MINUTES of Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting July 19, 2017

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the West Los Angeles office of CD11 Councilman Mike Bonin, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The meeting was chaired by Linda Guagliano (MVCC Liaison) and attended by Rudy Guevara (LADOT Western District Engineer), Len Nguyen (CD11 Field Deputy), and Officer John Lawrence (LAPD West Traffic Division CTSU).

All present signed the attendance sheet and approved the Minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business -

Item #1: Rudy G. reported that a traffic study re: putting a left turn signal at Sawtelle and Charnock, to enable drivers to make a left turn at a 4-way signal at the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection, has not yet been done and is waiting for traffic counts, data needed for the study. A manual traffic count is needed for both streets; this could take more time due to workload backlog and also because a new engineer is being trained. No timetable is in place as yet. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #2: Rudy G. reported that a traffic study was completed for an all-way STOP at Palms Blvd. and Greenwood Ave., where many serious accidents have occurred due to speeding and visibility issues on this curve in the road, installation has been approved and authorized, and work orders were released to the Yard on June 1st. Installation was to be done between 8–10 weeks, but the Yard indicates now it may be done "soon". **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #3: Rudy G. reported that a study is still pending re: a request to install a STOP sign at the street corner of Maplewood Ave. and Lucille Ave., on the Lucille side facing east and west, also delayed by the long backlog of other requests needing studies. No prospective date is set for the study at this time, but should be determined before our next meeting on Sept. 20th. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

Item #4: Rudy G. reported that a STOP sign which was approved and authorized for Marcasel Ave. to help control speeding on that street was installed this morning, July 19th, according to info was received from the Yard supervisor. **[No further action is needed by this Committee.]**

Item #5: Re: a stakeholder request for a 4-way STOP at the intersection of Barry/Colbert and Federal streets to replace a 2-way STOP for traffic on Barry/Colbert, to improve visibility of oncoming cars on Barry, Rudy G. said there will be a study done for this request, but due to the current work backlog, no schedule can be stated at this time. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up report at the next meeting.]**

New Business -

No new LADOT items/requests were received for this meeting.

Other Agenda Items:

Old Business -

No unresolved Old Business items were tabled or carried over to this meeting from the May 17, 2017 meeting.

New Business -

Item #1: Re: a stakeholder's request for installation of street lights on Victoria Ave. between Beethoven St. and Walgrove Ave., for the safety of residents and visitors to this neighborhood which was described as "super dark" and presently without any street lighting, Len N. said this request is now

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being studied. Len said that he first looked for the presence of utility poles that can be used for lights without installing new poles. The Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) will charge the cost of new poles to the residents in their property taxes; a petition for such an assessment is required and must be approved. He said DWP is now checking to see if poles already there are theirs, and if they are, they can install lights at no cost to property owners. In that case, Len will then direct the DWP to install the lights and will advise as to the time frame predicted for installation. [**Tabled for a further CD11 report at or before the next meeting.**]

Item #2: A stakeholder/block captain who lives on Inglewood Blvd. has complained about a recent increase in speeding traffic and parking problems on Inglewood Blvd. between Palms and National Blvds. He also asked Len N. for information about preferential parking and speed humps and has talked about those issues during a neighborhood association meeting. Len said he has explained to stakeholder the permit process for preferential parking and that installing speed humps is coming back again. Officer Lawrence said he will do some directed enforcement against the speeding problem on Inglewood Blvd. **[Tabled for further CD11 and LAPD reports at the next meeting.]**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Council District 11 West Los Angeles office, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

Submitted by Linda J. Guagliano, Chair Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee July 24, 2017