

Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting
March 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee was called to order on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the conference room at 1645 Corinth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The meeting was chaired by Albert Olson (MVCC Liaison) and attended by Rudy Guevara (LADOT Western District Engineer), John Lawrence (LAPD representative), Hannah Levien (CD11 Field Deputy), and Alek Bartrosouf (CD11 Mobility representative).

All present approved the Minutes of the January 16th, 2019 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

LADOT Agenda Items:

New Business –

1. Consideration requested by Tom Ponton:

The intersection of Victoria & Barry. The stakeholder is requesting an all-way stop sign at this intersection. **LADOT representative Rudy Guevara reported that this stop sign has been approved, and should be completed within 10-12 weeks.**

2. Consideration requested by Tom Ponton:

The stakeholder requested solutions for the crowded parking situation at the Mar Vista Post Office parking lot at the corner of Grandview and Venice Blvd. And he also requested consideration of installing parking meters in the parking spaces on the east side of Grandview adjacent to the Post Office parking lot. Right now there are no meters, and the parking spots fill up early and remain filled, leaving no short term parking spots for people trying to go to the Post Office.

Rudy reported that LADOT has no jurisdiction over the P.O. parking lot. Hannah Levien stated that she will reach out again to the company that runs the parking lot and see if they can do anything to make the lot more conducive to short term patrons at the Post Office. It was pointed out that there are many times when the inside of the Post Office seems to be almost empty, but the parking lot is full, indicating that the lot is being used by people not going to the P.O.

Rudy reported that LADOT has agreed to put in parking meters at the parking places located on the east side of Grandview next to the Post Office, and that they will make at least two of the meters, short term, maybe 15 minutes maximum, so as to facilitate short term parking for the P.O.

3. Consideration requested by Nanette Pastor-Hanna

The stakeholder requested a stop sign on Corinth at the T-intersection at Corinth Ave, saying that neighbors indicated that there used to be a stop sign but it was stolen by some kids in the neighborhood. This request was denied by LADOT. Rudy indicated that there are no records at LADOT showing a stop sign at this location. And he googled pictures of the intersection back to 2008 and it showed no stop signs being present to that date. He stated that the California Vehicle Code requires drivers to come to a complete stop at such residential T intersections even without a stop sign. And that LADOT does not normally put stop signs in such locations, in part because stop signs necessitate increased red curbs at the intersection, and home owners at the intersections don't usually want that.

Rudy also ran a check on that intersection and there is no record of any collisions between 2010 and 2018.

4. Consideration requested by Sara Roos

The pavement on Sepulveda between Palms and National is in very bad shape. Is there any way it can be repaired?

This is a matter for Bureau of Street Services, not LADOT or LAPD. And it is also in CD5. Hannah stated she would contact the CD5 office and let them know of the complaint. It was also recommended that the stakeholder do the same, and also report pot holes on the street on the BSS website page designed to receive those requests.

5. Consideration requested by Sara Roos

The stakeholder requested that the mid-block pedestrian lights for the pedestrian walks along Venice Blvd between Inglewood Blvd Centinela Ave be made truly on-demand, or be re-timed to be more responsive to pedestrian wait times. This request was denied by LADOT. And he provided a detailed response to the stakeholder from the relevant City staff who work on these issues. Basically, there are a lot of factors that go into how the pedestrian signals work, including drive times for vehicles, congestion on Venice Blvd., ease of use for disabled pedestrians, etc. And right now the timing is calibrated to accommodate all of those things, not just the speed at which a pedestrian can cross the street. This response was provided to the stakeholder.

6. Consideration requested by Brian Zutter

Request for traffic signal lights at Sepulveda Blvd. and Clover Ave. to protect pedestrian crossing. Please see attached letter, which contains signatures from over 50 people.

Rudy indicated that this traffic signal light has been approved by LADOT. Unfortunately, as with many of the approved LADOT projects, there is no immediate funding for it. Rudy indicated that it would probably take 3-5 years for funding to become available. We will inquire to CD5 if they have any avenue to prioritize this project.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/LAPD/CD11 Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on May 15, 2019, at Council District 11 West Los Angeles Office, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025.