



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (TI&S) with the Board of Directors

Monday, January 22, 2024 From 6:30 to 8:30pm

Virtually at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86007487493>

Public Welcome

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Called at 6:33

2. **ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST** - *roll call shall include each attending board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.*

Present Committee Members: Kelsey Figone, April Peterson, Derl Clausen, Fred Kuhns

Absent Committee Members: Jakob Meuser

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

4.1. Faith Myrha, Sustainability Alliance

Could not attend, rescheduling to February

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - [SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS](#)

5.1. Approval of the November 1, 2023 Minutes

Fred's name was misspelled – changed to correct it (see updated Minutes uploaded to our November Supporting Documents).

Motioned by Peterson; Seconded by Kuhns; 4Y-0N-0A

6. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Kelsey Figone

Traffic Reduction Study Survey is still accepting submissions through January 31st

In November, we passed 2 motions; one for a new crosswalk and another for new signage for electric vehicles. On the latter, the stakeholder mentioned that there is now signage so we did not need to submit the motion.

Environmental Justice Policy program survey is now open.

LAUSD is expanding bus route, there is a form to submit for requesting a bus stop

Still have a Christmas tree? Multiple initiatives are ongoing to collect them.

b) VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson

April Attended the Brentwood Neighborhood council meeting about traffic congestion – it was helpful.

c) MEMBER – Jakob Meuser

Absent

d) MEMBER – Derl Clausen

None

e) MEMBER – Fred Kuhns

None

7. **SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE**

8. **STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW - SEE [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#) FOR DETAILS**

8.1. **[POLICY] METRO'S TRAFFIC REDUCTION STUDY.** Discussion and possible action with regards to Metro's Traffic Reduction Study, a potential pilot project of congestion pricing and reinvestment that is midway through its planning phase (started in 2019, planned opening in 2028). Learn more here: <https://www.metro.net/projects/trafficreduction/?%0A>

Discussion of Metro's Traffic Reduction Study followed by a call for a motion. April provided context that there is a lot of research that Metro needs to do, especially focusing on the I-10. Brentwood NC recognizes that adding more lanes is not a solution. They feel that public transportation needs to lead, not follow. Fred mentioned he is skeptical about whether Metro has execute on this. Kelsey also noted that, at the Brentwood meeting, Metro covered 3 separate projects at once which has created confusion. Brentwood has concerns about Sunset Blvd getting worst. Malibu/Palisades also has concerns about cut-throughs in the canyons.

April wants DOT to stay in 'close contact' with Neighborhood Councils.

Stakeholder discussion focused on whether this is a necessary tax, and if it is focused on the Westside.

Ultimately tabled for later discussion at another time, especially since WRAC has sent their motion on the topic back to committee.

8.2. **[POLICY] TURN SIGNAL AT MCLAUGHLIN AND WASHINGTON PLACE.** A recent accident at this intersection prompted community concerns and interest in preventative measures, potentially exploring a turn signal on South McLaughlin turning east.

No *protected* left turn signals at this intersection. Email from stakeholder is looking to implement one facing (we believe) north-south.

Public Discussion: Attendee mentions no space for left turn lane but did want a protected bike lane on Barrington. Another stakeholder mentioned that he does not feel this is worth this committee's time unless there was a fatality, since the City does not seriously consider these requests unless there has been one.

April proposes (for discussion) that we instill ‘no left turns during particular traffic times’. A stakeholder mentions that he is concerned this is moving the problem elsewhere. April responded that this is probably true but that we should recognize there are a lot of issues with traffic & congestion.

Tabled for now.

8.3. **[POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 23-1210 (LEADING PEDESTRIAN INTERVALS)**. Discussion and possible action on [Council File 23-1210](#).

The city council has already discussed this on the day of our meeting so this moved to an FYI for our stakeholders. The motion is looking to introduce initiatives to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities by asking LADOT to reinstate COVID era (and other) policies that protected pedestrians. Council voted yes.

8.4. **[POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 23-1333 (SOLAR AND BATTERY SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS)**. Discussion and possible action on [Council File 23-1333](#).

Council Motion is looking to move LADWP to research new technology regarding solar and batteries.

Motion: Move to support CIS to endorse LADWP studying new technologies and expediting approval of those technologies including meter socket adaptors.

Moved by Kuhns; Seconded by Peterson 6Y-0N-1A

8.5. **[POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 23-1196 (DRIVERLESS AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE OPERATIONS)**. Discussion and possible action on [Council File 23-1196](#).

Regarding driverless vehicles. The council motion asks San Francisco to rehear the decision by the California Public Utilities Commission to reign in the companies accountable and set better regulations.

Kelsey clarifies that the city attorney would be ‘tabling’ the push for autonomous vehicles.

A stakeholder feels it’s a disingenuous motion. Fred feels it’s worthy of support given what happened with Cruise in San Francisco. April agrees.

Motion: MVCC supports the City Council’s request for the City Attorney to re-hear the resolution regarding the California Public Utilities Commission.

Moved by Clausen; Seconded by Kuhns; 5Y-1N-3A

9. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD -

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A stakeholder mentions that he would like us to focus more on minor things.

Another stakeholder mentions that he would us to look into pothole fixing.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:44pm.

Moved by Figone; Seconded by Kuhns; 5Y-0N-0A

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