



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
 Wednesday, Sept 5, 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 -NOT WRITTEN NEED TO WRITE UP – ADD DRAFT WATERMARK

1. Call to Order - Gabriel Hill presiding 7:12 pm
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings. August 2018 minutes were approved as corrected.
4. Public Comment. Stacey Shure, MVCC board member, gave an update about the developer of the project planned for Palms and Sepulveda. There is a delay and the developer will not be presenting at PLUM for the foreseeable future as the developer did not give a date. Michelle Krupkin, MVCC, shared that the alley between Venice and Pacific is in bad shape. Although it has been paved recently, there are a number of serious potholes that need fixing. Very disappointing that the pavement is degrading so quickly. Ken Alpern, MVCC, discussed different alleys that fall within the MVCC area and suggested that we request a map of all the alleys that are in CD11 and CD5. Ken wondered if Measure M money could go to repair alleys. Jay Greenstein, CD 5 Chief Field & Transportation Deputy, said that he was not sure about Measure M money but that he believed that the few alleys that get paved each fiscal year get funded for repaving through the general fund budget money, which is divided among the 15 council districts. Jay said they are catching up on street funding but that alleys are lagging behind in being paved. Councilmember Koretz pushed hard for years but the funding is being divided among the districts means that they only were able to maybe fund 2-3 alleys per council district per year. Ken then discussed trying to put together alley maintenance fund from TIMP funds or some other source. Stacy also had news about National Place south of National Blvd. near Trader Joe's and signage coming to the sidewalk.
 A stakeholder requested a left-turn for the intersections at Venice Blvd. and Wade Street intersection and the Venice and Beethoven intersection.
 A stakeholder mentioned that the alley parallel and between Venice Blvd. and Pacific Ave. east of Wade badly needs repair.
 A stakeholder discussed a large amount of traffic on the SE corner of Inglewood Blvd. between Navy Street and National Blvd. in the 3100 block of Inglewood Blvd. He also mentioned difficulty getting on-street parking because of a new halfway house that is located on Inglewood Blvd. just south of National Blvd. There was discussion of preferential parking district (PPD) and what is involved in applying and getting approval for a PPD. The process goes through LADOT and requires setting up a 6-block perimeter area. Residents of that area have to petition and 75% or more of area residents have to sign the petition requesting a PPD.
 Alek Bartrosouf shared that Hannah Levien, the CD11 West LA/MV Deputy, would be the person to speak with regarding this matter.
 Ken Alpern, MVCC, mentioned that this kind of problem was why getting a parking demand study was of great importance. There was further discussion about the three kinds of PPD.
5. Transportation & Infrastructure and Great Streets Related Reports
 - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee – There was a discussion of possible NEW Reps to replace resigning Linda Guagliano (10 min). There was discussion of the history of this committee. There was also discussion about Albert Olson as a suggestion to be a rep for this committee.
 1. Funding Motion: Commemorative “Thank You” plaque and/or gift card for years of efforts in keeping the relationship of the CD11, LADOT, LAPD and MVCC alive with respect to traffic

mitigation and safety efforts; no more than \$100. There was discussion about alternatives to a plaque. This item was tabled in favor of having CD11 give a certificate of appreciation to Linda.

b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals

1. Sepulveda-Venice Water Pipeline Project—Outreach/Coordination (possible motions)
Jay Greenstein, CD 5 Chief Field & Transportation Deputy, said that DWP is installing a contingency waterline for emergencies. The project includes construction of a new regulator station on Bentley Ave., south of Venice to control and regulate water pressure coming from the MWD system and a pressure relief station located on Bentley Ave., north of Venice Blvd.

They are constructing the pipeline north across Sepulveda and then construction will occur on Venice going east to Bentley. A LADOT Traffic Control Officer (TCO) may be funded for the intersection of Venice Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. if necessary to avoid gridlock. Construction will take place Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 7:00pm. Some Saturday work may be required. The Project is expected to be completed in Summer 2020.

Updates on construction can be found at the website: ladwp.com/SepulvedaVenice

43 minutes

c. MVCC Parking Study Update - Discussion and Update - See Agenda Item 7a for all info relating to this Agenda Item.

d. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf shares Mar Vista related mobility issues. Alek gave an update that included different items. Firstly he shared that he was giving an update on the two recently installed continental crosswalks at McLaughlin and Charnock and McLaughlin and Victoria. They still need to install the stop sign between McLaughlin the north and southbound lanes.

Alek also mentioned 4 additional unfunded intersections that have been studied and approved for left-turn arrows. These intersections are: Venice Blvd and Wade St., Palms Blvd. and Sawtelle Blvd., Barrington Ave. and Gateway Blvd. and Palms Blvd. and McLaughlin Ave.

CD 5 Chief Field & Transportation Deputy Jay Greenstein also gave a report. Jay updated attendees on items in Westside Village. There is a Business Improvement District (BID) package coming in the area of Overland Ave. and Rose Ave. for the current fiscal year. Other projects in the cue include many traffic signals that have been funded. The changes requested on Overland Ave. at the 10 freeway have been implemented. Mo Blorfroshan, Senior Transportation Engineer with LADOT came up with a solution. State Senator Holly Mitchell got involved. Now there is a double right turn to get onto the freeway. There are overhead signs to demark the lanes coming as soon as funding is identified.

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.

1. Discussion and possible policy motion(s) of where we want our next “Smart Bus Shelters” to be, and status of our most recent “Smart Bus Shelter” at Venice/Centinela. There was a discussion as to when the arrival board for the SE corner of Venice and Centinela will be installed. Alek said that it is in the works. Michelle commented that there were currently no bus bench or arrival boards at the opposite (NW) corner of Venice and Centinela. Alek said that he had a meeting with Francois Nion of JD Decaux/Outdoor and discovered that they have reach the cap in their contract with LA City. This is a contract that ends either in 2020 or 2021. Each Bus Shelter costs \$20,000. This is a non-smart non-charger bus shelter. There may be another option with a developers involved and example of which is a project in Playa Del Rey that placed one Bus Shelter in the area. There was a discussion about the future LA City contract with a possible new vendor for street furniture.

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

STATUS: PASSED at 8/14/18 BoD meeting. Needs possible follow-up letter to CD11, CD5 BoSS and LADOT.

- c. **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
STATUS: Postponed for discussion no later than January 2019 at 8.31.18 Special Meeting of the BoD.

7. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible motion:** Parking Study in CD5 and CD11. Participation from CD5 and CD11 staff as well as LADOT Engineer Rudy Guevara. Goals of City-Wide “best practices” to ensure proper outreach, analyses, and outcomes of studies. There was a discussion and brief history of the parking study. CD11’s Alek Bartrosouf shared that he initiated a conversation regarding a parking study with LADOT. LADOT’s contract bench ends in February 2019. LADOT suggested to Alek that the City Planning Dept. (CDP) be looped in as the parking study requests items pertaining to AB744. CDP’s contract bench expires in September 2019. Alek said that it was possibly an option to obtain funding possible from the TIMP funds as both CD5 and CD11 are within the West LA TIMP area. CD5’s Jay Greenstein stated that he needs to see in writing what is being requested to be studied in order to determine LADOT and CDP’s possible roles. CD11’s Alek Bartrosouf said that he is working with a template parking study form Venice. Alek also said that he was starting to draft the draft Scope of Work (SOW) and would be speaking with CD11’s Eric Bruins and CD5’s Jay Greenstein to come up with a draft (SOW) to present to the Parking Study Ad Hoc Subcommittee, comprised of Mary Hruska, Stacy Shure, Ken Alpern, Michelle Krupkin and Howard Weisberg. Alek mentioned that he thought the timeline was: Once the Parking Study Ad Hoc Subcommittee has agreed to the SOW, it goes through the planning review their directors and that takes about a week. At that point the request for bids is released. Usually CDP allows about 3-4 weeks for people to submit bids. After that time, it takes about a week or two to review and select a consultant. So we are looking at maybe 6-8 weeks total from the time we have a working SOW that we are all comfortable with. We will work together on finalizing the SOW by working in person. 54 minutes No motion was written.
- b. **Discussion and possible motion:** Dockless Scooter regulations and enforcement recommendations. On the LA City Council agenda for Tuesday September 4 2018. There was an extensive discussion of scooters and surrounding issues such as safety, ADA compliance, safety while driving, parking concerns and lack of enforcement. A conversation also took place about increased accidents in ER rooms, West LA Traffic Division of LAPD being understaffed without scooters being added to the mix of enforcement issues.

Stakeholder Russell Howes presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council supports dockless scooters as an affordable mode of transportation that integrates well with existing public transit options; and
WHEREAS, MVCC recognizes the primacy of public safety of ALL residents and visitors over other worthy neighborhood goals like improved transportation, accommodating new technology, or equal access to multimodal transportation for low income neighborhoods; and
WHEREAS, the majority of dockless scooter riders in Mar Vista and Venice violate traffic laws such as avoiding sidewalks and Class I bike paths or riding with a valid driver’s license, and scooter companies have not taken necessary steps to mitigate illegal behavior; and
WHEREAS, the City Council and LADOT developed a regulatory framework and pilot program for shareable dockless vehicles; and
WHEREAS, the pilot regulations drew from a traffic study limited to one council district and did not include usage patterns or accident rates in areas where dockless scooter usage is highest; and
WHEREAS, the regulations emphasized equity and sidewalk safety of parked vehicles, but ignored safety of vehicles in operation; and
WHEREAS, the regulations do not provide LAPD with specific guidance on enforcement, allocate resources from fees to mitigate the costs of enforcement, or require dockless scooter operators to self-enforce by geofencing prohibited areas;

THEREFORE, MVCC censures the approval of the LADOT regulations and opposes issuing permits to companies to operate scooters at this time. MVCC will support these actions once the city council and LADOT immediately take the following steps to improve the regulations:

- require permitted companies to disable scooter usage or parking via geofencing on all Class I bike paths, city parks (excluding roads and bicycle lanes, and including the Venice Beach Boardwalk), and LAUSD primary and secondary schools; and
- provide LAPD with adequate resources to deploy two extra officers for fulltime traffic enforcement, to focus on scooter usage in high-impact areas; and
- develop, in consultation with LAPD, signage informing scooter users of relevant traffic laws, and deploy signage in areas with the highest illegal usage (as determined by LAPD) including on the Braude Bike Path.

Additionally, MVCC requests that LA City Council and LADOT act during the pilot program to:

- study scooter traffic patterns, law violations, and injury rates in areas of the city with the highest scooter usage, and
- use the results of that study to determine, with LAPD, the extra long-term resources needed to enforce traffic laws for scooters and cover the cost of these resources with changes to the permitting fee structure, and
- approve enforcement mechanisms to accept reports of illegal scooter usage and disable accounts of identify users that illegally operate scooters, using ride data provided by the scooter companies.

The motion was discussed. Russell brought the motion, it was seconded. The motion passed and was sent to the next Board of Directors meeting (10/09/18) for the agenda.

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) –

McLaughlin and Victoria

-Both McLaughlin intersections are in process Of MVCC Funding being transferred to LADOT/CD11 for installation.

Grandview and Pacific – Waiting for installation of street art mural

Beethoven, Zanja, and Caswell

Zanja and Alla

8. Public Comment
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjournment TIME

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