

What if the Regional Buses Served the Lot 731 Location?

A Survey of Lot 731's Sidewalks and Bus Stops

At present Lot 731 is served by Culver City Bus Route #1 (CC#1). What would it mean if the MTA#33 and the Santa Monica#1 (SM#1) also served Lot 731 location? Figure 1 is a photo survey of the area. Except for northbound buses on Pacific Avenue, all other bus stops would have to be across the street from Lot 731 on public sidewalks. The photos in Figure 1 point out where those bus stops "should" be.

- CC#1 starts its eastbound run at Windward Circle by traveling south on Pacific Avenue. Photo 3 shows its bus stop at the NW corner of Venice (WB) & Pacific Avenue. Notice the three bicycle storage racks blocking the front and rear doors, and the planters that further narrow the sidewalk. No bus shelter is possible. The bus stop for northbound CC#1 buses, on the other hand, is close to ideal.
- Were the MTA#33 to serve Lot 731, it would continue westbound on Venice Boulevard and then turn right on Pacific Avenue to continue to downtown Santa Monica. Traveling south from Santa Monica on Pacific, it would turn left at Venice (EB). Logically, bus stops would be on the NE corner of Venice (WB) & Pacific and on the SE corner of Venice (WB) & Pacific. Photo 1 shows the sidewalk at the first location and Photo 2 shows the land use at this corner; this is not a good location for a bus stop. Photo 6 shows the location of a bus stop at the Venice (EB) & Pacific. While the width of the sidewalk is marginally wide enough for a bus shelter, the leaning tree is obviously a problem.
- Were SM#1 bus to serve Lot 731, it would travel southbound on Pacific Avenue. It's stop would be the same location as the CC#1 bus stop southbound. However, if Lot 731 is to be SM#1's new end-of-line (Windward Circle is presently) it is not clear where it could turn around to go north, or layover.

In short, bringing additional bus routes to the Lot 731 area presents a number of problems with adequate bus stops and bus shelters.

Figure 1:
Lot 731 Area
Sidewalks and
Bus Stops

