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

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(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

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(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL 6:33

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)		Elizabeth Clay	
		Selena Inouye	
Alyson Wilson		Brian Averill (ex-officio)	



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APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting. **Comment Taken**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. General discussion and possible action regarding protected bike lanes on Washington BLVD west of Oxford.

a. **Item description:**

This item was previously heard and supported by the PTC. At the Board hearing, it was sent back to committee for additional outreach to be done by Marshall.

b. **Public Comment:**

Committee discussion:

c. **Motion:**

The VNC supports the creation of protected bike lanes along Washington Blvd, west of Oxford to Dell Ave as proposed by the surrounding neighbors to increase bicycle safety, reducing illegal RV parking and vehicular speeding. This proposal would include no tradeoffs in parking and travel lanes by swapping the existing bike lanes with parking.

Communication to be sent to CD11 and LADOT

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- d. Maker__
Seconded__
Vote: (__ Yes / __ No / __ Abstained / __ Recused / __ Ineligible)

NEW BUSINESS:

2. General discussion and possible action regarding 24/7 Bus only lane on Lincoln Blvd.

- a. **Item description:**
Cal Trans is currently exploring options for dedicated bus lanes along Lincoln Blvd. One option being considered is 24/7 bus only lanes, which could have a devastating impact on local businesses and services.
- b. **Public Comment:**
Committee discussion:
- c. **Motion:**
Whereas Lincoln Blvd. is a home to many local businesses and service providers that rely on street parking for their customers, the VNC opposes Cal Trans plans for 24/7 bus only lanes along Lincoln Blvd. in Venice.
- d. Maker__
Seconded __
Vote: (__ Yes / __ No / __ Abstained / __ Recused / __ Ineligible)
- e. Communication to be sent to CD11 and LADOT and CalTrans
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3. General discussion and possible action regarding crosswalks at Riviera and Windward.

- a. **Item description:**
Crosswalks at Riviera and Windward



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b. Public Comment:
Committee discussion:

c. Motion:

The VNC supports the installation of crosswalks at Riviera and Windward, for the purpose of increasing public safety around the post office.

d. Communication to be sent to CD11 and LADOT

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e. Maker_
Seconded_
Vote: (☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Abstained / ☐ Recused / ☐ Ineligible)

4. Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program

a. Item description:

Refers to City Council file 22-1154-S1

The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the interactive digital kiosk program, because it would:

- 1) allow installation of hundreds of 8 to 9 foot tall two-sided digital advertising kiosks on sidewalks through the City, which WRAC previously opposed in January 2023 (<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WRAC-Letter-re-IKE-program.pdf>), and
- 2) directly compete with, and undermine, the success of the City's Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and other community benefit programs that the City and its transit riders rely upon to provide much-needed shade, shelter, transit information and public service announcements.

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1154-S1>

b. Public Comment:
Committee discussion:

c. Motion:



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The VNC file a CIS in opposition to the IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program, City Council file 22-1154-S1

Communications also to be sent to CD11 and LADOT

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- d. Maker_
Seconded_
Vote: (☐ Yes / ☐ No / ☐ Abstained / ☐ Recused / ☐ Ineligible)

5. Postpone Caltrans Repaving Project on the 405

a. Item description:

Link: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/postpone-caltrans-repaving-project-on-the-405/>

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Background-Information-405-Repaving.pdf>

- b. Public Comment:
Committee discussion:

c. Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urgently requests that Caltrans delay the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavementrehabilitation-project>) until after:

- 1) All lanes of Pacific Coast Highway are reopened, and
- 2) All Palisades fire debris removal is complete.



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The VNC believes that this delay is reasonable given that the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation project is scheduled to take four years, and we ask that Caltrans accommodate this important request.

The VNC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a resolution in Council to effectuate this request on behalf of the City.

- d. Maker____
Seconded ____
Vote: (____ Yes / ____ No / ____ Abstained / ____ Recused / ____ Ineligible)

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6. 1) Amend LAMC 56.15-No Riding E-Bicycles on Sidewalks

- a. **Item description:**
Cal Trans is currently exploring options for dedicated bus lanes along Lincoln Blvd. One option being considered is 24/7 bus only lanes, which could have a devastating impact on local businesses and services.
- b. **Public Comment:**
Committee discussion:
- c. **Motion:**

The VNC shall send the following letter, requesting that LAMC 56.15 be amended as follows:

The Venice Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians.

To accomplish this objective, the VNC supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (*additions in italics/underlined*):



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1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)

2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard. (Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)

3. No person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or unicycle use, any bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, electric bicycle (e-bike) or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)

VNC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above.

d. Maker____
Seconded ____
Vote: (____ Yes / ____ No / ____ Abstained / ____ Recused / ____ Ineligible)

e. Communication to be sent to CD11 and LADOT and CalTrans

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