



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Windward School, Room 910 - 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066

(SW corner of Palms & Sawtelle Blvds.)

Chair: Ken Alpern | First Vice-Chair: Selena Inouye | Second Vice-Chair: Andrea Ambriz

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**—Ken Alpern, Selena Inouye and Andrea Ambriz presiding

2. **Introductions**

3. **Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda**--*Many developments in Culver City on the border of Mar Vista, and in Del Rey, that will affect traffic.*

4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**--*To be addressed at the next meeting*

5. **Reports**--*It was agreed that at future T/I Committee meetings, the subcommittee reports would be put at the end of the agenda to prioritize any motions. Alek Bartrosouf's input and any reference to Albert Olson's committee would remain at the front of the agenda, however.*

a. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

i. **Airport Committee**--*Holly Tilson reported that it was a small meeting, and that a small airport recently banned leaded fuel for turbo-prop planes. This was considered relevant to a recently-reported case of lead poisoning near SMO Airport. Such a ban might pose a greater cost to pilots to retrofit their planes, and some were opposing such a ban, but there are significant safety issues.*

ii. **Great Streets Committee**--*Michelle Krupkin reported that this committee was going to meet next week. Businesses along Venice Blvd. needed to be promoted. The question of extending this committee to address a new Centinela Blvd. Great Streets Project was raised. Howard Weinberg emphasized the worsening homeless at Pacific and Centinela; he was referred to Armond Seretti's Homeless Committee.*

iii. **Mobility Committee**--*Did not meet yet.*

b. **Bi-Monthly Mar Vista/CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic External City Committee Report**- July 2019 meeting minutes here: <https://www.marvista.org/docs/34485913-10079.pdf> --*this was emphasized to be a committee referenced on the MVCC website, but not an official MVCC committee. Albert Olson was referenced as a person to go to with traffic issues, and it was also suggested that past minutes would best be easily referenced on the MVCC website.*

c. **CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf's Report** - *no report this month*

d. LADWP Oversight and Advocacy Committees Report - <https://empowerla.org/dwpmou/> --*Adriana De La Cruz volunteered to be a representative for the MVCC.*

e. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Report - <https://www.ncsa.la/>

6. Special Orders

a. MVCC Parking Demand Study -- *It was noted that a Venice Local Control Program Grant Fund 41J/68 had allotted \$25, 461.10 for such a study in Venice. There was also a Silver Lake study that could be a model for the MVCC to follow. Both CD11 and CD5 appeared hesitant to promote such a study for the MVCC, but it was raised that the MVCC could potentially use seed money from its budget, similar to its joint effort with CD11 for the repair of the Venice Blvd. southern-adjacent alley near the library and post office.*

Howard Weinberg came up with a rough draft of a motion supporting the need to have CD11 update and meet with the T/I Committee on September 4th to restart the Parking Demand Study it had previously been working on with a MVCC working group. The following was agreed to:

Motion PASSED 7-0-1

Background: In June and July of 2017, both the West Mar Vista Residents Association and the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) sent resolutions Council District 11 asking for City funding for a parking demand study as provided for by AB 744. We were very pleased to hear last year that such a study was included in the 2019 budget for CD11. At the MVCC's request, a steering group was set up, consisting of Alek Bartrosouf and several MVCC members. The steering group met in late 2018 and early 2019. The MVCC presented a proposed scope of work (SOW), we reviewed CD11's version of a SOW presented by Alek, and MVCC indicated changes in the CD11 version which were needed to align the study with the original intent of MVCC's request.

However, in February 2019 Alek notified the MVCC that CD11 felt that the study would be duplicative of the upcoming effort in the Community Plan update for Mar Vista, and the study was cancelled.

Several MVCC members are heavily involved in the Community Plan update for Mar Vista. These individuals did not find any planned effort in the update that would provide data on parking demand in Mar Vista. At the July 2019 joint Great Streets and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting, we communicated this to Alek and requested a meeting prior to the August 7 T&I Committee meeting to work out a plan that would be acceptable to both CD 11 and the MVCC. Unfortunately, that meeting did not occur.

Motion: The MVCC requests that CD 11 reconsider action on the parking demand study for two reasons:

- 1) To meet the needs of CD 11 constituents who have a strong need for this information in light of increased development throughout Mar Vista and the surrounding area, and
- 2) Because there is a need for a data-driven, evidence-based approach to parking policies.

The MVCC would like to receive a formal update on this matter from CD 11 so we can take further action on it at our September 4, 2019 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

b. Neighborhood Council Initiative Bureau of Street Services Small Asphalt Repairs--Submissions from the MVCC due 08/29/2019. https://www.marvista.org/productphotos/Pothole_Blitz_FAQs.pdf

It was discussed originally that all three of the T/I chairs (Ken Alpern, Selena Inouye, and Andrea Ambriz) would receive submissions from the community. Outreach from the MVCC website and NextDoor could promote such submissions. Holly Tilson suggested it would be easier to just send everything to one person (Ken Alpern) as in the past. The MVCC Board will agree at its August meeting as to how this will be implemented, and the submissions need to be sent to the Bureau of Street Services (now called Streets LA!) before its September meeting.

7. Old Business

a. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project update - <https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/> --*this project was discussed at length, and that the first part of this project would be to connect the Valley with West L.A via rail of some sort. The second portion, with a West L.A./LAX connection, was also being evaluated. A Centinela Blvd. routing might have troubles with a high water table if underground in a subway. Overland Ave. was also being evaluated, as was Sepulveda Blvd., each with their own pros and cons.*

Running a rail down the middle of the 405 freeway might be fast for travel between stations, but stations don't work well in the middle of a busy, loud, and dust-laden freeway (but they do on the shoulder of the freeway, with passengers accessing them from an adjacent street/parking lot). It was mentioned that this might be decades in the future, but both consensus and planning were fundamental before funding (and subsequent construction) could occur; for example, the Expo Line was considered a project that might not ever be built as late as 2001, and the same for the Wilshire Subway and the Metro Rail/LAX connection.

b. Marina del Rey Gas Blowout Educational Forum -

<https://secure.foodandwaterwatch.org/act/marina-del-rey-gas-blowout-community-forum> --No one attended, so this was not discussed.

c. Culver City Stormwater Project - Discussion of a joint City of Culver City, Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Venice Neighborhood Council, and MVCC Townhall.

<https://www.culvercity.org/city-hall/city-government/city-projects/washington-boulevard-storm-waterand-urban-runoff-project>

This was noted to potentially cause significant disruption in the Westside, with Washington Blvd. reduced down to one lane each way at times. The project has been delayed to January 2020, with completion in 2021. Other infrastructure projects might be delayed because of this project, and it is uncertain how large and small developments will have their construction schedules impacted.

Outreach from Culver City has been insufficient, and a discussion of the roles and benefits of a joint Westside neighborhood Council meeting/presentation from Culver City was raised at length.

*The following was agreed to: **Culver City Stormwater Project Motion - Motion PASSED 6-0-2***

Background: The City of Culver City will begin a Washington Blvd Stormwater and Urban Runoff project in January 2020. Stakeholders in the City of Los Angeles will be affected by the traffic and parking impacts of this project, in particular those living in MVCC Zones 5 and 6 and those who travel on Washington Place and Washington Blvd between Centinela Ave. and Lincoln Blvd.

The project will remove all parking and reduce the travel lanes to one Westbound and two Eastbound on Washington Blvd in Culver City between Tivoli and Walnut Aves for at least 1 year. Additionally, car trips may be diverted off Washington Place and Washington Blvd onto Venice Blvd and other local streets by drivers choosing to avoid the construction area.

The impact of this project has been deemed to be so great that the City of Los Angeles has decided to postpone the Venice Boulevard Interceptor Sewer Project until the completion of this City of Culver City project.

More information can be obtained

at: <https://www.culvercity.org/city-hall/city-government/city-projects/washington-boulevard-stormwater-and-urban-runoff-project>

Motion: The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee requests that the MVCC Board of Directors write a letter of concern regarding the City of Culver City's Washington Boulevard Stormwater and Urban Runoff Project, asking that Project Manager Lee Torres in the Public Works Environmental Programs and Operations Division give a presentation at the September 2019 Board of Directors meeting, which will give stakeholders the opportunity to receive information and ask questions about this project.

The following was also passed:

Motion Regarding a Joint MVCC, Venice NC and Del Rey NC Town Hall Meeting about the Culver City Stormwater Project - [Motion PASSED 3-2-3](#)

Background: After attending a City of Culver City community meeting on April 30, 2019, members of the Del Rey NC and MVCC began discussing the lack of outreach to stakeholders in the City of Los Angeles that will be affected by the traffic and parking impacts of this project. The project will remove all parking and reduce the travel lanes to one Westbound and two Eastbound on Washington Blvd between Tivoli and Walnut Aves for at least 1 year (see map below). It was decided that a town hall meeting organized by the Del Rey NC and MVCC at which Culver City would be asked to give a targeted presentation to City residents was the preferred solution. In July, the Venice NC was contacted and became part of this effort.

The meeting will be scheduled in late September/early October, based on the availability of a venue (either Westminster Elementary or Mark Twain Middle School) and representatives from the City of Culver City. The timing will coincide with Culver City's update of their project plan, which has been rescheduled to start in January 2020. More information can be obtained

at: <https://www.culvercity.org/city-hall/city-government/city-projects/washington-boulevard-stormwater-and-urban-runoff-project>

Motion: The MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee requests an appropriation not to exceed \$500.00 for venue fees, outreach and refreshments for this T&I sponsored and jointly organized MVCC, Venice NC and Del Rey NC stakeholder town hall on the Culver City Stormwater Project to take place in late September/early October 2019.

In addition, the T&I Committee requests that a line item be added to the annual MVCC budget for town hall/community meetings in the amount of \$1,000.00

d. MOTION: MVCC Resolution (WRAC Resolution Model)--Dockless Electric Scooter & Bicycle Providers - passed July 10, 2019; to be submitted for Board consideration at the August 13, 2019 meeting.

MVCC Resolution (WRAC Resolution Model)--Dockless Electric Scooter & Bicycle Providers

Whereas, on or about April 13, 2019, the pastor of a church located in Pacific Palisades was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident caused by the user of a dockless electric scooter, who fled the scene (on the sidewalk outside of the church rectory) and could not be immediately apprehended at the time of the accident;

Whereas, any of us in any neighborhood of the City could be victims of such future reckless and unlawful conduct;

Whereas, the business providing the dockless electric scooter involved in the above accident refused to provide information to law enforcement about the user or to reasonably assist in law enforcement's investigation of the accident, resulting in an inability to bring the user to justice or a significant delay in justice;

Whereas, in the interest of public safety, every business providing dockless scooters and/or bicycles (Dockless Mobility Devices) operating in the City of Los Angeles (City) should reasonably be required to cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances described above as a condition of being granted a business license or Dockless Mobility Permit; Whereas, such requirement of provider cooperation with law enforcement is necessary to protect the safety of the public and does not unreasonably infringe on the privacy rights of users of Dockless Mobility Devices;

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the City to "promote safety...and improve the quality of life for the people of Los Angeles.

Whereas, prominent Dockless Mobility Device providers all publicly proclaim that the safety of riders and the community is their "obsession" (Bird) or their "top priority" (Lyft) or "#1 priority" (Lime);

Whereas, Dockless Mobility Devices providers can provide notice to users in the "Terms of Use" of their rental agreements that user information will be provided to law enforcement, upon request by law enforcement, in the event of an accident involving injury to another person caused or claimed to be caused by the operation of the Dockless Mobility Device;

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) urges the City to:

(1) Deny a business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, or suspend and/or revoke any previously issued business license and/or Dockless Mobility Permit, to any provider of Dockless Mobility Devices operating in the City that fails or refuses to cooperate fully with law enforcement in providing information about the user of its Dockless Mobility Device involved in an accident causing injury to another person; and

(2) If and as necessary, immediately enact additional regulations amending existing rules and/or data protection policies in the City's Dockless Mobility Pilot Program to provide for issuance of business licenses and/or Dockless Mobility Permits only upon condition that providers cooperate fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above; and

(3) Provide for suspensions, followed by revocation hearings, of any such licenses and/or permits issued to Dockless Mobility Device providers that fail or refuse to comply fully with law enforcement under the circumstances set forth above.

e. Centinela Blvd. Street-Sweeping Services in Zones 3 and 6 - *To be addressed at a future meeting*

8. New Business

a. **Rose Ave. Sidewalks between So. Centinela and Colonial Aves. in Zone 6 (Holly Tilson)** - Discussion and possible motion regarding the lack of sidewalks on Rose Ave. (see discussion here: <https://www.marvista.org/docs/34485913-10079.pdf>)

The following was agreed to: **Rose Ave. Sidewalk Installation Motion** **Motion PASSED 6-0-2.**

Background: This issue was discussed at the July 17, 2019 Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting. Per the meeting minutes:

Request for installation of a sidewalk on Rose Ave. between South Centinela Ave. and Colonial Ave. At this time there doesn't seem to be any regular path through City channels to create an additional sidewalk on Rose Ave. The street in question does have a sidewalk on one side, and the City seems to think that if there is at least a sidewalk on one side, then there is not a priority to justify construction of a sidewalk on the other side as well. Many streets in the City have this situation. Including one street a couple blocks over from Rose, also between Colonial and Centinela. Mr. Guevera discussed the possibility of adding crosswalk markings at the intersection, but that is not feasible if there are no curb ramps cutouts, and if there is not a stop sign to support the crosswalk. And installing a stop sign so close to the intersection of Rose and Centinela seems problematic. If the stakeholders who made the request want to continue the pursuit of a sidewalk it would probably be best to do so through the advocacy approach of a Neighborhood Council resolution, etc.

Motion: The Board of the MVCC supports the installation of a sidewalk on the South side of Rose Ave. between S. Centinela Ave and Colonial Ave in Zone 6.

The following issues were to be addressed at the next meeting:

b. **Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) (Selena Inouye)** - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the Venice EIFD (Council File 14-1349-S1)

c. **Extension of L.A.M.C. 85.02** – Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the extension of LAMC 85.02 by the LA City Council on July 30, 2019. (Council File: 14-1057-S8)

d. **Dockless scooter and bike parking zones** - Discussion and possible motion regarding LADOT's dockless parking zones. <https://ladot.io/programs/dockless/>

9. Future Agenda Items

a. **Discussion about conducting a MVCC survey regarding housing and transportation needs** (similar to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) survey: <http://connectsocial.org/survey>)

b. **Discussion regarding the mobility element in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan** currently undergoing the update process. <https://www.planningthewestside.org>

10. Public Comment and Announcements - none

11. Adjournment