts before approval is requested. **[Tabled for further LADOT report/updates at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Re: a stakeholder Roberta Hamovitz's request for a traffic study to plan control for current and future/increasing traffic dangers and congestion (caused by continuing building construction) in the Olympic Blvd./Barrington Ave./Sawtelle Blvd. at the 405 offramp/ Pico Blvd. areas – Mo B. will ask Rudy G. to get in touch with the stakeholder to get her input as to what her specific concerns are and determine what DOT can or cannot do in response. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #3: Re: a stakeholder's request for a traffic survey, road amendments, and enforcement of 25MPH speed limit and STOP signs on Federal Ave. between National Blvd. and Stanwood Dr. to control rush hour traffic speeding in AM and PM., Hannah L. will tell stakeholder John Evans that DOT has determined that the street is so short that added raised STOP signs and limit lines are not feasible, but that installation of speed humps mid-block may be considered by the DOT speed humps department. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Other Agenda Items:

Old Business –

Item #1: Hannah L. reported that she will work with the Bureau of Street Lighting for pole numbers appropriate for street lighting installations on Victoria Ave. between Walgrove and Beethoven. **[Tabled for CD11 follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Hannah L. reported that she asked Bureau of Street Services to repair a pothole in the "zebra" crosswalk on Beethoven St. at Palms Blvd. but has not yet had a response from them. **[Tabled for CD11 follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

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New Business –

Item #1: Hannah L. reported that no usable suggestions or solutions have so far been received as to changes or repairs on Venice Blvd. or Wade St. that would help alleviate the ongoing Wade St. traffic problems. **[Tabled for further CD11 follow-up at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Re: neighbors' complaints of foul odors and insect and rat infestations in the alley next to their homes, caused by an apartment building at 3101 Barrington Ave. placing their trash and recycle cans on that side of the alley, Hannah will contact the stakeholder who complained for names of building management so she can contact them and advise putting their trash containers in front of their building and not in the alley. She will ask if they are picked up by City Sanitation or by a private collector. **[Tabled for a CD11 follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting will be held at 10AM on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 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
July 25, 2018