



# Mar Vista Community Council



## MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE with the MVCC Board of Directors

Thursday November 5 2020 7:00 pm  
Co-Chair: Michelle Krupkin Outgoing Co-Chair: Ken Alpern

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### MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome –Michelle Krupkin 7:04 pm  
In attendance: Krishna Curry, Kathryn Wheeler, Adriana De La Cruz, Alek Bartosouf, Kalani Whittington, Ken Alpern, April Peterson, Terrie (8 Total)
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)  
Announcements: Ken Alpern resigned from Transportation & Infrastructure as of Oct 28 2020 and also resigned entirely from MVCC. Many expressed thanks to Ken for the diligent job he has been doing over many years on this committee and elsewhere on the MVCC.  
Adriana announced the Nov 14 Virtual Run Walk Virtual for Homelessness "Everyone In." Kalani reports that the Venice Blvd- 405 underpass Homeless Encampment Fire from 2 weeks ago caused lane closures on both sides of the road. Additionally, she was also chased and verbally accosted on Boise by a homeless person while walking to pick up her car from a repair shop on Venice Blvd. Kalani says that the homeless encampments create impediments along the sidewalks of Veteran Avenue to Dorothy/Venice Blvd (zone 6). She also says the condition of sidewalks on Barrington/McLaughlin are deplorable.
3. Motion to approve Minutes of Previous Meetings (5-10 minutes)  
Michelle Krupkin made the motion, Adriana De La Cruz seconded. Without objection the October 2020 minutes were passed.
4. Special Orders
  - a. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartosouf, shares Mar Vista related mobility issues.  
During the first Outreach meeting for the Downtown MV Beautification Project (DMVBP) on Oct 29 2020 a survey was shared and later distributed via social media and websites. A YouTube link is available to view the meeting on the website. Michelle shared links and screens of survey and rsvp links for the November 22 2020 meeting. They hope to receive feedback by tomorrow. Results will be tabulated and they will prioritize the feedback of the community. Feedback will be shared at the Farmers Market meeting on November 22nd. Online engagement tools will also be shared.

Bike share is moving forward with installation to transition to older generation electric assist bikes from Mar Vista to Venice. (Anti-theft technology that consists of no on-bike GPS, no checkout system, requirement for bikes to be docked at a physical docking station verses random locations). They are actively lobbying for expansion of the program into West LA (Sawtelle Neighborhood Council area- North of the Bundy Expo line station) to promote usage of the expo line. They will do outreach in that area before any installation takes place. Targeting (senior center, library, stoner park, YMCA). April Peterson suggests that University HS students be prioritized with a Metro Bike Station near the YMCA that is near Uni High as the students take the bus and Metro to school. She has a contact with the Uni HS principal that she will share with Alek for outreach.

Al Fresco program: Councilmember Bonin put forward a motion to extend the program originally expiring December 31 2020 by 6 months. LA City Council passed a motion to allocate 2 million

additional Covid-19 Pandemic relief funding from the CARE Act Federal funding for Al Fresco to be distributed through all 15 council districts. The money would go towards possible parking lane closures and parklets. There is a waiting list. Businesses are invited to apply. LA City Council is trying to prioritize partnering with minority owned businesses. There is a lot of interest from Venice and West LA. In Mar Vista, applications from businesses located on Grand View Blvd. require special considerations due to the MV Farmers market.

Alek stated that Slow Streets program ran out of money- no more applications are being accepted citywide.

Kalani brought up concerns that encampments will disrupt the efficacy of al fresco program in the Grandview area. The security and peace of patrons should also be prioritized. Alek said that Al Fresco essentially focuses on providing materials for the seating accommodations, not necessarily cleanliness and security. The CD11 office is aware of the homeless encampments and CD11 Field Deputy Vishesh is working to address those concerns.

Michelle asked about a gate track that was being installed on the city sidewalk on the Venice Blvd. side of the parking lot for the USPS Mar Vista Post office Station, Alek had no information about it.

Stakeholder Terrie asked if the MV Farmers Market can be moved further south, closer to schools to avoid disrupting the restaurants. Alek is optimistic that LADOT can find a solution that can avoid that while accommodating farmers markets and business needs. COVID-19 PANDEMIC prohibits seating sections at farmers markets.

- b. Continued discussion and possible action regarding input on the Mobility Element of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update. (15 minutes) No updates. (Waiting for WRAC ride sharing motion)

#### 5. Reports (15 Minutes)

- a. Subcommittee Reports
  - i. Great Streets Committee (last meeting 10/14/20) See New Business
  - ii. Mobility Committee (last meeting 2/24/20) No report from Rob Kadota, who was not in attendance.
- b. Bi-Monthly Mar Vista CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic External City Committee Report- last meeting 8/26/2020, minutes posted at <http://www.marvista.org/docs/34486204-11187.pdf>. Albert Olson via email stated that the October 2020 meeting did not take place due to lack of stakeholder requests. In lieu of meeting, City staff provided Albert with updates via email on continuing Old Business items from previous meetings that are still being resolved by LADOT. These updates have been posted to the website. The next meeting will be the third Wednesday of December. The stop sign request for Matteson and Wade was previously made by Krishna Curry, but was not included in the requests list. Krishna will follow up with Alek for LADOT updates. The LADOT portal has been closed for requests since COVID pandemic. Requests take 8-12 months from initiation of requests.
- c. LADWP Committees Report - Adriana de la Cruz (Read from her report – see 6b Supplemental Materials) <https://www.marvista.org/docs/34486239-11444.pdf>
- d. StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council - Adriana de la Cruz (Read from her report – see 6b Supplemental Materials) <https://www.marvista.org/docs/34486239-11444.pdf>  
Kalani asked about what LADWP is doing about growing drought conditions. Adriana- said that brown water would be converted to grey water for hydrating parks. Desalinization strategies being explored but they are very expensive. Water runoff infrastructure projects are being considered. She will provide information regarding the efforts at the next meeting.  
Adriana discussed the following items from her written report (available in the November Supplemental Documents online on the MVCC Transportation & Infrastructure Committee page):  
1. Equity Dept.: The meeting in October discussed several items, the new equity department. Discussion of the new Equity Department at the City and implementation of the considerations of increasing the directives within the Bureau.

2. Parking enforcement - possible to have tickets written during Covid-19 Pandemic waived. Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  3. Tree inventory taking place Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  4. LA 311 App recently updated/improved
  5. Mia Lehrer was confirmed as a new member of the LA Board of Water & Power Commissioners.
  6. Low-Income LA Residents Affected by COVID Pandemic Can Apply for \$500 Grant between November 2 – 15. Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  7. Beware of scammers. Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  8. October was National Energy Awareness Month
  9. Student engineer program. Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  10. LADWP sharing virtual leaning. Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  11. LADWP crews washed transmission tower insulators. Link for more info in Supplemental Documents report.
  12. Daylight saving time reminder
- April Peterson asked Adriana if infrastructure needs are being considered for pending density increases in LA City planning updates. Adriana will provide an answer next month.

- e. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Transportation Committee (NCSA TC) - Michelle Krupkin. Michelle attended the zoom meeting but missed the beginning of the meeting. Lindsay Sturman did a slideshow presentation on the possible future of a more bike-centric world and the effects that will have on climate change, livability, and household budgets.

The proposed Aerial Tram from Hollywood to Griffith Park was discussed. Many environmental groups including Friends of Griffith Park and Sierra Club oppose the tram for wildlife related reasons. Both CD4 candidates, Ryu and Ramen, oppose it, so it doesn't appear to be a pressing matter at this moment. NCSA TC was asked to weigh in on this proposed tram, but have declined to do so until the feasibility study is complete. If it connects to a transit station and alleviates traffic, or gives the committee an opportunity to weigh in on shuttles in the park and limiting cars -- especially if this could apply to other city parks -- then NCSA TC will do so.

Parking Cashout: Lisa Hart and Nancy Matson are continuing to hound council members and agencies to promote this already-existing rule, which requires employers to pay employees for giving up their parking spaces if they provide them to other employees. It applies only to employers who lease their buildings and have parking spots not bundled with the lease, about 3% of employers, but that applies to tens of thousands of people, and opens up the conversation about debundling commercial real estate and parking. I will attempt to create some social media ready promotion for this.

Making Slow Streets Permanent: Adriane Hoff will write a paragraph to add to CISs requesting staffing at existing Slow Streets locations so that the signs are not laying in the street and to promote safety. We also learned that Waze now recognizes existing Slow Streets and does not direct drivers through them on their app, so these streets serve as even more of a traffic calming measure.

Motion to support transit oriented communities and low-income housing is in the process of being drafted by the NCSA TC. Michelle noted that the MVCC already passed a motion regarding this and already submitted a CIS to LA City Council.

Protected bikes lines were discussed (Michael Snider of StreetsForAll and Mid City West NC Transportation Committee). Snider alleges that the road diet did not affect business. Michelle Krupkin vehemently challenged that position as over 30 Mar Vista Venice Blvd. businesses were affected and either moved off Venice Blvd. or closed permanently, going out of business after the May 2017 implementation of the road design/diet, including legacy businesses that had been in Mar Vista on Venice Blvd for decades. Meeting was adjourned.

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6. Old Business (10 minutes)
  - a. Discussion and possible action regarding a Parking Demand Study. **No update**
  - b. Continued discussion and possible action regarding input on the Mobility Element of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update. **Waiting for WRAC ride sharing motion and other info.**
  - c. Motions for opposing Permanent Slow Streets and Community Plan Update (including mobility/infrastructure recommendations, and request for COVID-19-related delay of final passage and implementation) Motion regarding making Slow Streets permanent: Ryu **CF-20-0838**. PASSED by MVCC BOD at 9/8/2020 meeting, CIS letter pending. **CIS was already sent.**
  - d. Motion regarding Sign Ordinance. Motion passed by committee, not discussed at 9/8/2020 MVCC BOD meeting, Motion passed at 10/13/20 MVCC Board of Directors meeting. **No update. Need input from Stacy Shure and Ken Alpern, who brought this motion to the committee.**
7. New Business (45 minutes)
  - a. Motion (from Great Streets) MVCC supports the segment of Pacific Ave. between Inglewood Blvd. and Grandview Blvd. to be considered for StreetsLA Cool Streets project as it is a vital part of the Mar Vista Farmer's Market area, which is key to Great Street Venice Blvd. **Michelle brought the motion, Krishna seconded. Adriana talks about qualifying and said that StreetsLA didn't consider Mar Vista because priority was given to areas of the Valley. She mentioned that a street being considered for COOL streets is a long process, possibly taking 8-10 years maybe sooner. MOTION passes as written - will go to BoD agenda for Nov 10 2020.**
  - b. Motion (from Great Streets). MVCC requests a formal update from LADOT and other relevant city agencies of past expenditures and total monies remaining to date in the relinquishment fund of \$14.5 Million created when Caltrans relinquished Venice Blvd. in September 2016 to LA City (Council File No. 16-0147, Council File No. 15-0002-S48) **The money is supposed to be used to elevate operation level of Venice BLVD to a "state of good repair."** Great streets motion requests a formal update from LADOT regarding use of this money. Motion seconded by Krishna. Ken Alpern agrees. Motion passes without objection, and will go to BoD agenda for Nov 10 2020.
  - c. LAWA Presentation to be considered for the December 8 BoD meeting. Brief update from Michelle Krupkin. **Michelle spoke with Stephanie Sampson of LAWA about currently slowed state of Metro station (namely Crenshaw line connecting to LAX) construction. Metro hasn't started construction of the Metro station to the people mover, now targeted to open in October of 2021. In 2019 LAX was the 3rd busiest airport in the world had 88 million passengers Rate of passengers traveling through LAX was down 96% at one point, now down 70% in 2020. LAX was the 1st US airport to do a temperature screening pilot program earlier this year, but not in effect currently. Screened 50K Tom Bradley and Terminal 2 passengers, flagged 250 but those people didn't turn out to have a fever (false alert). 99% of people passing through had no alert. On site Covid-19 rapid testing locations to open in November 2020. Currently have 350 hand sanitizer stations, UV lights and Electrostatic sprayer for cleansing. Badged Employees to be tested every 2 weeks via a self-monitor app or temp check stations. Stephanie plans to do a presentation, but needs time to revise and update it before the December board meeting.**
  - d. Discussion of ramifications and effects, and possible motion for, removing vehicle lanes on Venice Blvd. Road Diet between Sepulveda and Robertson Blvds. within the Palms NC boundaries. **Kalani gave an update that this item appears to be on hold due to Nathan Pope, Palms NC Transportation Committee Chair resigning and moving to Colorado. Also two other people left Palms NC including Andrew Huff -(Venice Ad Hoc committee) who resigned due to outside matters.**
  - e. Discussion of decreased Metro ridership and funding, as well as possible motion. **Ken and Kalani shared concerns regarding COVID-19 risks decreasing ridership thus creating a necessity for reconsidering use of those funds. Low-income people formerly used mass transit the most and now cannot. Their needs have changed; therefore the allocation of the funds should be reconsidered.**

## 8. Public Comment

There was a discussion about homeless encampments in MV and how they may impact outside dining. Additional discussion about the 10/29/20 Online Downtown MV Beautification Project (DMVBP) workshop, homeless comments in the chat of the webinar, the recent fire under the 405 in the homeless encampment.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) (Inouye) - Discussion and possible Community Council File 14-1349-S1. **Not discussed.**
- b. Inviting the Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment to speak about recycling at an MVCC meeting (Hruska). <https://mobile.twitter.com/lacitysan/status/1214343931728551936> Adriana will investigate requesting a rep from LAS&E for January 7 2021 T&I meeting.
- c. Future considerations of benefits of the LANow shuttle pilot project versus dedicated DASH line(s). **Not discussed. Possibly for December agenda**

## 10. Adjournment 9:48 pm

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