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

Meeting Date: 09-05-23

Time: 7:00pm

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

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1.

Robert Thibodeau (Chair)		Alyson Wilson	
Evan Corrigan (Co-Chair)		Selena Inouye	
Elizabeth Clay		Brian Avril (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

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lincoln Bridge Multimodal Improvement Project Status (CF 19-0453-S2)

a. Item for Discussion: The Lincoln Boulevard Bridge Multimodal Improvement Project will replace the existing Lincoln Boulevard bridge with an entirely new structure that would effectively reduce the bridge's footprint within the creek. The existing bridge has three northbound vehicle travel lanes and two southbound, but it does not have any sidewalks and is not wide enough to accommodate bike facilities without reducing vehicle capacity. The new bridge design includes three vehicle lanes both north and southbound, sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, and new Class IV bicycle lanes. This

design will alleviate current vehicle congestion while creating a more multi-modal corridor, and can accommodate a high capacity transit line connecting the Metro E (Expo) and C (Green) light rail lines to provide a continuous north- south transit connection in the Westside.

The proposed improvements to the Lincoln Boulevard bridge will replace the Culver Boulevard overpass, which requires environmental clearance. To complete the environmental review, LADOT's consultant team collected data in 2019 and continues to coordinate with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ballona Creek Restoration Committee, and the California Coastal Commission. The project team is now working to complete the various additional environmental work required in the initial review phase with an expected release of the project draft EIR this fall 2023 and the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in 2024.

b.

c. Public Comment:

d. Committee Discussions:

e. Possible Motion:

3. Venice Canals Court E repaving

a. Item for Discussion: "Venice is one of the most eclectic and vibrant areas in Southern California" as such is it possible to have Court E of the Venice Canals repaved. Court E is used by pedestrians as an alternative to Venice Blvd and receives a considerable amount of car and pedestrian traffic. I do not remember any time in the last 40 years that the street has been paved making it safer for pedestrians and those that require ADA access. The street is also subject to flooding which paving would help resolve. Thank you for your consideration of putting this on the VNC agenda.

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

4. WRAC Motion Metro Billboards

a. Item for Discussion: Refers to City Council file [22-0392](#)

____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), has significant concerns about process and substance related to the Metro Transportation Communication Network (TCN) program, including the fact that:

- the program moved forward without notice to or substantive community input from stakeholders prior to implementation of an EIR process; this is in contravention of expected norms as well as WRAC's Statement of Principles (Standing Rule 4 of the WRAC Bylaws), which calls for advance notice and ample time to review and comment by WRAC's member councils on all proposed public infrastructure or other public property developments;
- the City ceded its power as lead agency for EIR purposes to the Metro board, which approved the EIR for Metro TCN on consent overriding considerations with impacts on City resources;

- Metro TCN is a digital billboard advertising program with moving images that will: (1) distract drivers and create dangerous situations which will undermine the City’s Vision Zero goals, and (2) blight the visual environment of 22 Community Plan areas in Los Angeles;
- Metro TCN in substance contravenes longstanding WRAC positions opposed to digital billboards (outside of sign districts in areas already zoned as regional/commercial) and to digital advertising in the public right of way (proposed “IKE” kiosks);

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:NC/CC opposes the City’s participation in the Metro TCN program and specifically opposes adoption of the proposed City ordinances that would fast track implementation of the Metro TCN program within the City of Los Angeles.

e. Possible Presentation Selena Inouye

5. WRAC Motion Metro Billboards

a. Item for Discussion:Refers to City Council file [22-0392](#)

The _____ CC/NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, requests that the Metro TCN program be referred to the LA City Council Transportation Committee and LADOT for their consideration before a final decision to implement the program is voted on by the City Council. The Transportation Committee and LADOT need to weigh in on the safety of this program through the study and review of current and historical research that has been done on roadway user distraction with digital billboards and changing message signs.

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-to-refer-metro-tcn-to-city-council-transportation-committee-ladot/>

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

e. Possible Presentation Selena Inouye

6. WRAC Motion LADOT PARKING LOTS REPLACEMENT POLICY

a. Item for Discussion:3) Motion Refers to City Council file [23-0360](#)

The _____ CC/NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the passage of CF 23-0360, which nullifies Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 of the Administrative Code and changes the parking space replacement policy when LADOT parking facilities with spaces greater than 25 are transferred to the Housing Department for redevelopment as affordable or supportive housing.

_____ CC/NC is sensitive to how difficult it can be to develop affordable and supportive housing in Los Angeles. We recognize there is a shortage of affordable and supportive housing and believe that Los Angeles would benefit from making it easier to build such housing.

Until now, when LADOT-managed parking facilities have been redeveloped, all the parking spaces had to be replaced, increasing the cost of the development. With the passage of CF 23-0360, the spaces will no longer be required to be replaced.

However, we believe that the needs of small businesses, including the need for parking for their customers, have not been adequately considered with the nullification of Administrative Code Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 and establishment of the new parking space replacement policy.

Therefore, we respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils who are also members of the City Council Transportation Committee – Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt – bring a motion in Los Angeles City Council forthwith to further amend the Administrative Code to include concessions for small businesses by replacing the new parking space development footprint. The City should determine how much parking to replace by using a sliding scale for parking replacement based on prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement..

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/parking-space-replacement-policy-request/>

b. Public Comment:

c. Committee Discussions:

d. Possible Motion:

e. Possible Presentation Selena Inouye

7. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

8. ADJOURN

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