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

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Meeting Date: 04-04-23

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Paloma Venice | 600 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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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**
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

3. **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:**

4. 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:**

5. 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:

6. 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

NEW BUSINESS

7. IKE INTERACTIVE KIOSK PROGRAM

a. Item for Discussion: IKE is the City's plan to install hundreds of digital ad structures on City sidewalks. The IKE 8-foot tall, two-sided digital advertising structures are

being billed as a means of assisting tourists in navigating the City

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

Refers to City Council file 22-1154

VNC PTC recommends Venice NC opposes the IKE program as present in Council File 22-1154 for the following reasons:

- There is no local competitive bidding process.
- This project needs a financial analysis, as it is using public space to generate revenue.
- This project has negative environmental impacts and there is no environmental review (CEQA).
- This project creates visual pollution and takes away space on the sidewalk that could be used for trees.
- This project is a source of driver distraction, which is contrary to the City's Vision Zero policy.

e. Possible Presentation Selena Inouye

8. REQUEST OF AUDIT OF STAP PROGRAM

a. Item for Discussion: Motion regarding STAP Program/Request for Audit

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion: The VNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the current status and management of the STAP program under the new contractor Tranzito-Vector and requests an audit of the program by the City Controller and Chief Administration Officer's (CAO) office of the revenues and expenditures for this new STAP program.

(relevant Council File: Council File No. 20-1536-S4)

e. Possible Presentation Selena Inouye

9. ADDITION OF CROSSWALK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MAIN ST AND BROOKS AVE

- a. **Item for Discussion:** Community members have requested a crosswalk and ADA curb ramp on the north side of the intersection of Main St and Brooks Ave, as this is a heavily trafficked intersection by pedestrians.
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussions:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**
- e. **Possible Presentation Selena Inouye**

10. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

11. ADJOURN

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