

MINUTES of Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting September 20, 2017

The Bi-Monthly meeting of the Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee was called to order at 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 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) were both absent due to conflicting work commitments.

All present signed the attendance sheet and approved the Minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting. Agenda items were then discussed as follows.

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business -

Item #1: Rudy G. reported that the planned traffic study to put a left turn signal at Sawtelle and Charnock, to enable drivers to make a left turn at a 4-way signal in the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection, is almost complete and the necessary manual traffic-count data is done. He explained that the reason he chose that location for the signal is because although a stakeholder had originally requested a signal at Westminster (to stop drivers from making risky left turns across Sawtelle traffic lanes), Charnock is a collector street halfway between Venice and Palms Blvds. and a signal there may slow the 40-mph traffic on Sawtelle to the benefit of pedestrians and traffic.

However, some stakeholders have now complained that they do not want a traffic signal at the Sawtelle/Charnock intersection, and so at this time it has not been decided whether or not to proceed.. The traffic volume data is “borderline” as to requiring a signal at this location, and there are no safety issues for the nearby residents or anyone else as to having or not having the signal. Complainants give no reasons for not wanting the signal other than personal preferences related to its location close to their homes. A traffic signal at that location makes sense, but if the community at large doesn’t want it, it is not a necessary installation from LADOT’s point of view, at least at this time. Also see LADOT New Business Item #1 below, for expected LADOT interaction with the MVCC Board in the decision as to whether or not to install this signal. **[Tabled for further discussion and decisions by LADOT and MVCC.]**

Item #2: Rudy G. reported that after a traffic study was completed for an all-way STOP at Palms Blvd. and Greenwood Ave., the STOP sign was installed on July 20th. Linda G. reported that local stakeholders sent an e-mail saying “thanks” and they “love” it. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

Item #3: Rudy G. reported that a letter dated September 19, 2017 was received from the LADOT’s main office re: the request for an all-way STOP at Lucille Ave. and Maplewood Ave., denying the request and explaining that a thorough engineering review and supporting data failed to satisfy any of the DOT’s guidelines to install an all-way STOP at this intersection, and therefore the installation cannot be justified. **[No further action by this Committee.]**

Item #4: 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 the study is almost complete and approval is expected within about a week. **[Tabled for written confirmation of approval from LADOT at or before the next meeting.]**

New Business –

Item #1: Rudy G. reported that supervisor Mo Blorfroshan says if LADOT approves the proposed signal at Charnock/Sawtelle, and if the community continues to object to the installation, LADOT West District engineers will make a presentation to the MVCC Board which the Board’s new Policy requires for any proposed stoplight or traffic treatment. **[Tabled for LADOT follow-up at or before the next meeting.]**

Other Agenda Items:

Note: The following items were on the Agenda for this meeting, but because both Len Nguyen (CD11) and Officer John Lawrence (LAPD) were absent from the meeting, no discussion occurred and therefore there is nothing to report/include in these Minutes. These items, shown below, are now tabled for the next meeting on November 15th and will be included on the Agenda for that meeting. (**Note:** Len N. and Officer Lawrence can refer to the Minutes on record for the July 19th meeting for any further details about these two Items.)

Old Business Agenda Items:

Item #1: Follow-up report from Len N re: a study of a stakeholder's request that street lights be installed on Victoria Ave. between Walgrove Ave. and Beethoven St. as there presently is no street lighting. Stakeholder says street is "super dark" at night and installing lights is a matter of nighttime safety for residents on and visitors to this street. Report shall include whether DWP will install lights and when, or if there is an alternative installation plan. [**Tabled for a CD11 report at the next meeting.**]

Item #2: Follow-up reports from Len N. and Officer John Lawrence re: solving speeding and parking problems as reported by a block captain for the section of Inglewood Blvd. between Palms and National Blvds. [**Tabled for CD11 and LAPD reports at the next meeting.**]

New Business –

No new Other Agenda items/requests were received for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. when Rudy G. completed his reports on LADOT items and left to attend another meeting, and both Len N. and Officer John Lawrence were still absent.

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 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
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