



Mar Vista Community Council



TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE with the MVCC Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM ZOOM Electronic Meeting

MINUTES

Chair: Ken Alpern | 1st Vice-Chair: Selena Inouye | 2nd Vice-Chair: Andrea Ambriz

1. Call to Order (6:10 pm) Ken Alpern, Selena Inouye and Andrea Ambriz presiding
Attendance: Selena Inouye, Ken Alpern, Andrea Ambriz, Alek Bartrosouf, Michelle Krupkin, Christine Stemar, Stacy Shure, Adriana De La Cruz
2. Introductions and Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda –[Stephen Ceasar \(SCeasar@treepeople.org\)](mailto:SCeasar@treepeople.org) wants the MVCC T/I Committee to hold a future Water Talks program for water infrastructure for the MVCC. It was recommended for a Director's motion (perhaps Selena and Andrea for Stephen Ceasar for a Town Hall Meeting to be on the next Board of Directors agenda, to address water reclamation and other infrastructure funding projects.
3. Special Orders
 - a. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf's report. [Rose Avenue got speed humps, which was slowed because of tree roots but still getting done. Landscaping programs and new trees on Venice Blvd, and parkways on Venice Blvd. were discussed.](#) Slow Streets--a few folks have reached out to Alek and CD11, open to new ideas and input; Michelle asking why implementation is being done before outreach, instead of other way around. Alek emphasized that Slow Streets is temporary, which is why it both needs a sponsor and with not as much outreach as for the Speed Hump program. Selena raised LAist article of Garcetti being quoted for longer implementation/permanence of Slow Streets. Selena asked for MVCC notifications of Slow Streets requests, if possible.
When Michelle Krupkin reported not hearing about a walkthrough with a contractor on 6/15/2020 along Venice Blvd. for the Placemaking Project, it was stated that this walkthrough was non-public and for city entities and the contractor only.
Alek will be the go-to contact person for Al Fresco (Italian for eating outside) dining, which is an opportunity for restaurants to use outdoor dining more for social distancing. Sidewalks, private parkways, parking lots, and partial street closures were all to be considered.
Selena asked for a sidewalk on Rose Avenue, but Alek reported no feedback yet for costs from the contractor and the City. Alek reported not knowing yet about streetsweeping on Centinela Avenue. Alek also didn't know the answer to Selena's question of budget cuts to the LADOT, but did report an across-the-board 10% budget cut (including councilmember' staff) that was planned for the City.
4. Old Business (30 minutes)
 - a. Status of the motion sent to the MVCC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement on the CONRAC LAX motion to study electrifying 80% of their new facility. (Council File 19-1586 and motion) –[this was discussed and would be addressed later.](#)
 - b. Continued discussion and possible action regarding a Parking Demand Study –this was put on hold because of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Stacy Shure suggested that the Palms/Sepulveda project people pay for the Parking Demand Study.](#) Selena and others wanted to confirm that TIMP fees will be required of the Palms/Sepulveda project developers.

c. Continued discussion and possible action regarding the MVCC Transportation survey and input to the Mobility Element of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update. It was discussed to have MailChimp for Committee Chairs (such as Selena) and Facebook access for the Mobility Element survey of the Community Plan Update. Adriana expressed concerns that Board of Directors members be allowed to have access, and Michelle reported this was historically available to all Board of Directors members.

A motion was passed to allow access to MailChimp for all committees, putting aside standing rules (Alpern motioned, Christine seconded).

d. Continued discussion and possible motion regarding objective carbon standards and the use of trees to reduce carbon emissions and enhance stormwater management in Mar Vista. (Comm Plan): <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/stormwater2streettrees.pdf>

5. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the following Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) issues (WRAC):

i. Letter to the Metro Board of Directors requesting that they lower Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit for 60' busses from 30 to 20 in order to enable safer Social Distancing and increasing frequency of affected routes to make up for the reduced seating capacity.

ii. Letter to the Metro Board of Directors requesting they postpone the adoption of the LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) for at least a year. The LRTP in its current form is based entirely on pre-COVID-19 data. It would make more sense to wait until we have a better understanding of how the COVID-19 crisis reshapes working and commuting behavior before adopting a plan for the next 10+ years of transit policy.

iii. Letter to the Metro Board of Directors regarding the NextGen Bus Service Proposal and the elimination of the 218 line connecting the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Additionally, the 234/734 line should connect to Westwood and Expo/Sepulveda Station from the San Fernando Valley. All three letters to the Metro Board were passed at committee (Ken motioned, Adriana seconded). These three motions were submitted to the July 14, 2020 MVCC Board of Directors meeting, but were deferred to the next meeting. They will be presented to the MVCC Board of Directors at the next meeting (August 11 2020).

b. Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding Heavy-Duty Truck Idling Regulations/Parking Restriction/Ordinance (Council File 19-0604) (Shure) Long-idling cars were more polluting and less fuel-efficient. The amount of time before a car was required to be turned off before a ticket was given was debated and discussed. Car idling is a problem, even when over 10 seconds. The motion was passed. Mike Bonin would be notified.

c. Discussion and possible motion regarding using the Los Angeles County stormwater channels in Mar Vista for alternative uses, i.e., bike path, pedestrian walkway, wildlife habitat, etc. (Ambriz) There was support and interest overall, but specific motion and language postponed. Stacy Shure and Ken Alpern have been raising this topic up for years. Selena raised the issue of Ken Marek's former proposal to this end.

6. Reports

a. Sub-Committee Reports:

i. Airport Committee - last meeting 3/7/2020

ii. Great Streets Committee-last meeting 3/11/2020, next meeting 6/10/20

iii. Mobility Committee - last meeting 2/24/2020

b. Bi-Monthly Mar Vista CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic External City Committee Report- last meeting 1/16/2020, minutes posted here: <https://www.marvista.org/docs/34486026-10583.pdf>

c. LADWP Committees Report - Adriana de la Cruz

d. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Transportation Committee-Selena Inouye

e. StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council - Adriana de la Cruz. There were many requests for cleaning of vandalism, and for increased efforts to speed up road repairs and related projects.

7. Future Agenda Items

a. Proposal by Department of City Planning to create Motor Home Zone Districts in Mar Vista to increase affordable housing. [This topic would be taken off the agenda and be dealt with by the Planning/Community Plan Update Committees.](#)

b. Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) (Inouye) - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the Venice EIFD (Council File 14-1349-S1) i. Update: CIS filed by the Venice Neighborhood Council 10/18/2019.

c. Inviting the Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment to speak about recycling at an MVCC meeting (Hruska). <https://mobile.twitter.com/lacitysan/1214343931728551936>

8. Public Comment and Announcements (5 minutes)

a. [Transit Oriented Communities Small Business Recovery Loan Program: Grants are being made available to small businesses near high-use transit stops, for which Mar Vista businesses near the 405 freeway at Venice Blvd. may be eligible. Loan applications can be completed directly on TOCloans.lacda.org from Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 12PM to Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5PM.](#)

All TOC projects must be within 500 feet of a train station or major bus stop.

b. [Sign up for Sierra Club California Water Webinars "The Delta Tunnel Project: Not a Solution for Southern California's Water Needs" -presented by Molly Culton and Brandon Dawson on Thursday, June 11, 2:00PM- 3:00PM:](#)

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2042709393028950540>

9. Adjournment

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