

Mar Vista Community Council
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray
Tuesday, May 25th, 7-9:30 PM
Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Room 240

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7 pm by CoChair Chuck Ray
2. In attendance were Challis Macpherson, Geoffrey Forgione, Sharon Commins, Linda Guagliano, Alex Thompson, Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without objection.
4. Report on Recent MVCC Board Actions relating to T & I motions
There were no new motions presented at the last board meeting.
5. T & I Related Committee Reports
 - a. MVCC Liaison LADOT/CD11/LAPD Bi-Monthly Traffic Committee Meeting – Linda Guagliano
Actions at the last meeting on May 12th were discussed:
 - The LADOT will study the intersection of Bundy and Ocean Park to see if the signal timing can be improved for southbound traffic on Bundy.
 - A new City ordinance is being prepared to restrict the parking of oversized vehicles on residential streets. The ordinance will specify overall size not just length or width.
 - The LADOT stated that the request to extend the delay on the signal at Rose Ave. and Centinela will not be honored because the signal is now set at the city standard of 1.6 seconds. The LADOT may consider extending the time for the yellow signal, now set at 3.9 seconds.
 - Mo stated that he believes the STOP sign installation at Inglewood Blvd. and Victoria Ave. is part of the LADOT-NTM Plan but will re-check it confirm.
 - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee – Chuck Ray
 - The last DWP committee meeting was held on Saturday, May 1st just prior to the meeting of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) meeting. A motion on the governance of the LADWP was presented and passed unanimously by the committee and, later, by the LANCC. A similar motion is later on this agenda.
 - On May 13th, four neighborhood council activists, Tony Wilkinson, Jack Humpreville, Solidad Garcia and Chuck Ray, met with Mr. Austin Beutner, the new interim General Manager of the LADWP. Mr. Beutner reiterated his position that the department needs greater transparency in its operations. He stated that his top priority is getting a permanent General Manager for the department. Mr. Beutner plans to have a new budget available by June 1st. He offered to have the neighborhood council representatives meet with him again to go over this new budget.
 - c. CD 11 Transportation Committee – Ken Alpern
Representatives from METRO and Kiewit gave a presentation on the Sunset Boulevard segment of the I405 widening project. The Sunset Blvd Bridge will be widened from two lanes in each direction to three lanes and also lengthened to accommodate the freeway widening. The project will take 20 months. Special efforts will be made to insure the impact on the community is minimized. The contractor is heavily incentivized to meet or undercut the time line. Tiger teams are established to minimize traffic situations. There are tow

vehicles in reserve for emergencies. The signage will be improved along Sunset to alert drivers of the state of the bridge.

The LA Planning Department's initiative to streamline the processes of the department was discussed.

- d. CD 11 Scattergood Olympic Line 1 Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Oversight Team– Chuck Ray
The LADWP is still working on their EIR plan.

6. Old Business

a. Pending developments

1. Bundy – Olympic Village Medical Center

There was a discussion of both sides, in support and opposed to the project. The MVCC has gone on record in opposition to the scale of the project. Sharon Commins is on the CD 11 working group trying to down size the project. The councilmember has stated that he would like the project to have a senior housing component and to reduce the trip generating commercial space. There are no bike amenities in the project. The Planning Department's report will go to the City Council's PLUM within 30 days. This project uses up all the mitigation room in the area. No further developments would be able to have mitigations.

2. CASDEN 11115 Exposition Bl. Project

This project is on hold waiting for the EXPO Line Phase II final EIR. That is expected in the next 3 -6 months. This project will have a great deal of parking to accommodate passengers on the EXPO line.

3. Red Mountain 3115 Sepulveda Blvd Project

Sharon Commins reported that Christopher Koontz, planning deputy on the CD5 staff, stated that the developer has lost property to the bank. There is no information about the bank's plans for the property.

- b. Motion requested by Marlene Marcus and Challis Macpherson of Venice in support a street signal array at the intersection of Palms and Lincoln.

The Mar Vista Community Council concurs with the proposal by the Venice Mobility Action Committee (VMAC), supported and approved by the Venice NC and Del Rey NC boards, that the City of Los Angeles and the State of California jointly fund the upgrade of the of Palms and Lincoln intersection to a full traffic signal intersection, including a crosswalk cycle that allows time for all pedestrians to cross both streets.

Passed unanimously

- c. LADWP Governance motion

At last month's meeting a proposed motion on LADWP governance was tabled in order to provide greater clarity. The proposed motion has been rewritten as follows:

Policy Motion:

Whereas, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is seeking a series of increases in electricity rates to achieve a total increase of 2.7 cents per kilowatt hour and

Whereas, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has not provided for timely and appropriate engagement in stakeholder review regarding the rate increases, nor has the LADWP demonstrated transparency in its rate requests to any of its customers at this time of extreme financial hardship and

Whereas the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition (LANCC) at its meeting on May 1, 2010 voted unanimously to support six of the eight motions presented to the Los Angeles City Council by Councilmember Smith of Council District 12 on April 7, 2010,

Be it resolved that,

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the enactment of the following City Council Motions:

1. ***Council File 10-0851 – Pension Vesting after five years***
2. ***Council File 10-0852 – Removal of the LADWP General Manager with a 2/3's vote of the City Council***
3. ***Council File 10-0853 – Removal of a Commissioner with a 2/3's vote of the City Council***
4. ***Council File 10-0855 – Rate Increases and Pass Throughs Approved by the City Council***

5. ***Council File 10-0856 – Change the Composition of the Board of Commissioners to Include two Appointed by the Mayor, two Appointed by the City Council and one Elected by the Neighborhood Councils***
6. ***Council File 10-0857 – Approval of the DWP Annual Budget by the City Council***

If passed by the MVCC Board, this motion should be sent to the members of the City Council Energy and the Environment Committee and Councilmember Rosendahl with a request that it be included in each of the Council Files mentioned in the motion.

Passed unanimously

7. New Business (with potential motions)

There was a discussion of Farmers Market Booth duty and other staffing of the T&I committee. Some of the meeting attendees volunteered to assist with the chores of the committee. Chuck express the hope that agencies like the DWP, METRO, Caltrans, LADOT, etc. could be persuaded to make presentations at the T&I Committee meetings.

8. Public Comment

Discussion of pedestrian and bicycling improvements in 30/10 proposition R plans.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment was at 8:35 pm