

**Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting
February 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM
Remote Meeting, via ZOOM**

MINUTES

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD /MVCC Traffic Committee was called to order on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 1:00 PM. 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), Eliana Goehring (LADOT Staff), and Alek Bartrosouf, CD11 Mobility Deputy. Vishesh Anand, the CD11 Mar Vista Field Deputy, was unable to attend, but is in the loop and assisting with backup on various issues.

Agenda items that were addressed are as follows:

Old Business – (dialogue in red is the original request by stakeholder)

1, Update on installation of left-hand turn signal on Palms at McLaughlin:

This project is under the LADOT 2D Contract. It's a year contract. The work did not start until July, 2020. At this time, most of the underground work has been completed. They are just waiting on the poles and signal gear to be delivered to start activating intersections. Tentative activation date for this intersection is sometime around the 3rd week of May. UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING

2. **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 recent meeting, Rudy indicated that LADOT is looking to install some bollards 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. This item is still in progress. City staff, and CC Transportation Committee, have agreed to install bollards (K-71s) on Centinela between Venice and Charnock. It will move forward, but they are still finalizing the exact location so as to not conflict with adjacent/nearby driveways, left turns, etc.. UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING

New Business – (dialogue in red is the original request by stakeholder)

1. Consideration requested by Scott Zuber: Traffic on Palms in both directions has increased significantly since the Venice lane closure and new bike lane occurred. Can ways be studied to reduce traffic/better and control traffic on Palms Blvd eastbound and westbound between Mclaughlin and Centinela? There are many people and families walking on Palms these days as well as significant bicycle traffic traveling Palms to avoid the busy and confusing Venice bike lanes.

No, unfortunately not. LADOT does not have the resources to do these types of studies. These types of studies are not in the menu of services at this time. The request sounds like the studies that at one point were done by our Neighborhood Traffic Management Section, which was dismantled years ago due to budget cuts. THIS ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE AGENDAS

Some thoughts:

A) encourage different flow by introducing LEFT TURN SIGNAL from Palms eastbound to Centinela northbound AND Palms westbound to Mclaughlin southbound. (the kind of signals that start as a

protected turn and continue as a solid green once the time limit for protected turn has concluded - NOT the kind like at Palms eastbound to Sawtelle northbound were the left turn changes to red limiting traffic to two or three cars per light) This would encourage more traffic to continue on streets designed for larger quantities of traffic.

These left turns are called Protective-Permissive and yes, LADOT can/will do a study. Unfortunately, these improvements are long term. There is a long que of projects already in the City pipeline, so, even if the study results in a recommendation for the lights, the average turn-around is appr. 5 years depending on the funding. UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING

B) introduce an additional STOP SIGN at PALMS and LAWLER. This would help to slow the traffic that tends to speed down the hill between INGLEWOOD and BARRY. The current situation is very dangerous as many cars regularly break 40 mph as they crest the hill down to BARRY. The turn from LAWLER onto PALMS eastbound is extremely dangerous currently. This would keep traffic to the posted speed limits.

We can add a request to study an all-way stop here but not likely to qualify. Palms Blvd is classified as a Collector and the distance between Inglewood and Barry is only around 1,000'. The distance to qualify for stop signs for "Collectors" is 1,500'. Given the short distance between blocks, LADOT thinks it might be more appropriate to install a "STOP SIGN AHEAD" sign. This will be looked into. UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING

C) introduce speed bumps/humps onto PALMS. This would slow traffic and encourage drivers to actually stop at the stop signs - they currently roll through at INGLEWOOD and PALMS more often than not.

There is a speed hump section in LADOT that takes care of requests but the program is on hold due to the City's budget crisis. Even when the program was alive, only limited number of applications were even considered every 6 months due to funding. THIS ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE AGENDAS

2. Consideration requested by Gene Simon: There is a huge increase in Large Trucks zipping along Rose Ave/Beethoven from Palms Blvd through to Walgrove Ave. We would like the signs replaced that have truck weight limits with "No trucks" signs. There is an old sign at SE corner of Rose Ave and Walgrove Ave. This should be replaced with a new readable sign. We would like more signs installed reminding these huge trucks to use other streets.

LADOT staff will look into the state of current signs, and consider adding additional signs if it seems appropriate, such as additional signs for northbound Beethoven At Venice Blvd. and maybe additional signs at Rose and Walgrove for eastbound. But bear in mind that, for the local and collector streets, they post "**No Vehicles Over 6,000 lbs.**" signs **only** at entrances onto these local or collector streets from major roadways.

And most importantly, Please keep in mind that the following vehicles are exempted from these signs:

1. Emergency Vehicles.
2. Vehicles owned by or under contract to a public utility while necessary in use in the construction, installation or repair of such public utility.
3. Commercial vehicles coming for deliveries in the neighborhood or picking up/deliver materials to construction sites that are also within the restricted streets/neighborhood.

For a complete list of exceptions, you can see L.A.M.C. Section 80.36.1

And the only way the signs can be enforced is for LAPD to sit on the street and wait for trucks in violation to use the street. And LAPD has to prioritize that with all of the other demands in the

community at any given time, and decide which level of activity (some criminal activity) merits their attention at any given moment. UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING

3. Consideration requested by Cathy Stobert: Please Help Clear this alley out so we can all get to the Vet safely by means of car or walking. She is referring to the alley off of Grandview Blvd. just south of Pacific Ave. The alley has acquired a contingent of homeless people, and also has large piles of trash and debris. The alley has an exit off of Pacific. And impacts the Mar Vista Animal Medical Center, the BMC Construction Center, and a neighboring church and child-care center. She attached the following video of situation (click on the link (sorry for the long address):

https://www.icloud.com/attachment/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fcvws.icloud-content.com%2FB%2FAYyWYGyTId8kbNPdVdK6zlrKjldTAA2JbxdXDdwf8NwW9AnOW7ywY3Ao%2F%24%7Bf%7D%3Fo%3DAjMIZru6Q6CnLc_6WI8qDtd4WCa7n8enr5XtHtUue_FJ%26v%3D1%26x%3D3%26a%3DCAogKnsSgt0KaH4TpW_OIPJOailpwIRPPBKK0s8ChouWzF0SeBCFjcy-C4YhZ3HholvgEAKgkC6AMA_OyeMyJSBMqMh1NaBLBjcChqJtskpsXF16lfYmO3xjKQHy2X3kTHxYXdBFILU3N3a9bMsJsDU_e_cizr6NyVJ3R4mua0aL3Nmr0oIbNeILFqXWnYcf9NgdGp5IKG4QsBhg%26e%3D1615458324%26fl%3D%26r%3D84A535AF-84D0-44ED-8A7D-D53070FF4741-1%26k%3D%24%7Buk%7D%26ckc%3Dcom.apple.largeattachment%26ckz%3D26A8E5C9-C4E3-4BD2-8C40-C4CA2BFDDE49%26p%3D54%26s%3DJT0laYiaGpjbhFhivQ2kuzMfgdA&uk=vJ1f8rzu6aZ3SDIhyfZVcg&f=IMG_1670.MOV&sz=93642763

Cleaning the alley would be Bureau of Street Services (BSS). CD11 field deputy Vishesh will look into this and see what options are available. UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/LAPD/CD11 Traffic Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM