

Proposal to Enhance the Pedestrian Use of Windward Avenue between Speedway and Windward Circle

The hanging "VENICE" sign has made Windward Avenue known worldwide. It is the main entrance to Venice's Ocean Front Walk and the park area beyond it. Yet it is dominated by asphalt and vehicular traffic. For over thirty years enhancing the pedestrian use of Windward has been a planning objective that has never been realized. The upcoming Olympics provides an incentive to finally pedestrianize this important gateway.

The Venice Neighborhood Council's Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee is proposing two possible concepts to achieve this goal: a partial one and a maximum one. These are shown in the graphics attached. The first step in a long process toward implementation is to determine what people think of the concepts, especially the businesses along Windward and the public in general.

Windward Avenue block between Speedway and Pacific Avenue:

The street is 60 feet wide. It includes two 10-foot traffic lanes and parking spaces, half of which have now been turned over to al fresco dining.

The Partially Enhanced Pedestrianization Concept (page 1) relocates all parking spaces and moves the two traffic lanes to the north side. The remaining 40 feet of street transforms into a raised pedestrian plaza. The design of that plaza could include expanded eating areas, landscaping, etc., to be determined later.

The Fully Enhanced Pedestrianization Concept (page 2) eliminates the two traffic lanes entirely (except for police and fire vehicles) allowing the entire street to become an inviting pedestrian plaza.

Windward Avenue block between Pacific Avenue and Windward Circle:

The street in this block is 60 feet wide at its western end, twice that at Windward Circle. It includes four parking spaces, a bus stop, and an MTA bike rental stand.

The Partially Enhanced Pedestrianization Concept (page 3) for this block also moves the two traffic lanes to the north side of the street. The remaining street area is reconfigured into a large, landscaped pedestrian plaza suitable for events like Farmers' Market, "Taco Tuesday" vending trucks, etc., to be determined later.

The Fully Enhanced Pedestrianization Concept (page 4) for this block eliminates the two traffic lanes, but leaves a westbound lane only to the mid-block alley to serve it and two private driveways. The resulting plaza is larger and allows for better transit bus facilities at its Windward Circle end.

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Between Speedway and Pacific Avenue



Ground Level View

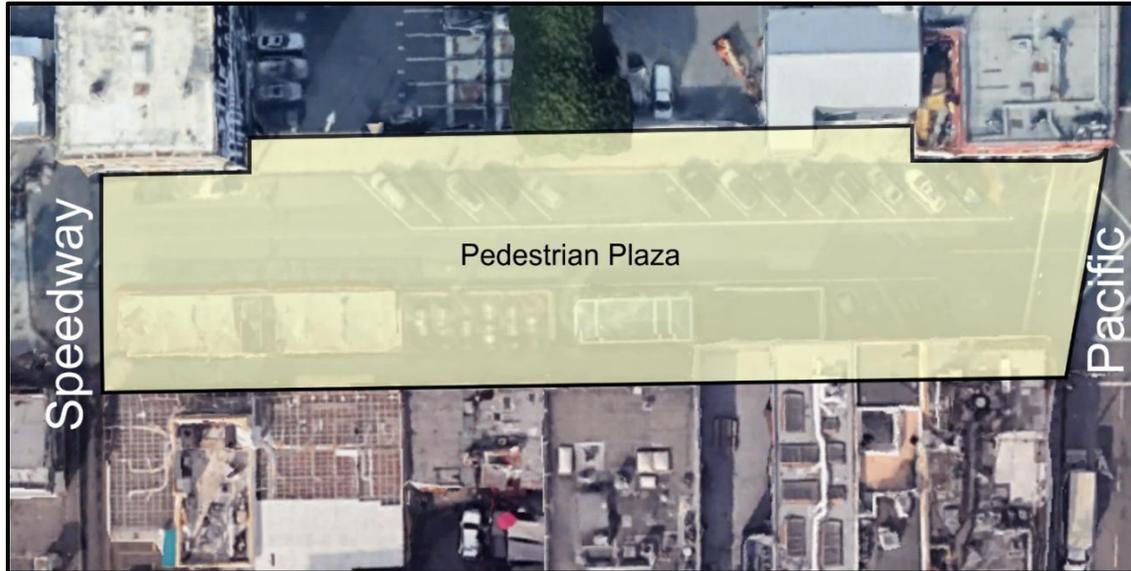


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