



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

Meeting Date: 9/1/2020
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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 5,0,0
4. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting na,jd 5,0,0
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:

Certified Land Use and/or Community Plans

- a. Item for discussion and possible action, review

Planning Webinars: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/community-plan-update/westside-events/draft-concepts-westside-plans-webinars>

Venice Community Plan video: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_A5qL0nrtgR12.mp4?1596227077

Concept Boards: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/e5dff6ba-719d-4583-bd10-31031f7d0a3e/Venice_Land_Use_Draft_Concept_Boards_Summer2020.pdf

Historic Timeline: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/fb8ab74e-4e83-43f4-b115-90705a43b6aa/Venice_Timeline.pdf

Existing Community Plan: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b1ce0423-e344-4dc1-8dfe-3f493eaddf6c/Venice_Community_Plan.pdf.

b. Public Comment

c. Committee Discussion

d. Motion: Whereas other Community Plan Updates have included a mobility element, including the San Pedro Community Plan (https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/ee5aaccb-fce7-4dc2-9f91-2df177a48417/San_Pedro_Community_Plan.pdf), West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan (https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/78984e0b-a63d-4533-ba57-4f84b8fd7696/West_Adams-Baldwin_Hills-Leimert_Community_Plan.pdf), and South



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Los Angeles Community Plan (https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/b909e749-754e-4caa-af7f-14c82adaa2b7/South_Los_Angeles_Community_Plan.pdf),

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of City Planning include a complete and comprehensive Mobility Element chapter in the Venice Community Plan Update. **SI, NA 6,0,0**

Recommend the VNC send the following statement to LA City Planning in reference to the Venice Draft Community Plan update (VDCP).

The VNC recommends that the following items be amended to the draft Community Plan.

- i. The heritage of our unique beach front community shows that Venice of America was created to be a visitor serving destination, occupied by uses that enhanced the amusement experience while nourishing all classes of local residents.
- ii. Venice's founders laid out the entire city around visitor access to be provided through several modes of transportation, starting with the arrival and departure by railroad. Then, once in the region, local circulation occurred by smaller shuttles and other means of mobility, which included horse drawn buggies, boat rides, bicycles and walking.
Several of these original forms of transportation no longer exist. For example, the right-of-ways which were dedicated for railroad use have been converted into substandard automobile streets. Many of the historic boat canals were filled in and now service as oversized streets. These adaptations need to be reconsidered as to how to best serve the current needs, particularly where limited ADA compliant walking access exists.
- iii. All future transportation designs for Venice must address local needs while also serving visitor access.
- iv. Local requirements for parking need to offer solutions that allow preservation of the historic nature of the community to exist. Smaller commercial lots cannot meet the minimum parking requirements mandated by ADA while also meeting the vision of having vibrant resident and visitor serving uses.
- v. The tract map dedications for streets and alleys must accommodate transportation goals while addressing the character, scale and mass of private property development. Increasing the street widths to comply with the 2035 Mobility Transportation must be stopped.
- vi. Transportation related issues for commercial corridors must serve their workforce and customers without creating negative impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- vii. All forms of visitor serving uses need to address access and transportation requirements.
- viii. Parking and transportation demands must consider access to public beaches and ocean front walk in addition to private property requirements.
- ix. Property intensity and trip traffic generating uses must be factored into a comprehensive analysis that balances transportation capacity, travel time and quality of life indicators for existing and future development.
- x. Thoroughfare uses need to address local needs and discourage commuter cut through traffic on all roadways excluding Lincoln Blvd. (CA #1) and Venice Blvd. east of Lincoln Blvd.
- xi. Bus routes need to serve commercial and residential uses with a frequency and scale that does not restrict access nor oversaturate service based on ridership load or drop-off demands. When ridership demands within the coastal zone drop below 50% of service capacity on north/south bound routes, buses should be detoured to Lincoln Blvd.



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- xii. Bus Layover Zones should be restricted to loading and unloading of visitors with a 10 minute maximum layover allowance. Public buses should be restricted from any form of non-operation, including end-of-route layovers or resynchronizing of bus schedules, within the coastal zone.

7. Streetscape, Landscape and Sidewalks

a. Item for discussion and possible action

PTC recommends the VNC sends a letter to the CD11 and City departments reminding them we have a Coastal Commission approved landscaping plan for Venice Blvd, a roadway specified in the Certified Land Use Plan as the "Ceremonial Gateway to Venice Beach". The VNC further asks the City to adhere to this landscaping plan and prior to altering any portion of its design allow the VNC to comment on such proposed alterations. Furthermore, any existing violations to the plan should be cited and/or required to be returned to the plan or brought to the VNC for consideration before such violations are allowed to exist.

b. Public Comment

c. Committee Discussion

d. Motion: Recommend considerations

8. 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

9. 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

c. Committee Discussion

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

10. Bus Routes and Shuttle Considerations

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

Introduction Video: <https://youtu.be/vLbn7ercHOc>

Proposed Plan: https://www.venicenc.org/routes/bus_routes.php

Metro Ridership: https://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/MTA33-733_Oct2019.pdf

BBB Ridership: https://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/BBB_AUGUST2019.pdf

CCG Ridership: https://www.venicenc.org/productphotos/CCG_127Lines_2019.pdf

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. **NA, AW 6,0,0**

11. 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



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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.

NEW BUSINESS

12. 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.
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion:**
- d. **Motion: The PTC requests the VNC Board allow a 20 minute presentation from LADOT about Lincoln Blvd Improvement Project. Furthermore, the PTC requests the VNC Outreach committee promote Stakeholder participation in online survey. JD, RT 6,0,0**

13. Current Issues vs. Post-COVID concerns (Soledad Ursua)

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

Questions for LA City DOT Rep

During Quarantine

1. If people are not being legally required to quarantine, what is the purpose of not observing normal parking/street cleaning rules?
2. The littering and dumping on Brooks is out of control and dangerous. It's attracting rats and it puts our health at risk. How can we work with the DOT to discourage it?
3. Can residents send the DOT (ring and nest cam) video of littering and/or dumping if we get a plate number? The bulk of it comes from parked cars that dump, then drive off.
4. Who can issue tickets for illegal dumping? Is there signage that can be put up to discourage?
5. Who can we call when cars are parked illegally in a dangerous manner-- such as not close enough to the sidewalk/hanging far out into the street, parked in red areas, and blocking bike lanes?

Post Quarantine

1. When will street sweeping resume in all neighborhoods?
2. When will ticketing resume in all neighborhoods?
3. Will street sweeping and ticketing be resumed as prior to the quarantines? Or will the capacity be lowered due to cutbacks in the DOT?
4. Who do we go to, to get a tally of all current parking spaces available for beach parking?
5. How many public parking spaces does Venice need to have/achieve, in order to then allow its residents to be allowed Permit Parking?
6. What would it take for us to get permitted overnight parking? If it's a petition, how many signatures?
7. Given that the city put forth a motion to make the "Al Fresco" program permanent, doesn't the program first have to go through the Coastal Commission since we are west of Lincoln Blvd.?

- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussion: Soledad to work with CD11 to get updates and answers to these questions. No further action by PTC at present.**
- d. **Motion:**



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14. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

15. ADJOURN 9:20p

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