

Mar Vista Community Council
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Chair: Albert Olson
Vice Chair: Chuck Ray
Tuesday, April 28, 7-9:30 PM
Santa Monica Bundy Campus Multi-Purpose Room #123
Draft Minutes

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7:10 pm by the Chair, Albert Olson. Attendance sheet signed by Chuck Ray, Linda Guagliano, Bill Pope, Christine Taylor, Ken Alpern, Antoinette Jaccard, Marilyn Marble, Len Nguyen, Albert Olson.
2. Introductions and Public Comments on topics not on the agenda

Marilyn Marble pointed out that there have been some recent cases of excessive speeding on Centinela Blvd. between National and Palms in early morning hours. She asked if it was an appropriate topic for Discussion at the LA-DOT CD11 Bi-Monthly Meeting. Linda Guagliano asked that more information be sent to her so she could include the topic on the agenda for the Committee.

The Wilshire line alternatives for reaching the sea were discussed by Ken Alpern. The next three phases of the project will get it to just west of I405. There are studies underway to decide whether to run a line south from there to connect to the Expo line or to continue along Wilshire to the coastline. The consensus of the attendees was that connecting to the Expo Line made more sense and was probably less expensive than continuing the Wilshire line to the coast.

The Olympic-Pico DEIR scoping period just ended. There will be another chance to comment on this project when the DEIR is released at end of year.

The MVCC letter supporting the Westdale Homeowner's Association's appeal of the new tract map approval for the 3160 Barrington Avenue project was hand delivered to the Public Counter at the Figueroa St. Planning office by Albert Olson, who was told the letter must go to the Planning Office on Spring Street. The letter has been mailed to Planning Office on Spring Street. Albert was assured that the letter would be considered even though the deadline for appeals would have passed by the time the letter is received.

Linda Guagliano: commented on Chuck Ray's excellent minutes

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the last meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 were approved unanimously.

4. Report on Recent MVCC Board Actions relating to T & I motions

The City of Santa Monica is proceeding with Charnock Wells improvement project. There was a meeting with the responsible engineers about six weeks ago. The engineers had no details to share at that time. They appeared to be looking for more suggestions from the affected stakeholders. There will be another meeting soon.

Congresswoman Harmon's office has reported that the Post Office in Washington has agreed to reinstall two of the mailboxes that were recently removed. Albert asked about the possibility of additional reinstallations per the MVCC motion sites, and has not heard back yet.

The motion to correct the signage at Rose Ave. and Inglewood Blvd. has been sent to LADOT. There has been no response from LADOT yet.

The MVCC board has approved the motion on the Playa Vista Phase II EIR and sent it to the City Planning Department.

5. T & I Related Committee Reports

Linda Guagliano stated that the next LA DOT CD11 Bi-Monthly Meeting will be held on May 13th at 10 am. In the Council District 11, West Los Angeles Office, 1635 Corinth office. Linda is concerned that there has been no representation from the LAPD at recent meeting. The LAPD supervisor, Nancy Bower, does not seem to be interested in supporting the committee.

Bill Pope stated the LADOT has stopped coming to meetings of the CD11 Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee. The DOT representatives have stated that committee can't ask for anything but speed humps and signs to mitigate traffic concerns. There will be new info ready from DOT at the end of May. Len Nguyen, Field Deputy for CD11, is acting as intermediary between the committee and LADOT.

6. Old Business (with possible motions)

a. Update and discussion of new city billboard ordinance

Albert discussed the Planning Department's report to the City Council. They suggest a three-tiered system. Under tier one, all offsite digital sign and super graphics shall be prohibited. For tier two, locations with 100,000 square feet of space or more can be considered for extensions. For tier three, sign districts can be created consistent with community plans where offsite digital signs and super graphic might be allowed.

Ken Alpern proposed the following motion written by Albert Olson and amended by Bill Pope. It was seconded by Bill Pope:

The MVCC T & I Committee recommends the following be sent as a CIS regarding CF 08-2020:

The MVCC supports the L.A. Planning Commission's proposed ordinance amending Sections 11.5.7, 12.05, 12.21, 12.22, 12.23, 13.11 and Articles 4.4 and 9 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish total sign area limits for properties; establish area and height limits for individual signs; prohibit off-site signs, digital displays and roof signs; establish administrative civil penalties for violations of the sign regulations; enact new criteria for the establishment of sign districts; and enact related technical corrections and other measures to reduce visual clutter and otherwise mitigate the potential impacts of signs on the visual environment.

However, the MVCC strongly opposes the designation of the Ballona Wetlands as an "area eligible to apply for Sign District designation." We request that this valuable natural resource of our community be taken off this list. MVCC also strongly opposes the creation of new relief provisions for deviations from the sign regulations.

This motion was approved unanimously.

b. Policy Motion:

Ken Alpern offered the following motion:

The MVCC Board strongly urges the City of Los Angeles to pursue all city, county and state efforts to ensure local representation during the planning and construction of the Westside Phase of the Exposition Light Rail Line by altering the composition of the Exposition Line Construction Authority Board to expedite the inclusion of the CD5 and CD11 Councilmembers on that Board.

An amendment was suggested by Bill Pope to extend the board. This amendment was not accepted. The original motion was approved unanimously.

c. Update on LADOT NC MOU

There have been three meetings held that were attended by Albert Olsen, Bill Pope and Chuck Ray. Bill Pope has been placed on the negotiating committee. Bill announced that he won't serve because the negotiating committee has refused to accept any of his proposals. Albert will try to get him to change his mind.

7. New Business (with possible motions)

a. Discussion of Proposal to allow taxi parking on residential streets

Albert reviewed the status of Council Motion CF 07-3326 (Hahn-Rosendahl) to exempt taxis from restrictions prohibiting commercial vehicles from parking in residential areas for periods exceeding three consecutive hours. The Council Transportation Committee has referred this back to DOT to study the citations received by taxis for parking in residential streets. The Department released a

report on 3/26/08 that shows that there have been very few citations issued in the period from 2005 through 2007. Some of their observations are summarized in the following table:

| Number of Citations | Number of Taxis with this Number of Citations |
|---------------------|---|
| 1 | 308 |
| 2 | 93 |
| 3 | 33 |
| 4 | 8 |
| 5 | 8 |
| 6 | 2 |
| 7 | 1 |
| 8 | 1 |
| 9 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 |
| 13 | 1 |

No other city was found by DOT to provide exemptions for taxis to park in residential streets. Most of the discussion centered on the idea that allowing exemptions for taxis would increase amount of street parking by taxis. Marilyn Marble made a motion to accept Albert’s motion. This was seconded by Linda Guagliano. The text of the motion is:

The MVCC strongly opposes any change to LA City ordinances which would exempt taxis from restrictions prohibiting commercial vehicles from parking in residential areas for periods exceeding three (3) consecutive hours.

This motion was approved unanimously. Len Nguyen, Field Deputy for CD11, requested that a copy of the committee’s motion be sent to him.

b. Presentation and Discussion of “Cyclists’ Bill Of Rights” (Alex Thompson)

Bike Activist, Alex Thompson, spoke in support of the “Cyclists’ Bill of Rights.” He requested that the T & I Committee ask the MVCC board to pass a motion supporting the twelve rights that cyclists have but are frequently violated. A motion was presented to ask the MVCC to support the “Cyclists’ Bill of Rights.” There were 5 votes for and 1 abstention.

c. Discussion of traffic impacts of the Proposed Bundy Medical Center (Mixed-Use Medical Office, Retail & Residential Project at 12333 West Olympic Blvd, near the northwest corner of Bundy Dr. & Olympic Blvd)

LADOT has released its “Initial Traffic Assessment” for this project. Case No. ENV-2006-3125-EIR. The project website is www.bundyvillage.info. CD11 has requested a “a thorough vetting of this project by the Neighborhood Councils and

their committees, the CD-11 Transportation Committee, the various residents associations, and business organizations.”

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to construct a new mixed-use medical office park complex that will include 387,735 square ft. of medical office space, 68,817 sq. ft. of retail space, a 51,021 sq. ft. supermarket, 177 condominium units, and 208 attached senior residential units. The project site is currently occupied by the Teledyne facilities, which houses approximately 29,600 sq. ft. of office space, 42,942 sq ft. of R & D uses and 93,741 sq. ft. of manufacturing/assembly space, and two office buildings with an added total of 69,000 sq ft. in floor space. Anticipated completion is by the year 2011.

DISCUSSION

The project is expected to create a net increase of 20,073 daily trips, a net increase of 833 in a.m. peak hour trips and a net increase of 1,897 in new p.m. peak hour trips. The trip generation estimates are based on rates from Appendix “A” of the WLA TIMP and formulas published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation 7th Edition 2003. DOT has determined that the proposed project will result in significant traffic impacts at the forty intersections near the proposed development.

The developers will be making a presentation on their plan at the next PLUM meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of May. Bill Pope expressed his belief that the impact on traffic through Mar Viasta from this project will be huge. The developer has not provided adequate mitigation for these traffic impacts. Bill believes that Mar Vista Community Council needs to oppose this project on the strongest manner.

8. Adjournment

These minutes submitted by Chuck Ray