



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Windward School Boardroom 1030, Building C (by baseball diamond)
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern, Michelle Krupkin and Gabriel Hill

MINUTES

1. Call to Order—Ken Alpern and Michelle Krupkin presiding 7:09 PM
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda
A stakeholder discusses her concerns regarding the Dept. of City Planning, the Costal Plan, the West LA TIMP including Livable Boulevards and the lack of public notice throughout the whole process as well as a lack of outreach and communication. Another stakeholder wants to request that CD11 gives us a list of the Hi-Vis Crosswalks that they are going to paint as well as a list form LADOT of improvements planned for CD11. There was a suggestion that Laila Aleqresh in the City Administrator's Office is to be contacted for advice on these matters.
There was also a discussion of the one-year anniversary of the filing of the CA Public Records Act Request by a stakeholder with no results, specifically of the receipt of any data requested from LADOT.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings –Minutes from 7.11.18 Joint T&I/Great Streets Meeting tabled.
4. Public Comment. A stakeholder shares an update regarding a parking study on Overland and Sepulveda as well as info about the proposed 407 unit development planned for Palms and Sepulveda. There are protected left turn lanes with protected left turn arrows planned for northbound and southbound Sepulveda during rush hour as well as Palms Blvd. eastbound and westbound. LADOT will be considering the installation of traffic sticks/bollards on the centerline on Westwood Blvd. S. of National.
5. Transportation & Infrastructure and Great Streets Related Reports
 - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee - Linda Guagliano (10 min)
No report.
 - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals. No report.
 - c. MVCC Parking Study Update - Discussion and Update from Howard Weisberg – **Status from Alek:**
No subcommittee update from LADOT yet. Waiting from a draft Statement of Work (SOW) from them. Howard requests communication with CD11.
 - d. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf shares Mar Vista related mobility issues.
As Alek Bartrosouf already had another commitment, he sent a report that was read. This report included future placement of signs to limit overnight oversize vehicle parking in CD11 on Venice Blvd. between Inglewood and Globe, Matteson between Minerva and Bledsoe, Iowa Between Amherst and Centinela and Gateway between Stoner and Granville. Also in the report was the intention of LADOT of placing a stop signs to the left of the stop bar on the soon to be installed Hi-Visibility pedestrian crosswalks at McLaughlin Ave. and Charnock Road and also at McLaughlin Ave. and Victoria Ave. This would result in stop signs placed at the center of the north and southbound traffic, similar to the stop sign placement on Grand View Blvd. and Charnock Road and Grand View and Victoria Ave. There was a discussion about how cars hit the stop signs on Grand View Blvd. almost weekly and that this kind of placement may not be a wise idea. A flashing stop sign was suggested.
6. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates
 - a. Update of bus shelter info (from Hannah Levien, Joseph Galloway and Francois Nion) to add, improve, replace and upgrade key bus locations, including arrival boards. **STATUS: No New information.** There was a discussion with respect to an arrival board at the Venice/Centinela bus stop/shelter that was promised many months ago as part of the Great Streets Initiative.

b. **Discussion and potential motion:**

Discussion of the need for a DASH bus/micro-transit service for Mar Vista serving Great Street Venice Blvd. **STATUS:** Michelle told CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf that from 2015 to the present, her request for a DASH route in Mar Vista has been denied due to the policy “LADOT leans away from having DASH routes in more affluent areas such as Mar Vista.” Alek Bartrosouf will look into this. Regarding micro-transit, Alek said that Metro is currently moving forward with their pilot program, moved from a Spring 2018 launch to a possible Fall 2018 launch. This model would be priced somewhere in between a Metroride and Uber/Lyft service.

There was a discussion centering around how a Micro Transit would result in more vehicles on the streets of LA. Also a discussion of the lack of parking for most of the stops of the Expo line.

7. New Business

a. **Policy Motion: Establishment of Street-Sweeping Route and Services for Centinela Blvd. Between Palms Blvd. and National Blvd.**

WHEREAS: The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports maintenance and repairs on all of its major infrastructure assets, including vital thoroughfares such as Centinela Blvd., and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the MVCC that there is no street sweeping route on Centinela Blvd. between Palms Blvd. and National Blvd., and that there are no resources allotted to correcting this current lack of street maintenance,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office, L.A. Bureau of Street Services (BOSS), and LADOT will work with any and all City budgeting and resources to initiate and implement regular and ongoing street sweeping to the aforementioned segment of Centinela Blvd.

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office, the CD5 office, BOSS, and LADOT will perform an analysis of all major thoroughfares within the confines of the MVCC to determine if regular and ongoing street sweeping, as well as other vital services and maintenance, is in order. **STATUS:** Tabled at 7/11/18 meeting. Needs discussion.

There was an amendment to the motion suggested. Discussion ensued. The amendment was accepted 11-0-0. The motion passed as amended 11-0-0. See below for passed version:

WHEREAS: The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports maintenance and repairs on all of its major infrastructure assets, including vital thoroughfares such as Centinela Boulevard, and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the MVCC that there is no street sweeping route on Centinela Boulevard between Palms and National Boulevards,

WHEREAS It is suggest that there are no resources currently allotted towards this essential street maintenance,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office will work with L.A. Bureau of Street Services (BSS), and LADOT to implement regular and ongoing street sweeping along Centinela Boulevard between Palms and National Boulevards,

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office, the CD5 office, BSS, and LADOT will review the status of street sweeping and other vital maintenance along all major thoroughfares within MVCC's confines.

b. **Policy Motion:** MVCC Support for the restoration of the “Opt-out” clause in the City of Los Angeles **Sidewalk Vending Program** Council File No: 13-1493, Related Legislation: SB 946

WHEREAS, the City Council, on April 18, 2018, adopted an Ordinance creating a Sidewalk Street Vending Program and,

WHEREAS, in the final draft of said ordinance, the “opt out” provision was removed, at the last minute, prior to approval, and

WHEREAS, local brick and mortar enterprises along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have spent years establishing their businesses based on a set of assumptions and rules, such as where they can be located, the taxes they are required to pay, and the best ways to attract customers, and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vendors in the proposed ordinance will probably sell similar types of goods and services as nearby brick and mortar businesses, but not be required to adhere to the same elaborate state and local permitting and land-use regulations, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses on Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have contributed to the “main street” atmosphere that local residents value, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista are mostly small ones, with small profit margins, and

WHEREAS the presence of sidewalk vendors along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, for the reasons specified above, would constitute unfair competition for the local brick and mortar businesses on the same stretch,

THEREFORE, the MVCC moves to submit a Community Impact Statement to the City Council and Committees urging the restoration of the “opt-out” clause of the Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Ordinance. **STATUS:** Tabled at 7/11/18 meeting. Needs discussion.

There was discussion about pushcarts, and the need for LA Board of Health inspections of street vendors. There was an amendment to the motion suggested, specifically only to the last paragraph. Discussion ensued. The amendment was accepted 11-0-0. The motion passed as amended 11-0-0. See below for passed amendment:

Amendment:

THEREFORE, the MVCC urges the restoration of the “opt-out” clause of the Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

c. **Discussion and potential motion: Future funding of pedestrian crosswalks in Mar Vista.**

LADOT did an assessment of the requested intersections and has come back with the following that are on the list from the MVCC and eligible.

McLaughlin and Charnock (recent serious collision at this intersection) –IN PROCESS of MVCC FUNDING being transferred to LADOT/CD11 for installation.

McLaughlin and Victoria,

Grandview and Pacific

Beethoven, Zanja, and Caswell

Zanja and Alla

There was a discussion of LADOT planning crosswalks at the two intersections on McLaughlin Ave. There was hope that the crosswalks would be yellow zebra vs. white zebra design. Discussion of how the Grand View crosswalk is on hold due to the future placement of the street mural. There was a suggestion to find out how much “This improvement brought to you by MVCC” sign would cost. Find out what vendor deals with this kind of signage. Discussion of fiscal year budget, requests and placeholders.

8. Public Comment. Discussion of MVCC lawn signs as popular. Discussion of more social media outreach needed. Discussion of LADWP reports to Palms/Sepulveda coming.

9. Future Agenda Items. Suggested future topics included Metro Bike Share and Scooter discussion.

10. Adjournment 9:19 pm

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