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Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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1.

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)		Alyson Wilson	
Evan Corrigan (Co-Chair)		Selena Inouye	
Elizabeth Clay		James Murez (ex-officio)	

2. 07:00pm – Call to Order and Roll Call
3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Parking and Transportation Committee only

Old Business: *(carried over from prior meetings)*

OLD BUSINESS

4. COMMUNITY PLAN AND LAND USE/SPECIFIC PLANS

- a. Item for discussion and possible action:** Discussion of these plans, their impact on Venice, and development of new plans by the city. To discuss status of new community plan and format and manner of input into the community plan.
Community Plan - https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b1ce0423-e344-4dc1-8dfe-3f493eaddf6c/Venice_Community_Plan.pdf; Land Use Plan - <https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/d0a7f30b-87c1-430e-8415-5b5e30d230e7/venluptxt.pdf>
- b. Public Comment:**
- c. Committee Discussion:**
- d. Possible Motion:**

NEW BUSINESS

5. VENICE BLVD MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- a. Item for Discussion:** General discussion for Venice stakeholders to give their input into the design of the project, for the PTC to relay to LADOT/CD11
- b. Public Comment:**
- c. Committee Discussions:**
- d. Possible Motion:**

6. GENERAL LINCOLN BLVD IMPROVEMENTS

- a. Item for Discussion:** Changes are coming to Lincoln Blvd. The relinquishment from CalTrans and repaving and re-organization of Lincoln Blvd during the Lincoln Fast Forward initiative, presents an opportunity to add in green elements that promote walkability and further increase commuter safety, whatever the mode. Housing and development is also just starting on Lincoln Blvd. Density bonuses, state mandates and incentives will accelerate this transition.

Through these changes, the community has demonstrated a strong interest in the reimagining of Lincoln Boulevard and developing a cohesive plan for its future. This includes some of the following points:

- Under-grounding power lines / poles to decrease visual blight and allow for large and beneficial trees to be planted.
- Reduce Barriers to Pedestrian Access and Comfort
- Maintain and Improve Vehicle Flow
- Improve and Diversify Landscaping and Tree Canopy
- Enhance Transit Ridership and Efficiency

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

7. ABBOT KINNEY TRAFFIC CALMING

- a. Item for Discussion:** Traffic slowing on Abbot Kinney between Venice and Washington.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

- d. Possible Motion:** Whereas, for months, members of the community living adjacent to Abbot Kinney Blvd, between Venice and Washington Blvd, have urgently reached out to the PTC requesting traffic calming measures, improved bike infrastructure, and a safer crosswalk and a sidewalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd, the PTC recommends the VNC approves suggestions of safety improvement measures in this corridor, including:

I. Raising the crosswalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.

II. The filling in of extraneously wide / slip lanes and addition of painted continental crosswalks at the following intersections of Abbot Kinney Blvd, in the following order

of priority: Washington Way, Woodlawn Ave., Angelus Pl. and Crestmoore Pl.

III. The request for a boundary survey on the east side of the Marr St (just south of Abbot Kinney) to study the possible addition of a sidewalk.

IV. The addition of a striped, painted, and buffered, protected or unprotected bike lane.

In addition, the PTC recommends that the VNC distribute these suggestions to CD11 and LADOT alongside a CIS.

e. Possible Presentation Evan Corrigan

8. METRO BIKE SHARE SITING

a. Item for Discussion: Metro Bike Share has a few stations in storage that they are attempting to site. They are interested in siting a station on Venice Blvd at Walgrove Ave, coordinates 33.997244554242585, -118.44672894067506, next to the existing red curb in the street. This station will close a gap between the two existing stations along Venice Blvds at Beethoven St and Lincoln Blvd, a current distance of almost a mile.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

e. Possible Presentation by LADOT

9. SUPPORT ENDING AUTOMATIC STREET DEDICATIONS

a. Item for Discussion: The draft motion (City Council file 22-1476) moves that City Council instruct the BOE in consultation with City Planning and LADOT to recommend a reform of Right-of-Way Dedication process. This process has often been mis-interpreted as a Roadway Dedication by the Bureau of Engineering and has forced “spot widenings” throughout Los Angeles which have caused unnecessary hardship on developers and diminished the quality of our streetscapes. In fact, the City’s General Plan Mobility Element and the Complete Streets Design Guide are two policies that outline exceptions to the roadway dedication policy. Unfortunately, “spot widenings” have prevailed for too long, and continue to marginalize sidewalks and emphasize vehicle travel irrespective of legal authority.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

Refers to City Council file 22-1476

VNC PTC recommends Venice NC supports ending automatic street dedications, as present in Council File 22-1476 for the following reasons:

- Spot widening leads to poorly designed, incoherent streets
- Spot widening often converts greenery to impermeable asphalt.
- Widening can add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the cost of a housing development, as it may include utility relocation, moving street lights and signal boxes, and tree replanting.

10. RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE EXISTING OVO SIGNS

a. Item for Discussion: Enforcing existing oversized vehicle ordinance posted signage.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

WHEREAS, oversize vehicle regulations are currently in place on some of the Venice streets defined by Section 1 of Ordinance 181413; and

WHEREAS, parking enforcement currently requires stakeholders to call during the enforcement hours of 2am to 6am

THEREFORE, the VNC requests that the council office either directs parking enforcement to enforce OVO signs within Venice during the hours of 2am to 6am without the need of residents to call in, or to allow stakeholders to call outside of enforcement hours to request enforcement during enforcement hours.

11. RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT VENICE OVERSIZE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

a. Item for Discussion: Resolution to Implement Venice Oversize Vehicle Ordinance

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

WHEREAS, in November, 2010, the Los Angeles City Council prohibited the overnight parking of oversize vehicles; i.e., over 22 feet in length or 7 feet in height during the hours of 2am to 6am, with the passage of Ordinance 181413 (Venice Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO)) in Venice in the area described in Section 1 of said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance may be enforced on those streets where the appropriate signs stating the prohibition have been installed; and

WHEREAS, "The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) shall place signs giving notice of the parking prohibition that is established in Section 1 of the Ordinance upon receipt of a letter signed by the Council member of the Eleventh Council District identifying the street segments located in" Venice; and

WHEREAS, a petition from residents or property owners is not required by said ordinance for installation of the signs; and

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council is the elected representative of the residents of Venice and routinely speaks for the Venice community on various matters, including traffic, parking, and community safety; and

WHEREAS, several areas of Venice continue to suffer from harm from the 24/7 presence of oversize vehicles; e.g, loss of street parking for residents, beachgoers, and retail patrons, parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas, overtaking of adjacent sidewalks, trash and debris left by oversize vehicle owners, and draining of untreated sewage to storm drains, and directly to Venice Beach during rains;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon Councilmember Traci Park to issue to the LADOT letters directing the installation of the required signage to effectuate the prohibition of oversize vehicles from parking from 2 to 6 AM on all Venice streets as defined by Section 1 of Ordinance 181413 , commercial and residential, that do not now have such signs, to accomplish the underlying objective of the OVO ordinance.

e. Possible Presentation by Mark Ryavec and Nico Ruderman

12. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

13. ADJOURN

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