

Regular Meeting MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, January 27th, 2014, 7:30 PM -9:00 PM

WINDWARD SCHOOL, Tom Hunter Board Room, Room 800

11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)

Co-Chairs: Mitchell Rishe and Ken Alpern

Agenda

1. Call to Order—Ken Alpern presiding.
2. Introductions and Public Announcements/Comments on topics not on the agenda.
3. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings
4. Public Comment
5. Report on Recent MVCC Board Actions relating to T & I motions
 - a. **Motions approved by Board** Planning and Land Use Management Committee-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs and Transportation & Infrastructure Committee – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs
 - i. **POLICY MOTION: JMB/CENTURY CITY SPECIFIC PLAN:** The Mar Vista Community Council opposes any attempt by JMB Developers and the City of Los Angeles Planning to violate the Century City North Specific Plan and/or other any other covenant established to limit the commercial office space to 2.5 million square feet. The Mar Vista Community Council therefore opposes the proposed 731,000 square foot JMB-proposed Century City Center in that it is extra commercial office square footage that is three times the limit in size that JMB developers is allowed to build based on the number of trips it currently owns, unless the JMB developers purchase the number of trips from other commercial landlords that enables this tower to be legally built without creating a precedent to an illegal tripling of the size of Century City. The Mar Vista Community Council further opposes any attempt to triple the size of Century City's office/commercial square footage in that it will create devastatingly negative impacts on the environment, on traffic, on the economy and on the quality of life for Westsiders from La Cienega to the ocean, and implore both CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz and CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin to demand that JMB developers and City Planning adhere to the covenant of 2.5 million square footage of legal office space for Century City. Unanimously approved in Committee. See also: <http://bhcourier.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/112213Fissue.pdf>
 - ii. **POLICY MOTION: CITY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK ELEMENT CHAPTER 3: PROTECTION OF LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREAS:** The Mar Vista Community Council believes clear and reasonable land use regulations, including definitions and performance standards [noise, traffic, parking, operating hours, and the like], are necessary for good governance, civil society, buffering of uses between zone classifications, proper code enforcement, neighborhood stability, public health, and public safety. The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles specifically protects the residential character of low density residential areas as stated in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives and Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, and Character: *"Single-Family Residential Overview The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods"* And, additionally stated as: *"Goal 3B: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods"*. There exist substantial low density areas within the MVCC's boundaries. ANY prospective change to this General Plan Framework policy is a serious matter of public process and accountability to MVCC stakeholders. Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council calls for full Environmental Impact Review in compliance with CEQA, to completely assess the impacts of any and all proposed ordinances, revisions, regulations, or plans which alter the above stated policy with regard to the character of the City's low density residential areas comprising over 65% of the City's land use--including complete analysis of fiscal impacts to vital City services and future burdens on the City's aging physical infrastructure. Unanimously approved in Committee
 - iii. **POLICY MOTION: NOTICING OF OFF RAMP CLOSURES:** WHEREAS Mar Vista residents have been deeply impacted by the 405 widening project, which is more than one year behind schedule and more than \$75 million over budget. WHEREAS the 405 widening project has resulted in freeway off ramp closures commonly used by Mar Vista residents, including the 405 S Pico/Olympic off ramp, that appear to occur at random times and with no advance warning of the closure. This deprives us of an opportunity to plan ahead, causing us to take exits far from our destination, resulting in additional

transit time (in addition to the delays caused by the widening project itself) and further increasing air pollution. This also demonstrates a total lack of respect and understanding for the inconveniences and delays that we have been subjected to throughout the duration of the years-long widening project. NOW, THEREFORE, to alleviate commuter transit time and as a show of respect and understanding for those commuters who have been so severely impacted by the widening project, MVCC respectfully requests that councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz request that Cal Trans/Metro post notice of an off ramp closure at least one off ramp before the closure (i.e., before the Santa Monica off ramp for a Pico/Olympic closure), to allow commuters sufficient opportunity to take the prior off ramp. Unanimously approved in Committee

- iv. FUNDING MOTION: T&I/PLUM: LIBRARY/POST OFFICE ALLEY REPAVING: INGLEWOOD TO CENTINELA: Whereas, the MVCC Board of Directors has prioritized the reconstruction and repair of the alley south of, and parallel to, Venice Blvd. between Inglewood and Centinela as the most important public works project within the MVCC, and Whereas, the CD11 office has received a bid for \$42,000 to perform this public works project, Therefore, the MVCC Board of Directors authorizes an initial budgeting of \$5000: \$2400 from budget category 300 Community Improvement Grants and \$2600 from budget category 400 Neighborhood Purposes Grants (with the possibility of further budgetary assignments) to be assigned to a fund held by the non-profit 501(c)3 corporation of the Venice Blvd. Streetscape Association, to which public and private donations would be encouraged for the greater community to donate to this effort, and The MVCC Board of Directors commits to working with the CD11 office and all governmental and private sources to reach the full \$42,000 necessary to achieve this overdue public works project to serve the needs of the greater Mar Vista community." Passed in committee 4 aye; 0 nay; one recused

6. T & I Related Committee Reports

- a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting – Linda Guagliano (10 min)
- b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee–(5 min)
- c. CD 11 Transportation Committee and SoVePaM – Ken Alpern (10 min)

7. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates, with potential motions, receive and file by consent if no report (30 minutes)

- a. Casden Sepulveda, JMB and other projects
- b. DWP Office of Public Accountability
 - 1. Decision to Postpone or Cancel a Joint Green and T/I Committee Effort regarding the Solar Feed-In Tariff
- c. Venice Blvd. and Adjacent Alleyway Update
- d. Scattergood-Olympic Power Line Update
- e. Oversized Vehicle/Parking District Update
- 8. New Business (30 min)

1) POLICY MOTION: SPECIAL PARKING REVENUE FUND REVENUES

- a) **The Mar Vista Community Council maintains that the City of Los Angeles has been inappropriately (and, possibly, illegally) raiding the SPRF (Special Parking Revenue Fund) and diverting those revenues to the General Budgetary Fund, and demands that it end this practice.**
- b) **The Mar Vista Community Council demands that the City Council and Mayor of Los Angeles redirect all previously diverted revenue of the SPRF, and all present and future SPRF revenue towards the establishment of parking lots and structures, for which the revenue was and is intended.**
- c) **The Mar Vista Community Council demands that City Council and Mayor of Los Angeles direct all past, present and future SPRF funds to be directed towards the communities from which they were collected.**

2) POLICY MOTION: EXPO LINE AND VENICE RAPID BUS PARKING LOT ESTABLISHMENT

- a) **The Mar Vista Community Council maintain that there is insufficient parking and overall access to the Exposition Light Rail Line, and to the connecting Venice Blvd. Bus Lines.**
- b) **The Mar Vista Community Council maintain that the “Exposition Boulevard/I-10 Freeway” and “Venice Boulevard to the Beach” were the two transportation corridors to be mitigated by the Expo Line, and that there is no Westside Metrolink/Park and Ride equivalent for Westsiders to access.**
- c) **The Mar Vista Community Council therefore strongly urge the City of Los Angeles, Metro and Caltrans (which owns Lincoln and Venice Boulevards) to establish public parking lots, and/or encourage public/private parking endeavours, to facilitate access of those commuting by car, bicycle or other methods to create more parking lots at/near Exposition Line rail stations and highly-utilized Venice Bus Line bus stops.**

3) Letter of Appreciation to Culver City for Pedestrian/Transit Improvements on Washington Blvd., with benefits to Mar Vista Community Council residents and other stakeholders.

POLICY MOTION: COUNCIL MOTION 13-0869-S1: MODERNIZATION OF BOSS EVENT PERMITTING: MVCC supports the Bonin-Buscaino motion focusing on modernization of the Bureau of Street Services such as *“use of new technology to increase the effectiveness of special event customer service practices, including the acceptance of credit cards, along with a review of the City’s “Public Way Reservation System” to enable enhanced permitting integration, coordination, notification and conflict identification of all events that occur in the public right of way”*. MVCC further encourages inclusion of a method to notify Neighborhood Councils, similar to the ENS system used successfully for planning cases, regarding the granting of said permits for events utilizing the public right of way.

9. Public Comment

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Adjournment.