

Mar Vista Community Council
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray
Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7-9:30 PM
Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Room 123
Minutes

1) Call to Order

2) Introductions and Public Comments on topics not on the agenda

Albert Olson discussed the new MVCC website, which was still being developed but nearing completion. He invited all to go to the new website and check out the new features.

Ken Alpern brought up the potential of a new SMC Parking Structure at Bundy/Airport to accommodate Santa Monica land swaps related to the new Expo Line maintenance facility, and it was felt that this was a potential future agenda item for the next T/I Committee meeting. Ken Alpern also mentioned that there was a new developer/designer leading the effort to create a project at 3115 Sepulveda Blvd. (old Shoe Pavilion/Circuit City).

Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray brought up the poor attendance and redundancy of the WRAC Mobility/Traffic Committee on Sunday afternoon, and the topic of having the CD11 Transportation Advisory Committee either be more inclusive of CD5 grassroots members, change its name to reflect links to CD5 and/or WRAC was well-received by the committee.

3) Approval of minutes

Approved--There was a discussion of uploading MP3 minutes of meetings such as committee meetings.

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

There is a new 7-member grassroots team for the Scattergood-Olympic Power Line: Jay Handal of West L.A., Albert Olson and Chuck Ray of Mar Vista, Chris Nevil and Steve Knight of Del Rey, and Denny Schneider and Nora McClellan of Westchester.

5) T & I Related Committee Reports

a. MVCC Liaison LADOT/CD11/LAPD Bi-Monthly Traffic Committee Meeting – Linda Guagliano (5 min)
Perhaps she should be the one to include her minutes here, or refer her to another page of the website?

b. Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope

The LADOT will present on this to the MVCC Board in either March or April, but is currently not meeting with the NTM Committee. Considerable discussion and debate went on as to whether this would negatively impact local residents, and how to go about this.

c. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee – Chuck Ray

d. CD 11 Transportation Committee – Ken Alpern

The Committee met with Bill Rosendahl on January 14th for approximately two hours, who explained that there's considerable duplication with NC's, and that it took some time to determine the role of this and other Empowerment Congress Committees. He updated the committee on his own T/I efforts, and will have his staff be more responsive to current and future motions being weighed by the committee.

e. New CD 11 Scattergood Olympic Line 1 Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Oversight Team – Chuck Ray

There is a new 7-member committee to address what will now be a full EIR for this project. The benefits versus the shortcomings of an EIR versus a MND was discussed at length. CD-11 deputies Nancy Franco (Del Rey), Jim Kennedy (Westchester) and Len Nguyen (Mar Vista) were also involved. Chris McKinnon pointed out the need to include Culver City in these discussions, and Ken Alpern mentioned that Scott Malsin had been alerted a few months ago about this project. There will be NO routes proposed by the 7-member committee, but they will respond to the LADWP's proposals.

6) Old Business

a. Scattergood Olympic Line 1 project)

b. Bundy – Olympic Village Medical Center

The committee was divided on this topic, and was concerned about Westside traffic in general and cut-through traffic that would affect Mar Vista.

c. CASDEN 11115 Exposition Bl. Project

Once the Expo Authority releases its findings, the developers will work with the City to calculate its own traffic counts. The developers favor a rail bridge and elevated station with a bus bay/parking lot below to accommodate the large number of buses from Pico and Sepulveda that already exist and which will likely link with this line in larger numbers here. Bicyclist accommodations and the Expo Greenway are also potential mitigations for the Casden developers. Bill Rosendahl and Paul Koretz favor the extra funding for the rail bridge to be public, not paid for by Casden, in order to not give the Casden developers the opportunity to create a project that is out of character with the region and which would potentially create a bad precedent of overdevelopment for the region.

7) New Business

8) Public Comment

9) Future Agenda items

10) Adjournment