

VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix

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	Comments	Doability	Status
Allow merchants and residents to provide chairs & benches & tables and related amenities (awnings/heaters) on sidewalks or parking strips for pedestrian use (not for advertising)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've observed that an unassuming bench on the parking strip where I live has been used spontaneously by kids (of all ages) and adults to meet & greet & and play. On the corner of Andalusia & Altair, I observed a middle-aged woman seated on the sidewalk using a sketchpad on a tri-pod. An unassuming bench at that location would encourage similar uses by other artists. Similar benches throughout Venice could induce pedestrianism. 	The one unassuming bench on the parking strip in my neighborhood was presumably put there by a private citizen. If the idea is backed by a viable <u>Venice Community</u> consensus, the 'black box' (ie, non-Venice) part of the political environment would find it difficult to oppose the changes that would allow individuals in Venice to spontaneously install such unassuming seating places in their neighborhoods and business environments.	Research needed If implemented, we may not need to accept street furniture with advertising installed by commercial interests.
Make chalk available for kids to use on sidewalks & other neighborhood spaces	Children of all ages love to create artwork in public spaces.	Simply make chalk widely available	Can be done by community individuals
Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)	Require government departments to prepare and publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on <u>community walkability</u> such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting down trees Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks Widening streets Unknowns 	Create committee with the necessary expertise to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft & lobby Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) into all applicable ordinances Arrange for easy community monitoring of compliance of all departments with the Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) 	Research needed
Legalize spontaneous unobtrusive art • → Other examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anonymous distribution of art Neighborhood 'book loan' kiosks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the bike path along the river to the beach, stones were arranged in multiple statues by an unknown individual. The statuettes were not properly permitted and were therefore disassembled by gov't A stakeholder was recently arrested for vandalism for painting waves on former canal streets 	Create local permit system to reduce difficulties to get a permit – same day approval with flexibility to authorize – by email or telephone?	Research needed
Construct a zipcar only parking structure in Venice for use initially by Venice residents only.	Reduces use of cars as residents use zipcars only when needed for longer distances → gradual non-ownership of cars → reduced need for parking.	This is a long-term idea which can be done.	Research needed

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Legalize 'jaywalking'	Gives pedestrians priority over cars	When streets are closed, people use them. This would be a step towards a more walkable Venice.	Research needed
Make it illegal to construct (or to require) residential parking garages, & allow conversion of existing garages into other uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates opportunity for creating less-costly housing which supports the VNC Diversity Vision Goal. Increases pressure to adopt viable alternatives to current felt need for individually owned cars. 	If San Francisco can do it, so can Venice.	Research needed
Mediation service	Neighbor-to-neighbor problems	Can be done by community individuals – may require minimal mediation skills development.	Can be done by community individuals
Convert all street designations into Walkability-Friendly designations (ie, 'state-highway' designations are not Walkability-Friendly)			Research needed
Convert all of Venice into a Walkability Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert all Venice streets into 'Sharrows' for all types of vehicular & non-vehicular 'mobility' options Change street designations to allow this result to occur (ie, Pacific does not have to be a dangerous high-speed thoroughfare for vehicular traffic only) 		Create committee with the necessary expertise to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft & lobby Walkability Zone provisions into all applicable ordinances Get Walkability Zone signs posted at all necessary locations to implement the concept 	Research needed

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Bike- sharing study for Venice by SCI-Arc to be conducted by Ilaria Mazzoleni and her students	Broadly supported	Fund-raising discussion currently under way.	Summary: SCI-Arc has declined to approve the project for the fall semester 2013. We are in the process of finding another way to do the study and a way to raise funds to pay for it.
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International Walk to School Day The LADOT, through its Pedestrian Program and in collaboration with LAUSD, is sponsoring a citywide Walk to School Day in October, as part of the City of Los Angeles' Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Strategic Plan .	Encourages Walkability by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improving safety of students walking to school increasing the share of students walking/biking to school providing physical activity opportunities 	Doable	Currently being organized
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Authorize use of parking strips as vegetable gardens	Currently illegal	Can be done	Research needed
<p>Curbed LA</p> <p>Friday, July 19, 2013, by Eve Bachrach</p> <p>Santa Monica's First Four Pedicabs Now Taking Fares</p> 	<p>Now that Santa Monica's first pedicabs have hit the streets, will the tourist-ferrying bike taxis ease downtown's traffic nightmare or manage to make it even worse?</p> <p>Who knows! With only four licensed drivers (so far) pedaling for just one company, they're unlikely to make much difference either way. But, according to LA Bike Taxi owner Jose Prats, they've brought joy to the people in their first day in business, and what's more important than that?</p> <p>"There's lots of people that were pointing at us and smiling and surprised to see Pedicabs in Santa Monica," he told Santa Monica Patch.</p> <p>Prats said his drivers spent their first day in business scouting locations, and will probably spend most of their time near the pier, Third Street Promenade, and Ocean Avenue. He hopes to add more drivers as business expands--licensing is run by the city and includes a bicycle safety class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Santa Monica's First Licensed Pedicab Business Hits the Street [SM Patch] · Pedicabs Archive [Curbed LA] 	Can be done	Research needed

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Make Venice into a pre-eminent artistic center	Enables artistic synergy to rub off on children which produces more intelligent and creative adults	Can be done – may already be an objective of the Arts Committee	Not precluded → can be done by community individuals
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"ski valet" constructed above the boardwalk from the Venice Pier to the Santa Monica pier	<p>My vision would be you could get on at the Venice Pier and ride entirely to and back from Santa Monica for a certain fee. It would be a great way for someone to experience the beach from a moving, unobstructed view. The valet could be traditional one passenger chairs like at any ski lift or multiple seating capsules or gondolas.</p> <p>People could get off at the end of the boardwalk or continue to the Santa Monica pier and then return later. It would be a great way for tourists to see both Venice and Santa Monica in one visit. It would also be an interesting way for people to move along the beach.</p>	Can be done	Research needed
<p>This would be an interesting attraction and people mover during high peak visitation to the beach during the summer.</p>			

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Explore funding alternatives	Many Walkability goals will require various levels and sources of funding	Can be done	Looking for new ways to implement the bike-sharing component of the proposed Walkability Vision Goal study
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Long-term Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Even Sidewalks would be a great start to Walkability. 2. Less Visiting Cars on the streets. Originally facilitated by Destination Parking Garages (Hi Style Architecture, Healthy Beach Box Lunches, Bike & Skate Rentals & other Retail at base...maybe open green space available to community on top) connected with a shuttle system, scattered throughout Venice (mostly on Lincoln or East of). Design garages to be the tallest structures in Venice with ability to convert to other uses as LA develops mass transit infrastructure and people evolve to depend more on public transportation. 3. After 1 and 2 - ability to convert some streets to promenade type streets - restricting cars, providing bike, skate and strolling paths to the beach, complete with benches on the sides to sit and watch the world go by. 4. Refuse containers for visitors. 5. You Are Here murals scattered about our community to facilitate our visitors experience (and amuse locals)...of course painted by local artists...in true Venice style. 	Can be done	Research needed
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Grand Boulevard Center-Planting Island	Grand Boulevard can become more pedestrian and bike-friendly by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Putting in a median with plants and parking on one side Provides additional parking, calms traffic Trees will provide beautification for the street 	A study has already been completed by the Neighbors of Grand. Plans were drawn up by a Grand Boulevard resident.	Plans completed, a presentation has been made to Rosendahl. Next step is a presentation to DOT.
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Laura Silagi 310-396-5702	<p>Lincoln Boulevard can become more pedestrian-friendly by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> landscaping to provide shade and visual interest along sidewalk Create crosswalks to integrate both sides of the street (east and west) at streets between the traffic lights. Create interesting “island” landscapes or sculptural areas in the middle of the street where double yellow lines create shapes. There are about 6 of these in Venice. Create street seating areas, and encourage restaurants to put in sidewalk seating with portable landscape barriers. Encourage the city to underground the utilities along Lincoln. Work with property owners to improve landscaping and create interesting spaces for public access or visual interest in unused parts of the property facing Lincoln Upgrade fencing with plantings along the street Unify both sides of Lincoln with special architectural or landscape elements on both sides at corners. 	<p>All ideas are doable. Some need the state approval since this is a state hwy. Others need public (city) funding or planning wavers.</p> <p>The help of architects and landscapers are important as well as reaching out to the landlords.</p>	<p>Many ideas were considered by Rosendahl’s planner and The Venice Community Coalition. The idea was to put together a plan and present it to the city and state. Some ideas were to be pilot projects such as integrating both sides of Lincoln with landscaping or other features at a particular four corner areas.</p> <p>Places for additional crosswalks and island treatments were identified.</p> <p>There was also a discussion of taking a particular mini-mart and transforming it with paint and plantings.</p> <p>An effort to decrease clutter in signage already was undertaken on private property and there is an effort currently underway to force non-conforming billboards to take down and/or reduce their size.</p>

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Mark Ryavec 310-871-6265	<p>Bicycling Vision An 8/13/13 email from Mark Ryavec bicycling in Hamburg, Germany:</p> <p>“I have never seen such deference to a cyclist. Transitioning from a bike/foot path along the Elbe River to the Elbchaussee, the main thoroughfare for automobile traffic, I approached a crosswalk. Rush hour traffic in both directions came to a complete halt to accommodate me. Later, cycling on the right margin of the Elbchaussee headed out of town, many cars behind me would not pass me, treating me like a slow car with a right to the entire lane. It was only after I waived them on that they would carefully pass me.”</p>		<p>I don’t know if this can be done in Venice.</p>	<p>Research needed.</p>

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Walkability Magnets

Venice Dog Park: Community Center – Children’s play area – Art Display

Walkability magnets provide a series of destinations which encourage walkability in a community.

Can be done

Ready for approval process

I have created a preliminary & flexible design concept (see below illustration) which can be enhanced & modified as it is moved forward toward implementation. Improvement of such public space can serve as a magnet to bring the community together to engage in a variety of activities.



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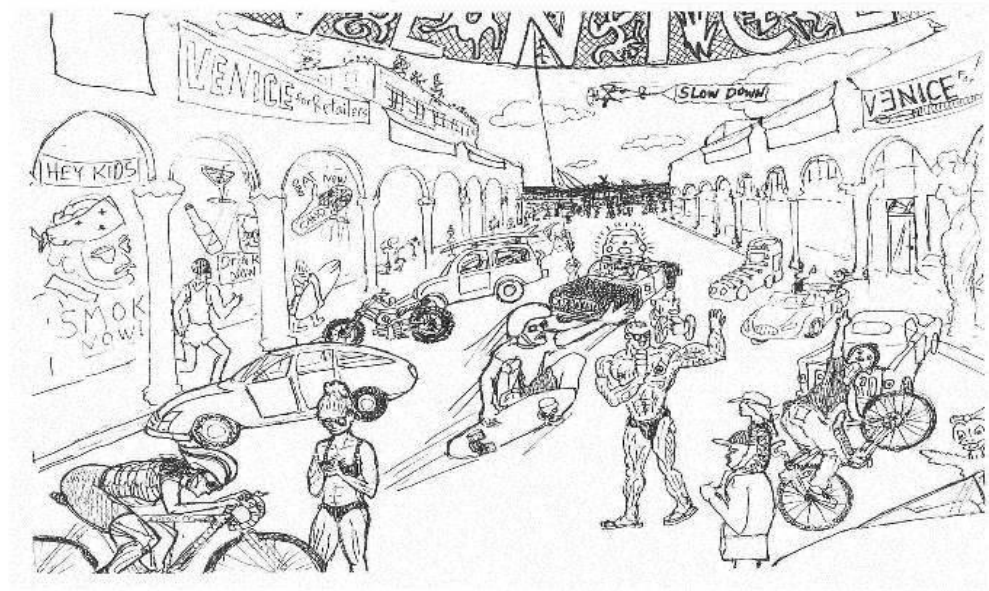
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Accessibility

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Face-to-face enjoyment of other people & their quirks & personalities → **Vitality**

Whether we **walk or ride or glide***, we can improve Venice to let people go where they want to go. We can do this if we do a better job of managing how we get around.
Below is an illustration of a familiar place where it can happen naturally.



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The above illustration was created by my son Brian McKinney at my request & is reprinted with his permission. It shows visually what I've learned from my research.

As someone said at the July 2 DFC meeting:

COME TO VENICE & SLOW DOWN

This is exactly the type of thing that a group of people (ie, our VNC) can do.

Courtesy will make this happen

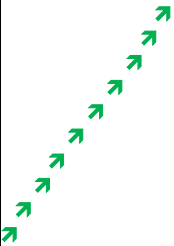
*This applies to **all** ways of getting around Venice.

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Parking facility proposal	<p>Long term objective is to reduce the use of cars in Venice by providing alternative non-vehicular means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) access for non-residents; and (ii) mobility for residents and non-residents alike. <p>A parking facility appropriately located can help ease the transition from a car-centric to pedestrian-centric environment as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accommodate current short-term need to sustain Abbot Kinney & other area merchant's requirement for non-resident customers • as pedestrian-centric alternatives come on line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) transition use of parking facility to car/bike-sharing facility (disabled to be accommodated) (ii) transition beach parking lots to non-vehicular uses • bike storage/lockup (& maintenance?) & drop/rent a car, hybrid recharge, 	Can be done	Proposal being developed and circulated by Don Novack & other interests
Transition ideas		All doable. Some already done or under way.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create & encourage use of Venice internal circulation shuttles & shuttles from future rail terminal in Santa Monica & from LAX 	To accommodate Venice & non-Venice resident access needs	Currently being explored & a widely supported concept	The Abbot Kinney trolley is a pilot experiment being tested to circulate in several Venice areas – similar ideas encouraged
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage use of remote parking lots & terminals serviced with on-call shuttles to and from Venice 	To accommodate non-resident access needs		Research needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated valet parking system 	Reduces imposition on residential parking		Already functioning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Do-it-yourself" bike repair shop with great local 'volunteer expertise' available <p style="text-align: center;">July 2013 Letter to Argonaut from Marisa Miller, Santa Monica →</p>	<p>Reduces imposition on residential parking</p> <p>"I recently wandered into Bikerowave www.bikerowave.org 12255 Venice Boulevard near Centinela Avenue in Mar Vista to perform some easy repairs and maintenance on my bike. A kind man by the name of Tom Soletto helped me. I thought I was done, when he asked if I needed anything else. I had an old bell on my bike that I bought in Holland in 1968 when I was living there. I have put this bell on all of my bikes and it is very special to me.</p> <p>It stopped working, and I thought that I would need to replace it with a newer United States version. However, Tom took the bell apart and worked on it for about 20 minutes. He was so intent and impressed with the inner mechanisms of this antique bell and intent on making it work once again.</p> <p>When I saw that it still did not work, I told him that I appreciated his help but I could see that my dear old bell was just ready to be put out to pasture. Tom insisted on taking it home to spend more time working on it. After about three weeks and some visits to an electric train shop for special parts, Tom fixed the bell! →→→→→</p>	<p>Can be done</p> 	<p>Space needed in Venice</p> <p>→ After about three weeks and some visits to an electric train shop for special parts, Tom fixed the bell!</p> <p>He told me that after hearing my story of buying the bell in Holland in 1968 and using it on all my bikes, he wanted to do this for me. I was taken by Tom's kindness and generosity</p> <p>I am so moved and just wanted to pass on this human interest story with the hope that we will all "pay it forward".</p>

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You are invited to submit your own VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas

NB: If you want DFC advice on how to implement your idea and/or assistance in doing so, please so indicate in the Doability space. The DFC can also help you draft your motion to the Board with the signatures of those DFC Members who support it; the DFC does not consider motions supporting individual ideas. Doability is a flexible concept depending on the idea you submit; it would help the DFC if you would provide your assessment of your idea's: (i) compatibility or lack thereof with the each of the six Walkability Vision Goals; and (ii) any political, financial, involvement of key interests, and other factors you think the DFC should (or might decide to) consider.

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Your Name <small><your contact info></small>	Comments	Doability	Status
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The DFC is continuing to Brainstorm VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas & hereby invites you to contribute your ideas.

Use the format above - *one idea per line* - to submit your Walkability Ideas to the DFC.

Your submission will be included with the above ideas as part of its [March Report? March or September Report?] to the VNC Board.

Subsequent submissions will be included in future reports.

All ideas, no matter how far 'out-of-the-box' you may perceive them to be, are welcome & will be included as written.