



**Joint meeting of Parking and Transportation Committee and Board of Directors – Minutes**

**REVISED July 31 @ 16:00 PST**

Meeting Date: 8/3/2020  
 Meeting Time: 7:00pm  
 Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting  
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1.

James Murez (Chair)	x	Nick Antonicello	x
Selena Inouye	x	Jonathan Deer	x
Alyson Wilson	x	Robert Thibodeau	x
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. 07:00pm – Call to Order and Roll Call **7:06**

3. Start time + 00:05 -- Approve Agenda as Presented **(NA, RT, 6,0,0)**

4. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting. **(NA, JD, 6,0,0)**

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

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

6. PTC 2016-2019 Report

- a. Item for discussion and possible action,
- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee Discussion
- d. Motion:

7. Certified Land Use and/or Community Plans

- a. Item for discussion and possible action, review
- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee Discussion
- d. Motion:

8. Streetscape, Landscape and Sidewalks

- a. Item for discussion and possible action
- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee Discussion
- d. Motion: Recommend considerations

9. Bus Stop and Layover Locations (carry over)

- a. Item for discussion and possible action, MTA, Big Blue Bus and Culver Green Line consideration for Venice location(s),.
- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee Discussion: give update
- d. Motion: Recommend considerations

10. Mobility Station, LADOT 701 (carry over)

- a. Item for discussion and possible action: Proposed landscape, hardscape and infrastructure improvements, evaluate needs and solutions to address community issues.
- b. Public Comment



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**c. Committee Discussion**

**d. Motion:** Adopt proposed revisions to approved permit as shown on drawings

**11. Bus Routes and Shuttle Considerations**

**a. Item for discussion and possible action:** Review community feedback about proposed alternate routes

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Committee Discussion**

**d. Motion:** . Send letters to Metro, LADOT, CD11, CCC and Mayor asking the proposed modifications as shown and described in VNC PTC Bus Route Proposal be considered within the decision making process of the Venice Community Plan, Venice Coastal Zone Land Use Plan, 2035 WLA Mobility Plan update and Metro NexGen plan. These recommendations are part of a multifaceted regional transportation plan to improve the quality of life for the Venice Community and need to be implemented in conjunction with other aspects of Venice plans such as public parking and traffic management. **(Motion to Table due to dead links on the calendar, NA, JM, 5,1,0)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. Venice Blvd Lane Closure**

**a. Item for discussion and possible action:** Lack of public access to sidewalk.

**b. Public Comment:**

**c. Committee Discussion:**

**d. Motion:** Whereas the sidewalk in this location is impassable for pedestrians and has been for months, and the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance. Whereas the current condition of sidewalks forces pedestrians and bikers into the traffic lanes on Venice Blvd. Whereas the posted speed limit on that part of Venice Blvd. Is 40 MPH. Whereas there is an immediate threat to the life and safety of Venice residents and visitors. The Venice Neighborhood Council calls for the immediate temporary closure of 1 lane vehicle traffic and posted no parking anytime signage on North Venice Blvd. Between Electric and Tabor Court. **(JM, RT,5,1,0)**

**13. Open Air Bus Service**

**a. Item for discussion and possible action:** Provide open air bus service within the Venice community.

**b. Public Comment:**

**c. Committee Discussion:**

**d. Motion:** WHEREAS, the Venice Community is being ravaged by the current COVID-19 pandemic, and WHEREAS, the severity of the pandemic is being further heightened by the lack of social distancing and the non-usage of gloves and masks in public spaces, and WHEREAS, public transportation ridership is decreasing at an alarming rate, and that many Venetians fear usage of this mode of transportation because of close confinement and the lack of social distancing, and WHEREAS, here in Southern California we are blessed with a climate that allows for the usage of "Open Top," or "Open Air" buses, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse the increased usage of "Open Top" and "Open Air" transit buses that would reduce COVID-19 transmission while promoting increased ridership in a clean, comfortable and reliable mode of public transportation and that a copy of this endorsement be sent to the BIG BLUE BUS of Santa Monica, LA DOT and the 11th Council District office to build support to a conversion to these smaller, safer and heal their bus vehicles. **(NA, JM, motion withdrawn by maker NA)**

**14. Speed Bumps on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Rose and Sunset (Lisa Redmond)**

**a. Item for discussion and possible action:**

**b. Public Comment:**

**c. Committee Discussion:**

**d. Motion:** Whereas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Rose Avenue and Sunset Avenue is a large dwelling site of unhoused stakeholders in Venice, and Whereas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street commonly has pedestrians wandering in the traffic lanes including both community stakeholders and visitors to Venice, and Whereas, there are no stop signs at both the intersections of Rose/3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunset/3<sup>rd</sup> to slow traffic thus allowing motorized vehicles to blindly



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accelerate with higher speeds into turns onto this particular street block, and Whereas, there are no open business fronts, merchants or resident structures yet consistent high traffic of motorized vehicles for this particular street block, and Whereas, motorized vehicles, including oversized heavy and slow-to-stop vehicles such as delivery and garbage collection trucks, more often than not use this particular street block to unnecessarily speed, and Whereas, these stated circumstances for this particular street block are a perfect recipe for a future pedestrian loss of life, now Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to the Department of Street Services Division recommending the installation of speed bumps for this particular high traffic street block to maintain a safe environment year round for community stakeholders and visitors to Venice alike. Send to: CD11 Venice Councilman Mike Bonin ([mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org)), CD11 Venice Field Deputy Nisa Kove ([nisa.kove@lacity.org](mailto:nisa.kove@lacity.org)), CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf ([alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartrosouf@lacity.org)), Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds ([seleta.reynolds@lacity.org](mailto:seleta.reynolds@lacity.org)) **(JM, RT, ... Table NA, JD, 6,0,0)**

## 15. Lincoln Blvd Safety Improvements (Matt Gertz)

- a. The 1.1 mile segment of Lincoln Blvd from Commonwealth to Venice was selected as a high priority safety project in 2019 because of the high rate of death and severe injury crashes per mile. LADOT, Caltrans, and Councilmember Bonin's office are beginning a community engagement process to learn about safety concerns and community members' lived experience on the street so that we can design the right project. **(Postponed until Sept.)**
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Motion:**

## 16. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

## 17. ADJOURN 8:45pm

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