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

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

**Meeting Date: 11-07-22**  
**Time: 7:00pm**  
**Meeting Location:** Webinar online zoom meeting  
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 When: Nov 7, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
 Topic: PTC

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1.

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
3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting62e41fd623cd6.pdf>

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **4. 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](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:**

### **5. SPEEDWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

- a. **Item for Discussion:** Discussion of safety improvements potentially needed on Speedway between Rose and Brooks, such as: **1.** Speed Humps, **2.** Speed Limit Signs (15-MPH). **3.** Stop Signs at the ends of the Drive Streets ending at Speedway, **4.** Cross-walks at the Walk Streets crossing Speedway. Recently painted 'edge lines' haven't addressed off peak hour speeding.
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussions:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**

### **6. VENICE BLVD MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION UPDATE**

- a. **Item for Discussion:** The City of Los Angeles and Metro are bringing mobility upgrades to Venice Blvd from Lincoln Blvd to National Blvd.
- b. **Public Comment:**
- c. **Committee Discussions:**
- d. **Possible Motion:**

# NEW BUSINESS

## 7. ABBOT KINNEY TRAFFIC SLOWING

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 removal of the center turn lane on Abbot Kinney Blvd between 1708 Abbot Kinney Blvd and Garfield Ave, and the addition of a striped, painted, and buffered unprotected bike lane.

In addition, the PTC recommends that the VNC distribute these suggestions to CD11 and LADOT alongside a CIS.

e. **Possible Presentation by PTC of traffic calming suggestions**

## 8. SUPPORT FOR POSITION RE ORDINANCE 187427 (SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS)

a. **Item for Discussion:** The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils supports the action taken by the LA City Council on March 7, 2022 in passing Council File 21-1223 regarding Speed Limit Reductions.

b. **Public Comment:**

c. **Committee Discussions:**

**d. Possible Motion:** The PTC recommends VNC takes the following position in regards to the recent adoption of Ordinance 187427 regarding speed limit reductions:

**I.** VNC supports the action taken by the LA City Council on March 7, 2022 in passing Council File 21-1223 regarding Speed Limit Reductions.

**II.** VNC supports the efforts to reduce the speed limit by 5 MPH on streets that were recently identified for 5 MPH speed limit increases. (See the attached Ordinance number 187427 with the complete list of streets effected.)

**III.** Moving forward, it is the suggestion of VNC that 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 measures to minimize vehicle traffic being redirected onto adjacent neighborhood streets. For example, we would like to see LADOT incorporate traffic calming measures and active transportation elements. Traffic calming measures might include 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.

**IV.** In addition, VNC requests that the Council Offices engage the local Westside Councils in ongoing discussions about what additional streets should be considered for speed limit reductions as well as establish a method whereby Council and stakeholder feedback on this issue can be submitted directly to LADOT.

**e. Possible Presentation by PTC (Selena Inouye)**

## **9. VENICE BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONCERNS/WITHHOLD SUPPORT**

**a. Item for Discussion:** Mobility Plan 2035 has designated mobility and transportation improvement projects for all of the communities represented by the 14 WRAC member Councils (viewable here). The new Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project has highlighted the importance of obtaining project-specific data and studies from LADOT and its partners so that all the local and regional impacts of these projects can be identified, discussed and addressed.

**b. Public Comment:**

**c. Committee Discussions:**

**d. Possible Motion:** The VNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned that removing one vehicle lane in each direction on Venice Blvd. between Inglewood Blvd and National Blvd. will divert traffic onto other adjacent local, collector and arterial streets. Until such time as LADOT conducts modeling studies to predict the volume of vehicular traffic that will be diverted off

Venice Blvd. when the road diet component of this project is installed, our Council will be withholding its support for Phase One of the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project.

The member Councils directly affected by this project are: Venice, Mar Vista, Palms and South Robertson. The member Councils which may be affected by redirected traffic include: Del Rey, WLA/Sawtelle and Westside.

**e. Possible Presentation by PTC (Selena Inouye)**

**10. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration**

**11. ADJOURN**

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