

WLASNC Board FY 2022-2023

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**WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting -- Agenda
Wed., Nov. 30, 2022 -- 7:00 PM**

Video Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86290121637>

Meeting ID: 862 9012 1637 (and press #)

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All items on the agenda are subject to discussion, possible action and filing of a Community Impact Statement to the Office of the City Clerk.

1. Call to Order: Board is 15 members, 9 are required for quorum.
2. Administrative: This is a regular meeting, not a special meeting, because it is held at its regularly scheduled time (per DONE's virtual meeting requirements).
 - a. Minutes: Oct. 26 meeting - recording:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ kQXbzALFWIV8EIB95EOB9pA2UEZzG5ZBRq2_KRYfe1e8npP5Vq3slb7Mhyo0wZB.St1wvEZiOwwLiFz9?startTime=1666836094000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kQXbzALFWIV8EIB95EOB9pA2UEZzG5ZBRq2_KRYfe1e8npP5Vq3slb7Mhyo0wZB.St1wvEZiOwwLiFz9?startTime=1666836094000)
 - b. MERS: April and Oct. (Monthly Expenditure Reports).
 - c. Vacant Board seat - South East: Resignation of Arman Ghorbani (Nov. 7).
 - i. Nomination and appointment of candidates: David Swartz.
 - d. Motion: Authorize WLASNC to participate in the SPA 5 homeless count for Los Angeles in 2022.
 - e. Monthly profile: Cornerstone training (see Exhibit at end of Agenda).
 - f. Legislative updates from DONE:
 - i. Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hWqWBCnVcBEKsn8AXeXJ9i2g_MbSTjrW
3. General Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum).
4. Government/Agency/Community Partner updates:
 - a. Mayor Eric Garcetti: West Area field deputy - Lisa Payne.
Lisa.Payne@LACity.org - (213) 320-8205.
Westside info/events: <https://sites.google.com/lacity.org/westarea/>
 - b. Council District #11-Mike Bonin: Planning Deputy - Jason Douglas, WLA Field Deputy - Noah Fleishman.
Jason.P.Douglas@LACity.org , Noah.Fleishman@LACity.org
 - c. Dept. of Transportation-Claire Eberle: Slow Streets update
Claire.Eberle@LACity.org .
 - d. Supervisor District #3-Sheila Kuehl: Field Deputy - Zachary Gaidzek,
ZGaidzik@BOS.LACounty.gov
 - e. State Assembly District #30-Sydney Kamlager: Field Representative - Josef Siroky, Josef.Siroky@ASM.CA.gov
 - f. State Assembly District #54-Isaac Bryan: Field Representative - Michelle Persoff, Michelle.Persoff@ASM.CA.gov
 - g. U.S. House of Representatives-Ted Lieu: Representative - Janet Turner
Janet.Turner@Mail.House.gov
 - h. Police Dept.: Senior Lead Officer James Lavenson - 30627@lapd.online
 - i. Citizens Forestry Advisory Council (Urban Forestry): CD11 representative- Isabelle Duvivier.
 - j. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: John Darnell

John.Darnell@LACity.org

- k. DWP: Deborah Hong - Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com .
- l. Website for affordable units: <https://LAHousing.LACity.org/AAHR>
- 5. Ex parte communications: J. Ross - conferred with Aimee Luan, Craig Lawson & Associates, 11540 Santa Monica Blvd.
- 6. Officer Reports: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.
- 7. Discussion and possible motion: New West Charter School - possible violations of CUP for operations (vehicle pickup and dropoff).
- 8. Presentation and possible motion: Serve Robotics personal delivery service.
 - a. Representative: David Meraz, Pacific Cove Strategies.
- 9. Motion: Support for United to House L.A. Citizens ballot initiative. David Levitus, Kath Rogers, Savanah Walseth (ACLU), representatives. (NC may not take positions on ballot initiatives.)
 - a. Information:
 - b. <https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/united-to-house-la-los-angeles-housing-homelessness-real-estate-tax-5-million-election-november-ballot-measure>
 - c. https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/movela/pages/1677/attachments/original/1639683798/United_to_House_L.A._Measure_Summary_12.15.21.pdf?1639683798
- 10. Motions:
 - a. CF #22-1189, Elected Officials / Martinez, de Leon and Cedillo / Offensive Misconducts / Racist and Hateful Comments / City Charter / Immediate Resignation Demand: Resolves that Councilmembers Martinez, De Leon and Cedillo are censured for their conduct and statements during the referenced meeting of October 2021, and the demands their resignation.
 - b. CF #22-1192, Removed from Office / Select New Council President / Vacant: Implements Council Rule 3, to hold an election to select a new Council President [Council enacted].
 - c. CF #22-1193, Replacement / Elect New Council President / Resigned from Office: Requests that the Council to hold an election pursuant to Council Rule 3, to fill the vacant office of Council President [Council enacted].
 - d. CF #22-1195, Racially Insensitive and Divisive Statements / Professional Conduct Failure / City Charter / Ground for Removal: Resolves pursuant to Charter 209, to censure Councilmembers Cedillo, DeLeon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, as reported in the media, which constitute a gross failure to conform with and meet the highest standards of personal and professional conduct [Council enacted].
 - e. CF #22-1197, New Ad Hoc Committee / City Government Reform / October 2021 Recordings Release / Transparency and Limit Corruption / Los Angeles Residents Trust: Calls for the Council to convene a new Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Reform, which will be charged with implementing reforms to increase transparency, limit corruption, and make leadership more representative of our communities with the aim of restoring the faith of the people of Los Angeles in their city government.
 - f. CF #22-1196, Charter Reform Ballot Initiative / Los Angeles 2024 / Population Growth / Major Immigrant Destination / Los Angeles City Council Seats / City Residents Representation: Instructs the Chief

Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Council Seats.

11. West L.A. Commons (civic center / courthouse re-development):

- a. Case #: City - CPC-2022-3679-DB-VCU-MCUP-SPR-HCA. VTT-83475. ENV-2022-1357-EAF. County - PRJ2022-000303, RPPL2022-000742.
- b. City and County will determine by February 2023 if they will enact design changes requested in NC resolution of June 29 (public park with grass and playground, and permanent skateboard facility).
- c. CD11 motion to create public amenities at Idaho Ave. parking lot.
- d. Info: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/prj2022-000303>
- e. EIR: Scoping meeting (Jun. 14):
 - i. Presentation: <https://youtu.be/fv0enzMvt8l>.
 - ii. Public testimony: https://youtu.be/zl2-E_stSuU
- f. Planners (for public comment):
 - i. L.A. City: Polonia Majas, Milena Zasadzien, Alan Como – Milena.Zasadzien@LACity.org Polonia.Majas@LACity.org
 - ii. L.A.County: Jolee Hui - JHui@Planning.LACounty.gov.

12. Committee Reports:

- a. Establishment of Education Committee:
 - i. Nomination of members and officers.
 - ii. Schedule first meeting.
 - iii. Scope of committee.
- b. Planning and Land Use Management (J. Ross, Chair).
 - i. 2450 S. Barrington Ave. apartments: Motion: Request for design changes to add trees, increase EV spaces and 1 moderate-income unit (in excess of low-income units that HCID requires).
 - ii. 11540 Santa Monica Blvd. (Santa Monica Kosher Market building). apartments: Motion: Request design changes.
 - iii. Motion: The NC requests that the City postpone the Housing Element’s proposed upzoning of our neighborhood until the zoning capacity is fully disclosed. Request that City use the State HCD handbook criteria that advocate fair housing and social justice goals, instead of the City’s current criteria, if upzonings are determined to be needed. Request that the City collaborate with the NC to analyze local demographics, and create a better upzoning (if warranted) that complies with fair housing and social justice goals.
 - iv. West L.A. Community Plan update:
 - 1. EIR Notice of Preparation will be released in the summer.
 - 2. Community Plan Advisory Board members selected : J. Ross (1 PLUM member per NC).
 - 3. Responses to conceptual land use suggestions will be in the Fall (based on last year’s community meetings).
- c. Homeless (J.Handal, Chair).
- d. Outreach and Communications (W.Chiu, Chair):

- i. Funding request: \$200 - Social media expanded to include NextDoor.com and EventBrite.
 - ii. Funding request: SquareSpace monthly fee increase from \$192 to \$228.
 - iii. Twitter account access is unknown.
 - iv. Email / paper newsletters.
 - v. Design for flyer with Farmers Market and distribution.
 - e. Budget Advocates (J.Handal, Chair).
 - i. Website: <https://www.BudgetAdvocates.org/reports>
 - f. DWP: Updates:
 - i. LA Equity 100 program (clean energy).
 - ii. EMF impacts from new high-power lines.
 - iii. Proposal to build new office building on Nebraska Ave.: Original proposal for 60-ft tall building to start CEQA review.
 - g. Public Safety (R.Migdal, Chair).
 - h. By-Laws (J.Ross, Chair):
 - i. Motion: Creation of a Standing Rule to announce and notice openings of Board seats via submittal of Special Agenda to DONE, posting to NC website, and posting to NC's active and existing social media within 7 days of Board meeting at which opening is disclosed (can be the same date as regularly scheduled Board meeting, as long as it is within 30 days of the disclosure of the opening).
 - 1. Only requirements are that notice is provided within 30 days of disclosure of opening, and consideration of applicants must be at next Board meeting. There is no requirement for the duration of the notice in the By-Laws.
 - 2. Justification: This policy of quicker notice will increase the time that the public receives notice and to submit applications for open seats.
 - i. Environmental (J.Ross, Chair) - N.C. Sustainability Alliance www.NCSA.LA (Phil Ganchev, representative): No update.
 - j. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Walton Chiu, Chair):
 - i. Nomination of members: Alexandra Polin, David Sanchez.
 - ii. Extend ad hoc committee to Mar. 2023.
 - iii. Motion: The NC shall host a Legislative and Data Workshop on the Housing Element Update led by Professor David Sanchez, prior to deliberating on City zoning policies, so that Board members and stakeholders can learn about the impact of the state laws passed since the previous cycle.
 - 1. These new state housing laws:
 - a. Impact the process by which the City will account for and the State will evaluate the Element's outcomes.
 - b. Detail data and disclosure obligations of the City and their impact on municipal funding.
 - c. Integrate civil rights and environmental justice.

- d. Extend the City’s zoning deadline until 2025.
- k. NC Elections (J.Ross, Chair):
 - i. NC website-Election folder: <https://tinyurl.com/4m89dnb2>
 - ii. City clerk: Naima Pulliam, Election Division (213) 978-0444.
 - 1. Email: Clerk.ElectionsNC@LACity.org
 - 2. Website: clerk.lacity.org/ncelections
 - iii. Candidate applications enrollment: Nov. 26 to Jan. 10.
 - iv. Candidate forum in March.
 - v. Election date: Sun., Mar. 26, 2023, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 - vi. Poll workers needed for Election Day (paid positions by City Clerk).
- 13. WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils): <https://westsidecouncils.com/>
 - a. Motion: Request that the City end the mistreatment of animals in its shelters, per Bel Air Beverly Crest NC letter. Request the reinstatement volunteers who were interviewed by the media and dismissed, establishment of an Animal Services Committee comprised of volunteers, request that the City commence its promised communications with NCs. Explain why media coverage was required to bring these poor conditions to the public.
 - i. Link: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-letter-re-mistreatment-of-animals-at-city-shelters/>
 - b. Homeless Committee (J.Handal, Chair).
 - i. Motion: NC supports CF 20-1376-S3 to amend LAMC 41.18 & 56.01 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing property on any street, sidewalk or other public-right-of-way within 500 ft. of library.
 - ii. Clerk:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1376-S3>
 - iii. Background:<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Background-Camping-Motion-Libraries-WRAC-1.pdf>
 - c. Land Use and Planning Committee (J.Ross, representative).
 - d. Transportation Committee (J.Ross, representative).
 - i. Motion: Support for speed limit reductions in Ordinance 187427, and to review them as part of regional improvements (i.e. traffic calming to prevent overflow traffic into neighborhoods).
 - 1. Link: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-positions-re-ordinance-187427-speed-limit-reductions/>
 - ii. Motion: Venice Blvd. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project - Oppose the installation of bicycle lanes and removal of 2 vehicle lanes, until a study is done to review vehicle traffic diverted to other streets and enact traffic calming to inhibit cut-through traffic (CF22-0694).
 - 1. Link: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/venice-blvd-improvements-project-concerns-withhold-support/>
 - 2. Clerk:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org//lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0694>
 - iii. Motion: Support for bus lane parking violations enforcement via bus cameras. City will hire two DOT staff to monitor cameras and issue citations (CF21-1224).

1. Link:
 2. Clerk: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1224>
 - iv. **Motion:** Opposition to IKE program, which proposes the installation of 300-500 8-ft. tall video kiosks on sidewalks for traffic/tourism information, which will show commercial advertisements when not in use (CF22-1154).
 1. Link:
 2. Clerk: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1154>
 - e. Public Safety (Ron Migdal, representative).
14. **General Public Comment:** Items not on the Agenda (1-minute minimum).
 15. Member announcements.
 16. Adjournment.

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- Website: www.WestLASawtelle.org (see Committees tab).

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https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3zce0mtjhjz9zk0/AADaYoJMX2Sgqsc5S1q7wIYca/2020/BOARD%20OF%20DIRECTORS/Board%20Meeting%2009.23.20?dl=0&subfolder_nav_tracking=1

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Attendance:

| West L.A. Sawtelle N.C. | Cancelled | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular | Special | Regular | Special | Regular | Regular | Regular | Special |
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| Meeting Attendance | <u>12/15/2021</u> | <u>1/26/2022</u> | <u>2/23/2022</u> | <u>3/23/2022</u> | <u>4/27/2022</u> | <u>5/25/2022</u> | <u>6/13/2022</u> | <u>6/22/2022</u> | <u>6/29/2022</u> | <u>7/27/2022</u> | <u>8/24/2022</u> | <u>9/28/2022</u> | <u>10/10/2022</u> |
| W. Chiu | -- | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| vacant (M. Rudnick) | -- | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | Yes | NO | NO | NO |
| G. Pindell | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | NO | Yes |
| A. Ghorbani | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | Yes | NO | NO | Yes | Yes | NO | NO |
| J. Shigematsu | -- | NO | NO | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| T. Temme | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| E. Zahedani | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | NO | NO | NO | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes |
| P. Tecon | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | NO | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| R. Migdal | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| A. Ransom | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| J. Handal | -- | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| M. Mejia | | | | | | | | | | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO |
| D. Torro | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | NO | NO | NO | NO | Yes | NO | NO |
| J. Ross | -- | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| J. Keeton | -- | NO | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | NO | Yes |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | no quorum | |

#2-D. Monthly profile (Oct. 31): Status of Boardmember trainings

Jamie Keeton completed Funding (Nov. 8).

Alexandra Polin completed all 3 (Nov. 7).

Board Members with Expired or Missing Mandatory Trainings

| First Name | Last Name | Board Seat | Ethics Expiration | Funding Expiration | Code of Conduct Expiration |
|------------|---------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Jay | Handal | Large Business Representative (2023) | 11/19/2023 | 8/1/2024 | 6/27/2024 |
| Jamie | Keeton | Organizational Representative (2023) | 6/27/2024 | 11/10/2022 | 8/11/2023 |
| Ron | Migdal | At-Large Representative (2023) | 10/23/2022 | 10/10/2024 | 1/27/2024 |
| Arman | Ghorbani | South East District Representative (2023) | | 11/29/2022 | 11/11/2023 |
| Jay | Ross | Organizational Representative (2023) | 2/14/2024 | 10/7/2024 | 11/2/2023 |
| Pierre | Tecon | At-Large Representative (2023) | 11/15/2022 | 11/7/2022 | 11/9/2022 |
| Galen | Pindell | South West District Representative (2023) | 12/23/2022 | 12/22/2022 | 12/22/2022 |
| Mollie | Rudnick | North East District Representative (2023) | 3/5/2023 | 3/4/2023 | 3/4/2023 |
| Ehsan | Zahedani | At-Large Representative (2023) | 12/11/2021 | 2/23/2024 | 2/23/2024 |
| Danilo | Torro | Small Business Representative (2023) | 10/10/2022 | 10/5/2022 | 10/5/2022 |
| Teri | Temme | At-Large Representative (2023) | 10/15/2024 | 2/9/2023 | 10/10/2024 |
| Adriane | Ransom | Small Business Representative (2023) | 3/8/2024 | 3/7/2024 | 3/7/2024 |
| Walton | Chiu | North West District Representative (2023) | 3/9/2024 | 3/7/2024 | 3/7/2024 |
| Monica | Mejia-Lambert | At-Large Representative (2023) | 9/7/2024 | 8/25/2024 | 9/6/2024 |

#12 WRAC: Request the end of mistreatment of animals and more support for volunteers at Animal Shelters

Motion: The _____ NC/CC strongly supports the sentiments, goals and requests made in the letter from Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council of August 10, 2022 to Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Koretz concerning the mistreatment of animals at City Shelters.

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Koretz,

Like most Angelenos, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council was appalled by the reports in the Los Angeles Times of mistreatment of animals in the care of the Department of Animal Services. The Department is understaffed and lacks skilled managerial leadership, and these shortcomings led to a profound breach of moral duty.

It is unfathomable how neither the PAAW Committee nor the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (made up of Mayor Garcetti’s appointees) gave any public indication of these problems and left it to a newspaper exposé and the honest words of volunteers to make these conditions known. Smaller news outlets have documented these conditions before, including animal living quarters overrun by rats.

BABCNC has a liaison appointed to coordinate with the Department of Animal Services, but the Department has not communicated with the NC for years even before the pandemic.

Further, volunteers who were indefinitely “suspended” after speaking to the media must be reinstated. Terminating highly-skilled volunteers of long-standing who run shelter programs such as dog playgroups, train other volunteers, and walk the more challenging dogs materially and seriously harms animals in the shelters. Retaliation against employee whistleblowers is illegal, and retaliation against volunteers is wrong and erodes trust in our City’s governance structures.

The City’s leadership should also consult with shelter volunteers on how to include them in solutions to the shelter system’s problems. One option is the formation of an “Animal Services Advisory Committee,” with representatives elected by the volunteers.

The animals, volunteers, and taxpayers deserve the ethical treatment that would be provided by a better-run department, and responsibility falls to you and your appointees.

BABCNC will engage with the Department directly. However, responsibility and a plan for action needs to be forthcoming from the Mayor’s Office.

Proposed by Robin Greenberg/BABCNC on August 15, 2022

Passed by (Passage deadline: November 2022)

- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Brentwood Community Council
- Del Rey Neighborhood Council
- Mar Vista Community Council
- South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Neighborhood Council

#12 WRAC: Support for Position re Ordinance 187427 (Speed Limit Reductions)

Motion: The _____ NC/CC supports the following position in regards to the recent adoption of Ordinance 187427 regarding speed limit reductions (CF [21-1223](#)):

1. Supports the action taken by the LA City Council on March 7, 2022 in passing Council File 21-1223 regarding Speed Limit Reductions.

2. Supports the efforts to reduce the speed limit by 5 mph on streets that were recently identified for 5 mph speed limit increases.
3. Requests that the City Council open a Council File to consider that future speed limit reductions be discussed and planned as neighborhood or regional traffic improvements rather than individual street improvements. These improvements should be coupled with traffic calming measures, such as compact traffic circles/mini roundabouts, restricted turns, curb extensions/bulb-outs, speed humps and tables, and diagonal diverters, half closures, full closures, and median barriers to reduce cut-through traffic.
4. Requests that the Council Offices engage the local Westside Councils in ongoing discussions about what additional streets should be considered for speed limit reductions, and establish a method for feedback to be submitted to LADOT.

Passed by (Passage deadline: December 2022)

- Pacific Palisades Community Council
- Westside Neighborhood Council (modified version)

#12 WRAC: Oppose bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Venice Blvd. until studies are done and traffic calming is installed

Motion: The _____ CC/NC is concerned that removing one vehicle lane in each direction on Venice Blvd. between Inglewood Blvd and National Blvd. will divert traffic onto adjacent local, collector and arterial streets.

Until the DOT conducts modeling studies to predict the volume of vehicular traffic that will be diverted, our Council withholds its support for Phase One of the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project (CF 22-0694).

The Councils directly affected are Venice, Mar Vista, Palms and South Robertson. The Councils which may be affected include Del Rey, WLA/ Sawtelle and Westside. WLASNC proposed amendments (J.Ross): This project will not significantly impact the WLASNC district area because of Venice Blvd’s relatively far location, 2 miles away from our district.

The ___ CC/NC supports this project, requests the installation of traffic calming facilities, and diverted traffic shall not be used as an excuse to oppose this project.

Background: The new Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project has highlighted the importance of project-specific data and studies, so that local and regional impacts of these projects can be identified, discussed and addressed.

Discussions about this new project began in 2020 at the Palms NC with CD5 Transportation Deputy Jay Greenstein and a representative from Streets for All. The WRAC MTC learned of not become in August 2022. This is despite having both CD5 and CD11 Transportation Deputies, Jay Greenstein and Eric Bruins at its June 2022 meeting regarding the Mobility Plan 2035.

LADOT has proposed only one design for this project, which features a car-protected bike lane and a dedicated bus lane on Venice Blvd. A road diet – the removal of one vehicle travel lane in each direction –will create the space to install this bike and bus lane. Phase One would extend the existing 0.8 mile road diet in Mar Vista eastward to a length of 4.0 miles.

LADOT’s presentations have not discussed the possible impacts a road diet on vehicle traffic currently traveling on Venice Blvd., including where drivers might redirect their trips due to traffic delays.

In addition, LADOT has not discussed the other bike and bus lanes configurations found in the Los Angeles' Complete Streets Design Guide, many of which would not require a road diet. [This statement cannot be verified, so it may be false. WRAC has not noted a specific cross-section that would work on Venice Blvd., and this is a general statement that cannot be backed up.]

According to Mar Vista, the Great Streets Venice Blvd. pilot project has resulted in drivers diverting their trips off the boulevard and onto local streets during peak travel times. LADOT's one-year evaluation of this project was limited to looking at the impacts on streets north of Venice Blvd to Palms Blvd. Mar Vista criticized it for studying too small of a geographic area.

A more comprehensive way to predict the regional effects is a computer modeling study. Fehr & Peers conducted a study in 2015 as part of the WLA Traffic Improvement and Mitigation Program (WLA TIMP) and Coastal Transit Corridor (CTC) specific plan updates. In Figure 12 - Dynamic Validation Test, a travel lane was removed from Washington Blvd. It shows the regional impact of removing that travel lane, within a 3-mile radius.

During LADOT's outreach meetings in July and September 2022, stakeholders asked about traffic being diverted off Venice Blvd. This question is not addressed in the project's FAQs. Stakeholders also asked how the road diet in downtown Culver City, would impact this Venice Blvd project. This concern is also not addressed in the project's FAQs. Additionally, Transportation Planner Pamela Lee stated that no modeling studies would be conducted for this new project.

Links:

LADOT Livable Streets Active Transportation/Mobility Plan 2035 Map:

<https://ladotlivablestreets.org/programs/active-transportation/maps>

LADOT Venice Blvd. Improvement project website:

<https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/venice>

Project FAQs:

<https://ladotlivablestreets-cms.org/uploads/859443e3fd224ea1a458fc594df7a27b.pdf>

City of Los Angeles Complete Streets Design Guide:

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/c9596f05-0f3a-4ada-93aa-e70bbde68b0b/Complete_Street_Design_Guide.pdf

Venice Boulevard Great Street One-Year Post-Project Evaluation December 2018:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/595fd8fa5016e119d794e4b1/t/5c1c0c3fcd836656561d106f/1545342048197/VeniceBlvd_1-Year_Report_FINAL_.pdf

DEIR, WLA TIMP/CTC Specific Plan Updates, Appendix F:

<https://planning.lacity.org/eir/CoastalTrans/deir/pdfs/appendixF.pdf>

#12 WRAC: Bus lane parking violations enforcement by bus cameras

Motion: The ___ NC/CC supports CF21-1224, which implements bus lane parking violations enforcement via bus cameras. City will hire two DOT staff to monitor cameras and issue citations (CF21-1224).

Background:

1. Traffic enforcement is for parking violations only (not moving violations, i.e. vehicles using the bus lane).
2. Two traffic officers (DOT staff) will be hired to monitor video feeds from bus cameras to issue parking citations for illegally parking in bus lanes during rush hours.

3. The LAMC will be updated to allow this video enforcement.
4. City Council approved on Nov. 10.
 - a. Transportation Committee approved on Nov. 1.
5. Link:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1224>

Findings:

1. Parking violations that block bus lanes reduce the speed and reliability of bus service.

#12 WRAC: Interactive Kiosk Experience program (IKE)

Motion: The ___ NC/CC opposes the IKE (Interactive Kiosk Experience) program, which proposes the installation of 300-500 8-ft. tall video kiosks on sidewalks for traffic/tourism information, which will show commercial advertisements when not in use (CF22-1154).

Streets include Westwood Village, San Vicente, Wilshire, Santa Monica, Pico, Venice, Manchester, Sepulveda and Robertson (40 kiosks in District #11, 50 kiosks in District #5).

The programs has not been adequately vetted prior to City Council consideration, and community outreach has been minimal and inadequate.

The following shall be completed prior to any City consideration or votes:

1. A formal environmental review (CEQA) process.
2. A competitive procurement (RFP) process.
3. Financial analysis that clearly demonstrates that the city will make a profit. Neither the City Administrative Officer (CAO) nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has conducted a financial analysis.
4. Adoption by motion of Councilmember Bonin's Minority Report, which was presented at the Travel, Tourism and Trade Committee. (Pursuant to Council Rule 69, the Minority Report was submitted for informational purposes only unless by adoption of a motion.) The Minority Report specifies the reports needed prior to consideration of the program.
5. An assessment on roadway safety and driver distraction associated with changing digital signage.
6. Comprehensive outreach to NC/CCs and the community.

Background:

6. The City Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee approved, and the Budget and Finance Committee will consider next (which favors projects like this that generate revenue).
 - a. Councilmember Bonin submitted a minority report to the TTTC Committee that requests further review of the program, and the TTTC must approve that report prior to moving the motion forward to the Council.
7. The Public Works Committee reviewed the proposal but did not act. Its agenda noted that two lawsuits were filed after the City approved the STAP program. Because the IKE program relies along the LAMC revisions in the STAP program, the committee did not forward the motion to the Council, and instead requested a report on this issue.
8. The City wants to use an RFP from the City of Houston. But Los Angeles should do its own analysis, and allow local businesses to complete (that were not included in the Houston bidding process).
 - a. The City Charter requires local bidding, and this process would violate that tenet.
9. The contract will be for 12 years with two extensions of 5 years each (10 years total).

10. The digital signs are billed to assist tourists in navigating the city with mobility, cultural and entertainment information. The program originated in the L.A. Tourism and Convention Board in 2015. They entered into a Letter of Intent to contract with IKE Smart Cities (parent company Orange Barrel Media) in 2017 but had a problem.
11. The LAMC prohibits advertising structures on the public right-of-way except for transit shelters. This explains why the recently approved new street furniture program (STAP) Mitigated Negative Declaration revised the LAMC to allow advertising structures on the public right-of-way. However, the STAP program did not need this revision because ads on transit shelters are already allowed. The City may have inserted this new text because the IKE program would need it (because advertising kiosks are not exempt like transit shelters are). In fact, the IKE's own documents note that the LAMC must be revised to allow its advertising kiosks in the rights-of-way.
12. Maps show the first phase of 319 kiosks (full building is 300-500 kiosks). Photos: <https://www.scenic.org/blog/scenic-los-angeles-ike-interactive-kiosk-experience/>
13. Motion (Nov. 4, 2022): https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1154_mot_10-04-22.pdf
14. Council: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1154>
15. City Attorney's report to Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1154_rpt_ATTY_10-20-22.pdf
16. CityWatch article: <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/25857-backroom-deal-poised-to-deliver-hundreds-of-digital-ad-kiosks-to-la-s-sidewalks>

Findings:

2. The IKE program will place more distracting digital ads in the public right-of-way. This is the third proposal recently to monetize our sidewalks.
3. The cumulative impact of 96 MTA digital billboards along freeways and streets (TCN program), 1,000 bus shelters with digital signs (STAP program), and 300-500 video kiosks on sidewalks will create extensive visual blight and increase vehicle crashes from distracted driving.
4. Outreach has been minimal, and the City may be rushing approval prior to the Mayor and other Councilmembers leave office, per the November election.
5. Many sidewalks are already narrow, and few are as wide as the sidewalks shown in the promotional photos. Sidewalk signs will displace trees, which are needed to comply with the City's sustainability plans. Sidewalks can be better used for wider access for wheelchairs, more street lamps for better public safety, and the popular outdoor dining program started during the pandemic.
6. Signs that will collect cell phone geotracking information are a violation of privacy.
7. Bright video signs that shine in residential areas inhibit the ability to sleep and for the brain to heal at night (healthy sleep requires darkness). Insufficient sleep and brain healing produces agitation and aggression, and inhibits the ability to concentrate and learn, which harms education, schooling and mental health.
8. No provisions for public service messages are included. The I-10 digital billboards south of downtown never display any public service messages.