

Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting
September 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
West Los Angeles Office of CD11 Councilman Mike Bonin

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Approval of Minutes of July 2019 Meeting.

Agenda items for discussion are as follows:

LADOT Agenda Items:

Old Business –

1. From July meeting: **Request for additional lane markings at the intersection of Palms & McLaughlin; and request for MERGE sign on Palms just west of Sawtelle.**

The stakeholder requested: “Heading westbound on Palms Boulevard as you’re passing the 405 freeway overpass just West of Sawtelle There needs to be a traffic merging sign where they turn from two lanes into one.

Mr. Guevera indicated there is already a “Right lane merges left” yellow sign attached to the Mast arm of the traffic pole as you head westbound on Palms past Sawtelle Blvd. There are also two “Merge left Arrows” pavement markings in the second lane directing drivers to merge left. LADOT will send an Engineering Aide to verify that the sign is there and in good condition and to repaint the two “Merge left” pavement arrows. **This item will be placed in Old Business for follow-up at the next meeting**

And third, the stakeholder suggested that heading northbound on McLaughlin Avenue at Palms Boulevard drivers are very confused because the right turn lane is over 20’ wide. There needs to be a separation point from the lane going straight along McLaughlin Avenue to make a Right turn to Palms Blvd. East Bound.

Mr. Guevera stated that the No. 2 lane is around 19.5 ft. wide because part of the area is to allow for parking on the side of the street. He stated that signs and markings are appropriate as is, and cannot be changed. He did indicate that they will consider widening the middle island indicators to show a clearer separation. **This item will be placed in Old Business for follow-up at the next meeting.**

New Business –

1. Consideration Requested by Anna Kozma:

Request for a study of how to calm traffic on Washington Place at Berryman Avenue
Myself and MV resident Annie Cosgrove, copied here, have submitted MyLADOT service requests for the intersection of Washington Place, at Berryman Ave (SR 125186, among others). This intersection is the regular site of accidents, given the bizarre roadway conditions of excessive dips along Washington Place at both the immediately proceeding and succeeding intersections. Drivers often speed down Washington Place, lose control of their vehicles after coming into contact with the dips, and crash into vehicles or off road near the Berryman intersection of Washington Pl. However, even vehicles going the standard speed limit have known issues crossing these dips. While the overall roadway may be a street services issue, we request that DOT:

1.) Investigate what additional traffic control measures can be taken along this stretch to slow speeding vehicles and advise motorists of the roadway conditions, and provide recommendations to the subcommittee. We request special attention to nighttime conditions, as visibility issues are particularly exacerbated after sundown.

2.) Initiate a traffic study and/or review of the accident records along this stretch within LA City jurisdiction, to demonstrate the safety need.

To illustrate the severity of the issue: Most recently, Annie, who resides adjacent the intersection, was witness to a woman exiting her parked vehicle, struck so hard she was forced under the car in front of her from the impact of a vehicle that lost control going over one of these dips. This incident took place last weekend, but unfortunately is not an isolated one.

We request that the MVCC Traffic subcommittee take up this important issue for discussion with DOT, and provide recommendations for next steps.

2. Consideration Requested by Michael Millman:

The stakeholder is requesting that LADOT consider creating a left-turn signal at the intersection of Palms and McLaughlin. Specifically, southbound on McLaughlin turning left onto Palms Blvd. He states that during rush hour cars attempting to turn left create a backup for a couple of blocks because it is very difficult to find an opening to turn left during the regular green light on McLaughlin

The next Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/LAPD/CD11 Traffic Committee Meeting will be held on November 20, 2019, at Council District 11 West Los Angeles Office, 1645 Corinth Ave., Room 201, Los Angeles, CA 90025.