

Mar Vista Community Council  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray  
Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:30 PM  
Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Room 240

**Minutes**

- 1) The meeting was called to Order at 7:10 pm by CoChair Chuck Ray.
- 2) Introductions and Public Comments on topics not on the agenda  
In attendance at the meeting were Albert Olson, Dorothy Garven, Linda Guagliano, Damien Newton, Alex Thompson, Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray.
- 3) The minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2010 were approved.
- 4) Report on Recent MVCC Board Actions relating to T & I motions  
No new items to report.
- 5) T & I Related Committee Reports
  - a. MVCC Liaison LADOT/CD11/LAPD Bi-Monthly Traffic Committee Meeting – Linda Guagliano  
It was noted that the next meeting will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in Room 201, 1645 Corinth Ave, Los Angeles.
  - b. Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope  
No report was available. Bill Pope has stated that he is giving up his chairmanship of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee.
  - c. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee – Chuck Ray  
At its April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the MOU committee passed these motions:
    1. An objection to establishing a Trust Fund for Renewable Energy without due notice to the neighborhood councils as required by the MOU.
    2. A Motion of dismay over the actions of the Board of Commissioners of the LADWP over their actions regarding an increase in the ECAF quarterly cap.
    3. A motion supporting the unbundling of Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), Demand Side Management (DSM), and Energy Efficiency (EE) expenses, the ECAF component of the utility's transfer to the city general fund, \*and\* any RPS/EE Trust Fund expenses, if such a fund is created, from the Energy Cost Adjustment Factor (ECAF), leaving a traditional ECAF devoted only to volatile fuel and short-term power purchase costs.
    4. A resolution that requests that the Department disclose the results and application of funds for the Green Power Program, a voluntary program in effect since at least August 2003, which

directs additional revenue exclusively to the development of “green” power resources.

Neighborhood Councils were asked to consider passing their own resolutions on this matter.

(See New Business Item e.)

d. CD 11 Transportation Committee – Ken Alpern

At the next meeting of the CD11 Transportation Committee on May 10<sup>th</sup>, METRO will make a presentation on the Wilshire Subway plans.

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

No new information.

6) Old Business

a. Scattergood Olympic Line 1 project

No new information

b. Bundy – Olympic Village Medical Center

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission approved several parts of the application for this project. The required zoning change has been sent to the City Council for approval.

c. CASDEN 11115 Exposition Bl. Project

Ken Alpern has been asking Jeniffer Anderson for information about this project.

d. Red Mountain 3115 Sepulveda Blvd Project

Ken Alpern will contact the CD 5 office for information about this project.

7) New Business (with potential motions)

a. Policy motion

Ken Alpern suggested that the committee consider the options for the Expo Line crossing over Sepulveda Blvd. He noted that the crossing at Sawtelle Blvd will be elevated with Sawtelle lowered by six feet to allow the Expo Line to fit underneath the 405 freeway while remaining elevated. He proposed this motion:

***The Mar Vista Community Council supports the option of elevating the Expo Light Rail Line above Sepulveda Blvd. over the option of having the light rail line cross Sepulveda at grade level.***

There was some discussion of possible alternatives for the bike path at this crossing. The motion was tabled until next month’s meeting at the request of Ken Alpern.

b. Nate Wyne’s motion:

***The Mar Vista Community Council requests the LADOT to block Grand View Blvd. at intersection of Herbert Streets and Grand View Blvd. with a small bollard traffic block that would allow passage of emergency vehicles only.***

This motion was tabled by a unanimous vote.

- c. Motion requested by Marlene Marcus and Challis Macpherson of Venice in support a street signal array at the intersection of Palms and Lincoln.

***The Mar Vista Community Council concurs with the request by the Venice Mobility Action Committee (VMAC) that the City of Los Angeles and the State of California jointly fund the installation of a four way signal array at the intersection of Palms and Lincoln.***

This motion was tabled by a vote of 3 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

- d. Policy Motion:

***Whereas, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is seeking a series of increases in electricity rates to achieve a total increase of 2.7 cents per kilowatt hour and***

***Whereas, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has not provided for timely and appropriate engagement in stakeholder review regarding the rate increases, nor has the LADWP demonstrated transparency in its rate requests to any of its customers at this time of extreme financial hardship,***

***Be it resolved that,***

***The Mar Vista Community Council calls upon the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to provide:***

- ***Documentation and independent third party testimony to all of its residential, public sector, and commercial customers that it has done all it can to reduce its operational costs;***
- ***Independent third party testimony that the city transfer funds between the LADWP and the City of Los Angeles are indeed appropriate and commensurate with transfers paid by other utilities to the cities in which they operate***
- ***Independent verification that the investments for current and proposed renewable energy projects are cost-effective, prudent, and provide for meaningful incentives and feed-in-tariffs for solar projects within the City of Los Angeles***
- ***Stakeholder forums for its major customers to carefully review and consider alternative proposals for the application of ECAF increases in different rate structures.***
- ***A commitment to complete and present a complete plan that will specify the sources of energy, specific strategic plans for renewable energy development, and the costs for both traditional and renewable energy with the current and anticipated rate impacts***

- ***A separation of the Energy Cost Adjustment Factor (ECAF) from Renewable Energy programs, past, present, and future, as well as utility incentive programs, dedicating ECAF to only those fuel costs that are fossil fuel based, and outside the control of the LADWP***
- ***Review of all components of future rate increase requests by the office of the Chief Administrative Officer and/or the City Controller's office to determine if the requests are justifiable and appropriate***
- ***A definitive schedule to complete the creation and empowerment of the proposed Independent Ratepayer Advocate within the next 60 days, and that the Advocate be challenged to immediately engage in the current request, and any future requests for increases by the LADWP***
- ***Availability of all reports and audits for public review and comment 60 days prior to City Council approval***

This motion was tabled by a unanimous vote. A revised motion will be presented at next month's meeting.

e. Policy Motion:

***Whereas, the Department of Water and Power has had, since at least August 2003, the voluntary Green Power Program which directs additional revenue exclusively to the development of "green" power resources, and***

***Whereas, there has been no reporting, to date, on this program,***

***The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Department of Water and Power disclose all revenue collected through the Green Power Program and all expenditures made using this revenue.***

This motion passed unanimously and will be sent to the full board.

f. Discussion of future storage and usage of the MVCC speed trailer.

8) Public Comment

9) Future Agenda Items

10) Adjournment