

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 AM. In attendance were Rudy Guevara, representing LADOT, Alek Bartrosouf representing CD11 Mobility, and Albert Olson, MVCC representative, who chaired the meeting. LAPD was unable to attend.

The minutes of the July 2019 meeting were approved..

Four items were on the agenda, and discussed 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.**

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. Rudy G. indicated that LADOT Staff is working on Work Order (Service Request #125275). They will be repainting existing lane markings, and adding painted roadway lettering east of Sawtelle. Follow up at next meeting

2. From July meeting, **Request for modification to right turn lane on Mclaughlin Ave heading north at Palms Blvd, stakeholder suggested that heading northbound on McLaughlin Avenue at Palms Boulevard drivers are very confused because the right turn lane is over 20’ wide.**

Rudy G. 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. At the Sept meeting he indicated that LADOT staff is working on Work Order #129694, to assess the situation and possibly provide for slightly narrowing the lane in question. Follow up at 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, with concern expressed that dips in Washington Place roadway at the intersection of Berryman and Washington Place cause drivers to lose control of vehicles when speeding and cause accidents. The stakeholder requests that DOT initiate a traffic study, and Investigate what additional traffic control measures can be taken along this stretch to slow speeding vehicles and advise motorists of the roadway conditions

Rudy G. responded that it is not feasible for LADOT to conduct extensive traffic studies in long stretches. They don’t have resources for that. He did an onsite inspection of the dips, and identified that they are actually on Washington Place at Minerva Avenue and also at Coolidge Ave. To assess the situation he also pulled Crash Data for these intersections for the past 5 reported years (4/30/2014-4/30/2019), and found the following:

1. Washington Place and Berryman: 1 crash
2. Washington Place and Coolidge: 0 crashes
3. Washington Place and Minerva: 0 crashes

So this does not show a pattern of accidents associated with the existing DIPS on Washington Place.

There are DIP signs just east and west of the two dips. Rudy G. indicated that he will have an LADOT Engineer survey the signs to make sure that they are in good condition, and will also recommend installing “DIP Warning signs (black letters on yellow background)” pavement markings on the street to supplement existing signs.

Albert O. asked the purpose of the dips, and Rudy G. and Alek B. indicated that they are part of the street system engineering to provide storm drainage.

Item will be placed in Old Business for follow-up at next meeting.

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.

Rudy G. indicated that a Protected-Permissive Left turn signal has already been authorized for southbound traffic on McLaughlin Avenue at Palms Blvd. This was authorized August 16, 2016. But as is usually the case, the authorization did not include funding at the time. Subsequently, funding was secured by Councilmember Bonin (CD11) using WLA TIMP money, and the design has been completed. The contract will be awarded sometime in 2019. The contract will include various projects at various sites, and it is expected that the entire contract will be completed by the end of 2020 (although Rudy says it could extend into 2021). Best estimate is that the left turn signal will be installed sometime in 2020.

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.