



# Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Windward School Boardroom 1030, Building C (by baseball diamond)  
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)  
Co-Chairs: Michelle Krupkin and Ken Alpern

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order—Michelle Krupkin and Ken Alpern presiding
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda
3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings
4. Public Comment
5. T & I Related (Great Streets) and Other Reports
  - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting - Linda Guagliano (10 min)
  - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals (Chuck Ray)
6. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates
  - a. Update of bus shelter info (from Jessie Holzer, Len Nguyen, Joseph Galloway, and Francois Nion) to add, improve, replace and upgrade key bus locations.  
No New information.

b. **Potential Reversal of Lane Reductions on Venice Blvd.**

1. **POLICY MOTION:** Restoration of 3 car-lanes in each direction on Venice Blvd. The Mar Vista Community Council asks that Councilmember Mike Bonin immediately reverse the lane reductions on Venice Blvd. and implement other strategies to improve the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of our roads for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. As representatives of your constituents and your elected advisory body, we believe strongly that this is the only remedy that addresses the constant, voluminous, community outcry on this issue.

**Voted DOWN at Board of Directors Meeting 10/10/2017**

c. **Amended Venice Blvd. Great Street Lane Restoration Motion**

WHEREAS, "Vision Zero" and the "Great Streets" pilot programs were recently implemented on both the east-bound and west-bound sides of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd., and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the stated goals of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries throughout the City of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports making the stretch of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd. a "Great Street" with well-maintained medians and parkways, thriving businesses, and friendly to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction and creation of a protected bike lane on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension and division within the community, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017, Councilmember Mike Bonin named a 20-member community panel - comprised of a broad range of Playa Del Rey stakeholders with differing views and perspectives - to "analyze data, community feedback and available financial resources to make short-term and long-term recommendations to reduce speeding and improve safety on Playa del

Rey streets.”

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves

(1) To urge the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to study, and present to the community, alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., that will achieve the programs’ goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths and contribute to the goals of Venice Great Street, while minimalizing adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors, and to provide a monthly update of changes made and data collected, and

(2) To urge Councilmember Bonin – as a vital part of this study - to appoint a community panel whose membership is selected by the MVCC Board of Directors, similar to the one appointed for the projects in Playa Del Rey and provide a professional facilitator, and

(3) To task the community panel to act with due diligence to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd. by assessing and analyzing collected data, holding an informational meeting to obtain an overview of results in other communities conducting focus groups comprised of a broad range of Mar Vista stakeholders with differing views and perspectives.

**PASSED by Board of Directors Meeting 10/10/2017**

d. Opposition to Proposed Stop Light at Sawtelle and Charnock.

Discussion only.

## 7. New Business

### a. Advocacy/Laws for Potential Safety Measures for Bicyclists and Pedestrians

#### 1) **POLICY MOTION:** Universal Helmet Laws and Night Lights for Bicyclists

The Mar Vista Community Council supports requirement of all bicyclists, regardless of age, to wear protective bicycle helmets, and to have reflective night-lights installed on all bicycles, regardless of age.

#### 2) **POLICY MOTION:** Distracted Pedestrians Crossing Streets and Highways

The Mar Vista Community Council supports both informational and legal efforts to prevent pedestrians from crossing streets or highways while viewing any mobile electronic device.

#### 3) **POLICY MOTION:** Regional Safe Bike Routes Policy Motion

WHEREAS, extensive segments of government owned land exist in and around Mar Vista that could be used for protected bike paths and bike lanes

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study exploring the following alternative long-term protected bike lane solutions along the entire length of Venice Boulevard, from Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles:

1. Removing the center median, which is a former Red Car Rail right of way ("ROW"), to increase usable roadway and provide at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, an extra wide bike lane, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or

2. Replacing the center median Red Car ROW with a signalized protected bikeway, while retaining at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or

3. Create signage, and repaint adjacent residential streets, as safe thoroughfares for rapid, bicycle-friendly, and safe routes for bicyclists that enhance the mobility, ease of use, and safety for bicyclists as an alternative to Venice Blvd., while still allowing a safer bicycle lane, with better visibility and access for both bicyclists and motorists, on Venice Blvd. associated with a restoration of the three-lane configuration for motorists, or

4. Constructing at least one off-street public parking facility per 3 city block segment, to enable removal of the current parking lanes to create a roadway that includes at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and an extra wide curb adjacent protected bike lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to pave new regional connector bike paths on an expedited basis, especially including:

1. A path along the former rail ROW adjacent to the southwest side of the California 90 Expressway/Freeway from the Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Trail in Marina del Rey and connecting to both the Culver Boulevard Median and Ballona Creek Bike Paths in Del Rey; and
2. Reinstallation of the former rail bridge top, potentially via fast-track City approval of 5000 Beethoven "Del Rey Pointe" apartment development plans, to connect existing and potential new bike paths in Del Rey across Ballona Creek and into Playa Vista via either McConnell Avenue and/or following the ROW to Jefferson Boulevard; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica to designate a north/south onstreet bikeway through Del Rey / Mar Vista to follow a likely route from the Ballona Creek Path along McConnell Avenue, past the Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, continuing along McConnell Boulevard, connecting to Wade Street after crossing Washington Boulevard and Washington Place, and continuing through Mar Vista on May Street, Cabrillo Boulevard, and Stewart Avenue before connecting to Airport Avenue and into current and proposed parks on the Santa Monica Airport site, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study to explore installation of bike lanes along the entire length of Walgrove Avenue, accomplished through removal of the existing parkway, widening of the street without removing any existing parking spaces, and roadway restriping, including green paint to designate the bike lanes. Such changes should include attempted coordination between the Cities of Los Angeles, Culver City, and Santa Monica to potentially include installation of a traffic signal at Washington Boulevard and Walgrove Avenue, and to seamlessly connect to the 23rd Street bike lane in Santa Monica, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to restore existing bike paths, including resurfacing uneven sections and redirecting flood drain outlets to clear excess sewage runoff, specifically including Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path in Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek Bike Path, and Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to expand the frequency of police patrols, sweeping of sand, glass and other debris and removal of weed overgrowth from all area bike paths, bike lanes and bikeways.

b. **POLICY MOTION:**

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has received many complaints and concerns from property owners and business owners who are or will be affected by the trash franchise system called RecycLA, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's efforts to have cleaner air, more recycling, and less trucks on our streets, but not at the cost to property owners and business owners, and

WHEREAS, The main concerns that the MVCC has heard from the business community are:

- Bullying tactics by sales representatives to sign contracts.
- Charging fees that do not correspond to the City's agreed fee schedule.
- Missed pick-ups that are charged for.
- Phone calls to the waste hauler franchisee and to the City's 800 number are rarely returned.

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c. **POLICY MOTION:**

Motion to Have LADOT, LAPD, LAFD Present to MVCC Current and Comprehensive Data on Venice Blvd. Great Streets Project

WHEREAS, "Vision Zero" and the "Great Streets" pilot programs were implemented approximately six months ago on both the east-bound and west-bound sides of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd., and

WHEREAS, the feedback by neutral LAPD and LAFD officials suggested an inability to electronically access information and data as discussed in the recent annual Hilltop Neighborhood Association meeting held on Thursday, October 26th at St. Bede's Church, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports making the stretch of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd. a "Great Street" with well-maintained medians and parkways, thriving businesses, and friendly to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council similarly supports safe, accessible, and livable residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. that are also free of inappropriate and unnecessary cut-through traffic for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and has led to concerns of cut-through traffic and safety/mobility issues on residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. in Mar Vista, while also raising interest in establishing bicycle paths/routes on Venice Blvd. residential streets to create safe and efficient bicycle mobility throughout Mar Vista,

THEREFORE, The Mar Vista Community Council moves:

(1) to advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, as well as any appropriate LAUSD officials, to present to the MVCC and to the community, updated and comprehensive data that

includes September 2017 data addressing the impacts of Venice Blvd. reconfiguration to the community and including access to public schools, and

(2) address the potential of alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., as well as adjacent residential streets, that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors that includes the summer and fall of 2017, and which includes the comprehensive data requested by the MVCC to include all stakeholders (including businesses and schools) of the Mar Vista Community Council.

d. **POLICY MOTION**

Proliferation of Recreational Vehicles and Homeless Encampments in Mar Vista  
WHEREAS, It has been noted that there is an increase in long-term Recreational Vehicle proliferation throughout Mar Vista, and including both major commercial thoroughfares and residential streets, and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that there is an increase in Homeless encampments throughout Mar Vista, including under freeway overpasses and in residential neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to where updated LADOT maps allow for Recreational Vehicle parking and Homeless encampments, and what the roles and responsibilities for the LADOT and LAPD to enforce laws related to Recreational Vehicle and Homeless living spaces and locations,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves:

To Call for the LADOT, LAPD, and City Attorney's office and explain the limitations and responsibilities of these three agencies to address the aforementioned proliferation of Recreational Vehicles and Homeless within Mar Vista.

8. Public Comment
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjournment

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