

Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD /MVCC Traffic Committee Meeting
August 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Remote Meeting, via ZOOM

DRAFT MINUTES

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD /MVCC Traffic Committee was called to order on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held remotely via a Zoom connection. It was chaired by Albert Olson (MVCC Liaison) and attended by Rudy Guevara (LADOT Western District Engineer) and Alek Bartrosouf, CD11 Mobility Deputy.

Agenda items for discussion are as follows:

Old Business –

1. The Request for additional lane markings at the intersection of Palms & Sawtelle to facilitate the merging of lanes west of Sawtelle on Palms has been resolved. As of third week of August, additional large arrows have been painted in roadway, both east and west of Sawtelle, in the westerly direction. This item will be removed from future agendas.
2. 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. Follow up on Work Order #129694, LADOT staff is working to assess the situation. This is still being worked through. Apparently the specifics of how the lane might be narrowed is still being discussed with staff, with the possibility of work being completed when upcoming left turn lane signal is added at intersection. Follow-up at next meeting.
3. Request for removal of large tree root in street, on Rose Avenue, causing problems for drivers. Alek indicated that Streets LA is dealing with this, in conjunction with the recent installation of speed bumps on the street in question. This will be removed from future agendas.
4. Concern was expressed by stakeholder that drivers are confused by parking meters placed on curb, and park in bike lane on Venice Blvd., where bike lane was relocated to position next to curb. At last meeting, it was indicated that "No Parking In Bike Lane" signs would be placed on all relevant sign posts. As of the third week of August, it looked as if signs were well placed on the eastbound side of Venice between Inglewood Blvd., and Centinela, but there were no signs on the westbound side of Venice within those same boundaries, and one sign placed just west of Centinela. Rudy & Alek will look into the lack of signs on the westbound side of the street, and we'll follow up on this at the next meeting.
3. 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, causing a dangerous situation. At the previous meeting, Rudy indicated that 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 between Venice and Charnock. There are no viable locations for bollards north of Charnock. As of 3rd week of August bollards have not been installed. This will be followed up on at the next meeting.

New Business –

1. It was requested to possibly redo speed bumps on Dewey Street between Cabrillo and Rosewood, to restore them to original height, due to the fact that the street was re-sealed a year or two ago, which raised the surface level of the street, but not the height of the speed bumps. Thus the speed bumps became shallower, and less effective. Alek suggested that the stakeholder contact LADOT at ladot.newspeedhump@lacity.org, as they would be able to ascertain/explain whether or not this street is a candidate for new speed humps.

2. Stakeholder submitted a proposal for making Caswell, Zanja and Beethoven St one-way for a limited area in order to make the streets safer. Rudy indicated that there were no funds available to LADOT to consider such a proposal, so this proposal is not feasible at this time.

3. Stakeholder requested more assistance from LAPD in the Rose Ave/Penmar Golf Course area, where there are reports of illegal activity by homeless people situated in the area next to the golf course, and not enough response from LAPD when these activities have been reported in the past few months. Alek suggested that Albert contact the SLO, whose name and contact he will provide, along with the new CD11 Field Deputy who is currently coming online. We will follow up on this at the next meeting.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/LAPD/CD11 Traffic Committee Meeting will be held October 21, 2020.