



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Wednesday, November 7, 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 7:36 pm
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda
3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings
4. Public Comment. A stakeholder asks about a sanitation/sewer project she heard about due to take place on Venice Blvd. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf says that LA Sanitation has a project on Venice from Lincoln Blvd. to Beethoven Street which is currently on hold due to time constraint and outreach schedule.
5. Transportation & Infrastructure and Great Streets Related Reports
 - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee – (Albert Olson) (10 min). No report as Albert Olson was not present.
 - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals
 - c. MVCC Parking Study Update - Discussion and Update from Howard Weisberg. Goals of Citywide “best practices” to ensure proper outreach, analyses, and outcomes of studies. No report.
 - d. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf shared Mar Vista related mobility issues.
 1. Alek shared that he has gone back and forth with LA City Dept. of Planning (LACDP) regarding the draft Statement of Work (SOW) for the parking study. He is dealing with several version and waiting for feedback. He cannot share the draft because LACDP says it can't go to the public before potential consultants see it to bid on it.

Alek then talks about different deadlines for the SOW depending on whether LADOT alone is involved (Feb 2019 deadline) and a different deadline if LACDP is involved (Sept 2019 deadline). There was a discussion of the Bowlero parking lot on Grand View Blvd. and Light on Lotus and Vintage on Venice being frustrated that Bowlero will not allow access. There was a discussion about building parking lots. Alek said that they are prohibitively expensive. There was a discussion about cost.

Alek also discussed participating in the Community Plan.

There was an update about the bus arrival board. It is now at Centinela and Venice with solar panels to power it and have an usb charging port with a push button audible soundboard announcement.

A stakeholder asked how bus benches vs. full shelter are determined. Alek shared that it is based on ridership. There are no free bus shelters installed anymore. Each costs \$20,000.00.
 2. Alek gave an update about the 1st MV Bike Fair at Richland Elementary, which was a success. Lime and Jump were both in attendance and gave out free helmets.
 3. Alek discussed the curb ramps planned for installation near Richland elementary in the residential area. There was a request for Damien Newton for 8 or 9 curb ramps. There will be 5 installed. There was a comment from a stakeholder that Richland Elementary has a large concentration of disable students and that more intersections should be upgraded.
 4. The \$10,000 that came from the budget of the MVCC to be earmarked for crosswalk installations will also be applied to the following intersections that have already received continental crosswalks: Beethoven, Zanja, and Caswell
Zanja and Alla
 5. Previously discussed parking study. See Item 5c.

6. Sidewalk redo on Great Street Venice Blvd. Alek shared that the sidewalk on Venice Blvd. at the NE corner of Centinela is being redone from Centinela to Ocean View (near Chase Bank and the Mar Vista restaurant). The sidewalk will also be redone near the car wash with spot improvements to the north side east of Centinela. These improvements are all to be completed by the end of November 2018 and are funded through the Public Works Great Streets Sidewalk Blitz budget. Each Great Street in LA City gets one three-week sidewalk blitz per fiscal year to repave and improve sidewalk quality.

7. Pavement Mural at Pacific and Grand View Blvd. This is currently in the works and paperwork is in moving through the process. If the paperwork is complete the pavement mural may be in place before the end of December 2018. They are reaching out to Grand View Elementary to try to see if kids can be involved in this project.

8. Landscaping. There are 1-2 medians on Venice Blvd. to be landscaped. Hannah is working with Bureau of Street Services on this item.

9. Additional lighting for Venice Blvd. is still being researched. Pedestrian scale lighting. This would entail pole lights at Centinela. Each streetlight cost \$7500.00 each and adding an arm on a streetlight is around \$2500.00. There is a discussion of solar lighting and alley lighting. A stakeholder suggests asking developers about contributing to a lighting fund.

10. Repaving prioritization. Hannah is meeting with Bureau of Street Services to prioritize repaving of streets in Mar Vista. Stakeholders should email her with streets in need of repaving in CD11. Hannah.Levien@lacity.org

11. Update about Metro Bike Share coming to MVCC December 2018 Board of Directors meeting for a presentation and will be placing flyers are potential proposed docking locations. These are Smart Bike that lock anywhere.

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. Alek shared an update about Metro bus shelter equipment above in Agenda Item 5.d.1.

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. Ken request that we discuss this at the November Bod Meeting.

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 -PASSED at 10/09/18 BoD meeting. Community Impact Statement submitted to City Council 10/16/18.

This motion is being sent to WRAC. There was a discussion about scooter reps.

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
The two intersections have already received continental crosswalks.
See ITEM 5d Alek B's report for update.
- b. Discussion and possible motion for protected left turn lane at intersection of Barrington and Gateway. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf shared that the intersection has been studied and there is a justification for a protected left turn lane at Barrington and Gateway northbound, eastbound and westbound. This is in a queue for unfunded projects.
- c. Possible Outreach/discussion with Bird and/or Lime and/or other electric scooter representatives. There was a discussion of the need for scooter company representatives to engage with Neighborhood Councils. Alek said that if the reps are not cooperating, please let him know so he can share this info with LADOT, as there is a requirement of the Scooter Pilot Program Ordinance for the scooter company reps to do rigorous outreach.
- d. Discussion and potential motion: Future funding of \$1000 for signage for Outreach committee to print that MVCC supports use of helmets, obeying the laws of scooters, underage usage of scooters are illegal, and other related issues. Discussion involved the possibility of make signage for yard/lawn signs such as "No Scooters on Sidewalks" and "No Helmet/No Ride." Discussion ensued with no motion written.
- e. Discussion and potential motion: City Controller Ron Galperin looking into how and where the Road Diet funds were spent, and with citywide implications for any other similar plans. There was a discussion but no motion written.
- f. Discussion and possible motion of support for stakeholder motion from Great Streets Committee asking for data of Venice Blvd. Reconfiguration from LADOT and CD11. Alek shared that the Venice Blvd. Pilot Program consultant is on board to produce a report before the end of the year, hopefully by December 31 2018. Alek shared that according to their contract with LA City they have to deliver it by the end of the calendar year.

8. Public Comment. A stakeholder commented that there is concern about Section 1 of the LA City Charter and codes for development of LA City.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment at 9:44 pm

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