

Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting
January 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 AM. In attendance were Rudy Guevara, representing LADOT, Alek Bartrosouf representing CD11 Mobility, and Albert Olson, MVCC representative, who chaired the meeting. LAPD was unable to attend.

Minutes for previous meeting will be approved at March meeting.

Seven items were on the agenda, in both old and new business, and were discussed as followed:

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business –

1. From July meeting: **Request for additional lane markings at the intersection of Palms & McLaughlin; and request for MERGE sign on Palms just west of Sawtelle.**

Repainting existing lane markings, and adding painted roadway lettering east of Sawtelle, has not yet been done. Rudy has requested that the work be completed as soon as possible. This will be followed up on at the March meeting.

2. From July meeting: **Request for modification to right turn lane on McLaughlin Ave heading north at Palms Blvd, stakeholder suggested that heading northbound on McLaughlin Avenue at Palms Boulevard drivers are very confused because the right turn lane is over 20' wide.**

LADOT staff is working to assess the situation and possibly provide for slightly narrowing the lane in question. This is still being worked through. Apparently the specifics of how the lane will be narrowed is still being discussed. Additional ideas were discussed by Rudy and Alek at this meeting, along with the idea that maybe this work would be done at the same time that the new left turn signal is installed. Follow up at next meeting.

3. From September meeting: **Request for a study of how to calm traffic on Washington Place at Berryman Avenue, with concern expressed that dips in Washington Place roadway at the intersection of Berryman and Washington Place cause drivers to lose control of vehicles when speeding and cause accidents. The stakeholder requests that DOT initiate a traffic study, and Investigate what additional traffic control measures can be taken along this stretch to slow speeding vehicles and advise motorists of the roadway conditions**

DIP Pavement Markings have been completed on Washington Place at Coolidge Ave. and Minerva Ave. DIP Signs on Washington Place at Minerva Ave. and Coolidge Ave. were inspected and determined to be in place and in good condition. This item is complete, and will be removed from future agendas.

New Business –

- 1 Consideration requested by Nancy Howell: **I live on Rose Ave and have a problem. A request for speed humps was passed but we have an 'artificial' speed bump next to our driveway which extends across the entire street. Trash trucks, construction vehicles etc. cause a very disruptive noise each time they travel down Rose Ave. It is also dangerous for us as we slow down and turn into our driveway with this bump on the street. It is also a hazard in a rain storm since a large puddle is formed and those on the sidewalk get drenched and drivers of cars are temporarily blinded due to water on the windshields.**

This needs to be corrected before more speed humps are added. It involves the removal of a large tree root. Our neighbors have tried to get rid of the tree but since the sidewalk has been repaired, they were told that it is not necessary. Can LADOT come to our rescue. I talked with Lon and she said she would see what can be done before speed humps are installed. Thank you for your help.

Rudy indicated that this is a Bureau of Street Services (BSS) item, and not something that LADOT takes care of. BSS takes care of pavement, potholes, etc. Alek, from CD11 recommended that the stakeholder first call 311 and submit a request to have the pavement repaired. It is important that the stakeholder, and even multiple stakeholders, make a request through 311, as that is how the City keeps track of such items. If the City is not responsive then CD11 will step in and make additional requests. But CD11 needs to be able to point to the original stakeholder requests when doing its follow-up. Follow up at next meeting.

2. Consideration requested by Dennis Mogerman: I came across this situation this afternoon.



The woman in the photo is from the West LA area and yet she was unfamiliar with our unique traffic and parking pattern here in Mar Vista. Her car was ticketed and unfortunately a OPG tow truck was called and she was just about to be towed to the impound yard in MdR when she came on the scene. Her car was lowered down and released to her but she still had to pay the \$250 impound fee plus the parking ticket.

I witnessed a similar event some months ago and a couple with Arizona plates who were here on holiday were ticketed. They were confused since they still had time on the meter.

The reason I'm writing is to forward an interesting suggestion from the woman I met today. She said if all of the curbs along the protected bike lanes were painted red she never would have parked next to the curb. Maybe CD11 can help with that?

Rudy indicated that this item has been sent to the Transportation Engineer for the area, Active Transportation Division, who takes care of this segment of bike lanes. They reported that they will be inspecting the Venice Bike Lane at the end of the month. They will replace any damaged or missing

bollards, and will install “No Parking in Bike Lane” signs on all meter posts, passenger and commercial pots as well. Signs will need to be fabricated, so this might take some time. Follow up at next meeting.

3. a. Consideration requested by Enrique Serta: **Need for LAPD traffic enforcement: Southbound on Centinela Avenue between Palms and Charnock and Charnock and Venice cars are using the middle lane because they don't want to be in the traffic. It's very dangerous. I have called the LAPD traffic division and Pacific Division and neither have been helpful. I think if some traffic tickets were given it would help.** LADOT is looking to install some bollards (K-71s) at a couple of locations to discourage drivers from using the middle lane as a travel lane. The segment being looked at is on Centinela Avenue between Venice Blvd. and Charnock Road. They don't see any viable locations for bollards north of Charnock Road. Follow up at next meeting.

3. b. Similar issue---Consideration requested by Nanette Pastor-Hanna: **Sawtelle south bound toward Venice Blvd. During rush hour and anytime the lanes are backed up, drivers cut across the double yellow AGAINST NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC to get into the left turn lane. I cannot tell you how many times I've had to swerve into the right lane to avoid head-ons, and watched others doing the same. I recommend installing the tubular road cones along the double yellow lines, from the intersection of Biona south to the turn lane to prevent this.**

Bollards will not work at this location. There's a driveway at the location that drivers need to be able to turn into. Bollards would preclude that. So they cannot be installed here. This needs LAPD enforcement. Stakeholders can contact the SLO for the area to get inforcement. Unfortunately, the SLO position is being assigned, so we're not sure at this date who to contact. Hopefully we'll know in a week or so. This item will be removed from future agendas.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/LAPD/CD11 Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on March 18, 2020, at Council District 11 West Los Angeles Office, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025.