

Hello my name is Selena Inouye. I am a Mar Vista stakeholder and a former Mar Vista Community Council Board member. I am currently the chair of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, Mobility and Transportation Committee - or WRAC MTC. I'm here today via prerecorded video to introduce the stakeholder motion item number 11.5 regarding the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project on your Board meeting agenda this evening. Per the MVCC Bylaws, I am allowed up to 10 minutes to introduce this motion.

I'm unable join you here in person this evening because the the day and time of the MVCC Board meeting was changed and conflicts with the WRAC MTC meeting which is being held this evening from 7 to 8:30 PM.

The motion before you is a request from 21 stakeholders in Mar Vista who want additional time for all stakeholders to give their input into the design of the Venice Boulevard Mobility Improvements project. Had this project been on the agenda for the September MVCC Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee, this motion would have been presented there. But since it was NOT on the agenda, we stakeholders decided to submit a stakeholder motion instead, because this issue is time sensitive and needs immediate action from the Board.

The real issue here for Mar Vista stakeholders is that the proposed LADOT design does not take into account ANY of the feedback that has been given about the Great Streets Venice Blvd pilot project since it's installation in May of 2017.

And according to the timeline on the flyer that was delivered to some Mar Vista stakeholders near Venice Blvd, outreach for this project began in July. However, LADOT did not come to the MVCC until August and didn't come to the Venice Neighborhood Council until September. And when they did come, they came to present their design and to answer questions about it, instead of asking Mar Vista stakeholders what they want to see on Venice Blvd.

This is also different from how stakeholders in Palms have been engaged in this project. The Palms Neighborhood Council has had an Ad Hoc Venice Boulevard Improvement Committee for the past two years. According to the Chair of the Palms Transportation Committee Christopher Gonzalez Weinberg, who attends the WRAC MTC meetings, the Palms NC and their stakeholders have had conversations with LADOT and CD 5 about what they want to see on Venice Blvd. It was at the August WRAC MTC meeting that Christopher apologized to the group, stating he didn't know that the project would extend West past the 405 freeway.

This motion asks for an equal amount of time for the MVCC and its stakeholders to have discussions with LADOT and CD 11, to give input into the design and what would work for us. Examples of this would be the MVCC hosting several round table discussions and/or townhall meetings where stakeholders are given adequate time to discuss what

they want to see on Venice Blvd.

Also, what LADOT presented to you in August is only one way of implementing this project. The truth is the Bicycle Enhanced Network and the Transit Enhanced Network on Venice Blvd. can be implemented using different types of bike lanes, as well as a peak hour bus rapid transit lane that could go all the way down to Lincoln Blvd. and connect to the Lincoln Fast Forward peak hour bus lane in Venice.

LADOT will tell you that this project is time sensitive, because they've made arrangements with Streets LA to begin repaving Venice Blvd., using the \$14 million CalTrans Venice Blvd. relinquishment fund. But the truth is, they can come back and re-stripe the street after they repave it.

At this juncture, it is more important to take the time and make sure this project's design serves our community well. It's important that Mar Vista stakeholders be given the same opportunities for input into the design that have been afforded to other Councils' stakeholders.

It's also important for all of the Neighborhood Councils that are affected by this project - Mar Vista, Venice, Palms and South Robertson - to give their input into the design, as well as come together and discuss this project. Tonight, at the WRAC MTC, we will begin that conversation among the Neighborhood Councils present about the regional nature of this project and the impacts the current LADOT design will have on the Westside.

Since the stakeholder motion was submitted two weeks ago, there are two more things you should know:

First, a version of this motion that was passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council Board last night. The VNC stated they wanted 90 days for additional stakeholder input on this project and would not support the project until their stakeholders were given these opportunities.

Second, there is a Council File, number CF 22-0694, which was opened by Councilmembers Koretz and Bonin to allocate funds for outreach for the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project. This is an opportunity for the MVCC to file a Community Impact Statement based on the action taken with this stakeholder motion. The VNC will be filling a CIS based on the action they took last night.

Thank you for listening. I will stop here and yield any remaining time for public comment.