



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:30 PM

Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Room 123

<http://members.dslextreme.com/users/lacspc.org/maps/bundy.htm>

### Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions and Public Comments on topics not on the agenda (10 min)
- 3) Approval of minutes (2 min)
- 4) Report on Recent MVCC Board Actions relating to T & I motions (5 min)
  - a) Expo Light Rail Line motions
    - a) The Mar Vista Community Council supports the elimination of the MTA design option that includes the parking lot at the proposed Westwood Station for the METRO Exposition Light Rail line. It further-moves that MTA provide lush landscaping and a ten foot tall sound/visual wall between the residents' property and the land to the train and green space securing the privacy of adjacent homes north and south. It further moves that MTA work with Westwood Gardens Civic Association and ROW residents to mitigate the impact that station and land use will have on adjacent homes. The MVCC support of this motion shall not be construed in any way as support of the At-Grade Crossing along the Expo Line.
    - b) The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Sepulveda Blvd. elevated rail bridge option, and does not support the at-grade option at Sepulveda Blvd., for Phase 2 of the Expo Line.
  - b) RVs parked on residential streets  
This motion was unable to be considered due to lack of time. Some comments have been received suggesting that the motion was too verbose and could be improved by making it clearer. This will be discussed under old business.
- 5) T & I Related Committee Reports
  - a) MVCC Liaison LADOT/CD11/LAPD Bi-Monthly Traffic Committee Meeting – Linda Guagliano (5 min)
  - b) LA DWP – NC MOU Committee – Chuck Ray (5 min)
  - c) CD 11 Transportation Committee – Ken Alpern (5 min)
  - d) CD 11 Scattergood Olympic Line 1 Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Oversight Team– Chuck Ray (5 min)
- 6) Old Business
  - a. Pending developments (5 min)
    1. Bundy – Olympic Village Medical Center
    2. CASDEN 11115 Exposition Bl. Project

b. Nuisance trucks parked in residential neighborhoods (10 min)

Ms. Helen Sklar has asked that the committee consider this issue. A motion was tabled at the last MVCC board meeting.

Potential policy motion:

*Whereas, Vehicle owners park their open vehicles in residential areas that contain scrap metal, broken objects, rusted objects, sharp objects, toxic items that may be attractive to children;*

*Whereas, Vehicle owners on an ongoing, regular basis, sell or trade the contents of their vehicles with an explicit commercial purpose, engage in a process of replenishing the contents of their vehicles newly acquired materials of the same or similar nature, such that said vehicles or parked in residential areas continuously;*

*Whereas, The purpose served by aforementioned vehicles is central to the operation of the commercial activity in that they are used to store and transport the inventory, and insure the ongoing availability of new inventory;*

*Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that these trucks promote blight and deterioration, are injurious to the public's general welfare, reduce the value or private property, and disrupted the residential character of the neighborhoods;*

*Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that the aforementioned activity violates L.A. City municipal code which prohibits business activities in residential neighborhoods;*

*Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that the problem should be addressed through the immediate enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code §12.05 A 16 (B), as scrap metal and hazardous junk are not associated with normal residential use, they may not be stored or processed in residential neighborhoods, neither on the streets nor in residences, as sale of scrap metal and junk for profit are commercial activities, that may not be conducted in residential neighborhoods;*

*Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council communicate to enforcement personnel in the Los Angeles city bureaucracy including the City Attorney's Office, Department of Building and Safety and LAPD to uphold the law and stop illegal commercial activity in residential neighborhoods;*

*Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council support an amendment to Municipal Code §12.05 A 16 (B) be amended so as to include "Scrap Metal Businesses" and "Junk Businesses" on the list prohibited business;*

*Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council publicly support the enactment of an ordinance in Los Angeles like that which was enacted in 2003 by the City of Monterey Park (Section 10.48.220 to Chapter 10.48 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code) that prohibits the parking of public nuisance vehicles, and the City of Los Angeles amend its Master Fee Schedule to establish a parking fine for violations of nuisance vehicle ordinance.*

c. RVs parked on residential streets (15 min)

The motion from last month has been shortened and, hopefully, sharpened to make it clearer to all.

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to lodge or sleep from time to time or overnight in a motor vehicle on a public street or in a public parking lot, or to park any motor vehicle on a public street for a period of 72 hours or longer within the City of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, Recreational Vehicles, Campers, and Cargo Vans have been and continue to be unlawfully parked in violation of Los Angeles City Municipal Code Section 85.2,

The Mar Vista Community Council:

- 1) Requests that all appropriate Municipal Authorities be urged to engage in the intervention and resolution of this Problem which will include the removal of the RVs, towing and prosecution, and
- 2) Requests that the Council District 11 office continues to expedite the posting of the oversized vehicle signage, and
- 3) Requests that the Council District 11 office implement the Safe Parking Program immediately in order to create a simultaneous and successful implementation of the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance as well.

8) New Business (with potential motions)

- a) On September 4<sup>th</sup>, the LANCC passed a motion endorsing the "term sheet" on the DWP Ratepayers Advocate and asked all neighborhood councils to endorse the "term sheet."

Potential policy motion:

The MVCC endorses the DWP "term sheet" to provide for improved governance of the LA DWP.

- b) Resignation of Rita Robertson as General Manager of the LA Department of Transportation.

- c) Discussion of planned construction at Venice and Beethoven (10 min)

Potential policy motion:

The MVCC requests that the LADOT and Caltrans designate points of contact within their organizations that shall be charged with the duty of informing the public of significant alterations of traffic installations that affect the Mar Vista Community. The community would like to have at least 60 days notice before the construction of new or changed traffic installations so that they can ask questions of and make comments to the designated point of contact.

- d) Discussion of need for assistance from T&I committee members (5 min)

Help is requested for the monthly responsibility at Mar Vista Farmers Market (Third Sunday of the month), note taking at T&I committee meetings, and setup of meeting room for monthly meeting.

9) Public Comment (5 min)

10) Future Agenda Items (5 min)

11) Adjournment

**Mission**

*The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee serves as the policy advisory body to the Mar Vista Community Council on transportation and infrastructure issues that concern and/or impact the Mar Vista community. The committee's goal is to promote community input and involvement on these issues, and to provide input to the MVCC Board regarding:*

*(a) redress of issues raised by the community regarding traffic, transportation, and infrastructure, and*

*(b) the development of area planning strategies for transportation and infrastructure, in cooperation and coordination with Los Angeles Department of Transportation, California Department of Transportation, and other organizations and stakeholders, that will enhance the quality of life for all in the Mar Vista community.*

Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment.