



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Wednesday, October 3, 2018 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Windward School Room 1030, Building C (by baseball diamond)
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern, Michelle Krupkin and Gabriel Hill

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Ken Alpern presiding 7:45 pm
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda. A stakeholder from Westchester/Playa de Rey asked about requesting speed bumps. Ken referred him to CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf
3. Approval of minutes of September 2018 meeting. Tabled.
4. Public Comment. Laila Alequresh, FUSE Corps fellow and Executive Advisor to Mayor Garcetti, attended and gave an outdate. Her report came out on Best Practices dealing with Street Protection and Street Cuts. The full LA City Council passed a motion regarding street protection and street cuts. The Ordinance was written by the LA City Attorney and going to Public Works today for review. The Ordinance will go to the full LA CITY Council again after Public Works Validation. The relevant council files are: CF14-1571-52 and CF15-0600-522. If utilities are in violation of the ordinance, Street Damage Restoration Fees (SDRF) will be collected form the utilities doing the street cut and paid to LA City. The SDRF formulation factors include the size of the cut including depth and the age of the street. There will be no exception for streets over 20 years old.
Laila Alequresh gave another update having to do with a 5-year warranty of utility cuts. The lack of inspectors in the LA City Dept. of Contract Administration under Public Works is a problem. Laila shared that there are currently 14 such utility inspectors for the entire city of LA. The average year there are approximately 13,000 utility cuts per year. The damage to a street can include functional and technical damage and trenchcuts.
Laila continued giving her update. She discussed shared that there is currently no comprehensive plan for Tree Canopies in the City of LA. The budget was cut during the recent recession and has not yet been reallocated. LA City recently won a grant from CA State to design a tree plan. A city wide Tree Coordinator has not been hired yet. Once hired, the position will report o the Board of Public Works.
Laila shared the last item. LADOT/Public Works should consider reporting to the same place with a possible merge of both departments.
5. Transportation & Infrastructure and Great Streets Related Reports
 - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee – (Albert Olson) (10 min)
 - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals
 - c. MVCC Parking Study Update - Discussion and Update from Howard Weisberg. Goals of City-Wide “best practices” to ensure proper outreach, analyses, and outcomes of studies.
 - d. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf shares Mar Vista related mobility issues. Alek was on vacation. No report.
6. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates
 - a. Update of bus shelter info (from Hannah Levien, Joseph Galloway and Francois Nion) to add, improve, replace and upgrade key bus locations, including arrival boards.
 - 1) Discussion and possible policy motion(s) of where we want our next “Smart Bus Shelters” to be, and status of our most recent “Smart Bus Shelter” at

Venice/Centinela.

- b. Policy Motion: MVCC Support for the restoration of the “Opt-out” clause in the City of Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Program Council File No: 13-1493, Related Legislation: SB 946
STATUS: Postponed for discussion no later than January 2019 at 8.31.18 Special Meeting of the BoD.

- c. Dockless Scooters Motion

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council supports dockless scooters as an affordable mode of transportation that integrates well with existing public transit options; and
WHEREAS, MVCC recognizes the primacy of public safety of ALL residents and visitors over other worthy neighborhood goals like improved transportation, accommodating new technology, or equal access to multimodal transportation for low income neighborhoods; and
WHEREAS, the majority of dockless scooter riders in Mar Vista and Venice violate traffic laws such as avoiding sidewalks and Class I bike paths or riding with a valid driver’s license, and scooter companies have not taken necessary steps to mitigate illegal behavior; and
WHEREAS, the City Council and LADOT developed a regulatory framework and pilot program for shareable dockless vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the pilot regulations drew from a traffic study limited to one council district and did not include usage patterns or accident rates in areas where dockless scooter usage is highest; and

WHEREAS, the regulations emphasized equity and sidewalk safety of parked vehicles, but ignored safety of vehicles in operation; and

WHEREAS, the regulations do not provide LAPD with specific guidance on enforcement, allocate resources from fees to mitigate the costs of enforcement, or require dockless scooter operators to self-enforce by geofencing prohibited areas;

THEREFORE, MVCC censures the approval of the LADOT regulations and opposes issuing permits to companies to operate scooters at this time. MVCC will support these actions once the city council and LADOT immediately take the following steps to improve the regulations:

- require permitted companies to disable scooter usage or parking via geofencing on all Class I bike paths, city parks (excluding roads and bicycle lanes, and including the Venice Beach Boardwalk), and LAUSD primary and secondary schools; and
- provide LAPD with adequate resources to deploy two extra officers for fulltime traffic enforcement, to focus on scooter usage in high-impact areas; and
- develop, in consultation with LAPD, signage informing scooter users of relevant traffic laws, and deploy signage in areas with the highest illegal usage (as determined by LAPD) including on the Braude Bike Path.

Additionally, MVCC requests that LA City Council and LADOT act during the pilot program to:

- study scooter traffic patterns, law violations, and injury rates in areas of the city with the highest scooter usage, and
- use the results of that study to determine, with LAPD, the extra long-term resources needed to enforce traffic laws for scooters and cover the cost of these resources with changes to the permitting fee structure, and
- approve enforcement mechanisms to accept reports of illegal scooter usage and disable accounts of identify users that illegally operate scooters, using ride data provided by the scooter companies.

STATUS (Not voted on at last BoD meeting 9/11/2018) 0 Due for Vote at 10.09.18 BoD meeting

Discussion of possible change to the scooter motion. There was an update. Councilman Paul Koretz filed a motion to ban scooters at this time, which failed. The City Council Pilot Motion is now an Ordinance, which includes a requirement for all scooter companies to interact and outreach with neighborhood councils. At the time of this meeting there was no firm date for the Scooter Pilot Program to start. The motion was amended in the following way:

Zone 6 stakeholder Russell Howes suggested an amendment.

The motion as amended passed and will be sent to the 10.09.18 Board of Directors meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion and potential motion: Future funding of pedestrian crosswalks in Mar Vista.
\$5000 for funding of pedestrian crosswalks in Mar Vista

Beethoven, Zanja, and Caswell

Zanja and Alla

Others?

No discussion due to time constraint.

- b. Discussion and possible motion for protected left turn lane at intersection of Barrington and Gateway. No discussion due to time constraint.

8. Public Comment

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment 9:39 pm

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