



Venice Neighborhood Council

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MINUTES

Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee (PTIC) Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

6:30 pm to 7:45 pm (U.S. and Canada)

Venice Library Community Room
501 Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35

1. BOARD ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Richard Stanger ✓	Selena Inouye ✓	Andreas Kemkes ✓
Crystal Lopez ✓	Colin Warn	David Wolf ✓

No Conflicts of Interest reported.

There were about 8 public members and 4 VNC members present in audience.

2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 22, 2026, Meeting** - Approved 4-0-1-1

4. **CHAIR COMMENTS:** VNC approved the Committee's Washington Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Conflict Motion. There was not enough time to hear the Windward Pedestrian Enhancement item.

5. **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Selena noted that WRAC did not meet this last month and that there has been no issues affecting VNC.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on the Town Hall Concerning RVs Parked on the Streets of Venice

Selena gave an update to the Committee. The long delay stems from the fact that Councilwoman Park has not committed to a date she will attend the Town Hall. That forces organizers to delay inviting others involved and setting up a calendar date and venue. The later would take at least a month's notice.

B. Request to Support Ticketing along the North Side of the 700 Block of Washington Boulevard

Richard Stanger explained that the motion before the Committee was an amended version of the July 22 motion that the Committee approved. It was changed to



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conform to the City attorney's advice that the motion not specify any specific business and any specific vehicles. The motion meets those requirements.

Background: At its July 22 meeting the Committee approved a motion to support the ticketing of specific vehicles in front of a specific business on Washington Boulevard. The vote was 3-1-0-2. Subsequently, DONE lawyers advised the VNC President that such a motion was not allowed. The motion was revised to conform. The VNC's AdCom voted on August 13th to send it back to the PTIC because the change without Committee approval was seen as violating the Brown Act.

For more than seven years, and with increasing frequency in recent months, oversized vehicles have occupied curb space along the north side of the 700 block of Washington Boulevard. Businesses and others have worked closely with the office of Councilmember Traci Park and have also coordinated with LADOT regarding potential parking modifications; however, enforcement of existing regulations remains a critical component of any long-term solution. The businesses and others list the following concerns among many others:

1. Oversized vehicles and others have been parked for many years along the block's north curb.
2. These OV's and others take needed parking spaces which are otherwise available coastal zone visitors.
3. The OV's present safety problems for motorists and pedestrians visiting the area.
4. Business customers, guests and others repeatedly complain to the businesses about the OV's.
5. The OV's presence has impaired the businesses' ability to attract and retain customers and guests. They have generated adverse comments on YELP and other sites.

See Supporting Document for photos of some oversized vehicles.

Motion: The Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee requests that the VNC supports efforts by businesses and others to enforce ticketing of Oversized Vehicles along the north side of the 700 block of Washington Boulevard: 1. urging the LADOT and the LAPD to ticket the OV's for violating LAMC secs. 91.9002 and 11(l), and 2. urging the LADOT and the LAPD to take such other steps as necessary to abate the nuisances the OV's inflict on businesses on this block.

Public Comments:

Various public comments centered on a requested amendment by Clark Brown to extend the area of concern at least to all of Washington Boulevard.

Committee Discussion:



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Crystal asked Clark about the nuisance section of the Municipal Code in the motion. Her concern was that by generalizing the motion, it might make it harder to enforce against any specific vehicle. Clark Brown indicated that was not the case.

Selena felt that the present motion was too similar to a VNC motion of June 2025. She made a motion to amend the original motion as follows:

Amended Motion: The Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee requests that the VNC supports efforts by businesses and others to enforce ticketing of Oversized Vehicles **throughout Venice**: 1. urging the LADOT and the LAPD to ticket the OVs for violating LAMC secs. 91.9002 and 11(I), and 2. urging the LADOT and the LAPD to take such other steps as necessary to abate the nuisances the OVs inflict on businesses **and residences**. [bold type indicate basic changes.]

After comment and discussion, the amended motion was adopted.

Motion Made by: Selena Inouye Seconded by: David Wolf

Vote: Yes - 4 , No - 0, Abstain - 1, Absent - 1.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Traffic Conflicts Where Tabor Court Exits onto Venice Boulevard - Stakeholder Request:

Mr. Jim Murez submitted the Stakeholder Request. (Not present.)

Richard Stanger presented the item and the staff analysis.

Background: Tabor Court is the alley one-half block east of Abbot Kinney Boulevard. It is one-way southbound. It serves 55 metered parking spaces and the alternative exits of two businesses, one being Erewhon. The problem the Stakeholder Request wants to fix is the conflict between exiting vehicles from Tabor Court and westbound Venice Boulevard vehicles that stop at the red light at Abbot Kinney Boulevard. It is not only difficult to exit, but too often the exiting vehicles attempt to cross three lanes of Venice Boulevard to enter its fourth, left turn lane. See Support Documents for the staff report.

The Stakeholder Request proposes that Tabor Court's traffic flow be reversed from southbound to northbound. All Tabor Court traffic would then exit onto Palms Boulevard. Most existing vehicles would likely turn left to enter Abbot Kinney Boulevard to either continue south or turn onto Venice Boulevard. This change would solve the problem the Request aims to correct.

Richard Stanger and David Wolf researched the situation and their analysis shows that reversing Tabor Court's direction would shift the merge problem to the Palms and Abbot Kinney intersection. They believe that the shift would increase the risk to both vehicles and pedestrians. The analysis proposes an alternative approach at the Venice



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Boulevard Tabor Court exit. The four Venice Boulevard lanes would have "Keep Clear" pavement markings installed to allow space for Tabor Court vehicles to have better egress onto the Boulevard. This is not an ideal solution – there really isn't one in this situation – but staff feels it is a better solution than the one proposed.

Motion: The Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee asks the VNC to request that LADOT consider the resolution of the traffic merging problem at Tabor Court and Venice Boulevard by the addition on Venice Boulevard of "Keep Clear" pavement markings.

Public Comments:

There were comments questioning the efficacy of adding "Keep Clear" pavement markings because they would make it easier for drivers to get to the Venice Blvd. left turn lane and consequently block through traffic. Some felt the problem was related to Erewhon next door and asked the Committee to check to see if Erewhon was following its conditions of approval.

Committee Discussion:

David questioned whether signal phasing changes might not be effective. After discussion, the Committee opted to approve the motion.

Possible Motion Made by: David Wolf Seconded by: Crystal Lopez

Vote: Yes - 3, No - 1, Abstain - 1, Absent - 1.

B. **Support for Councilwoman Traci Park's Proposed City Council Motion on Improving the Marvin Braude Bike Trail Through Venice Beach**

Richard presented this item which supports Councilwoman's Park's City Council request to City Council to have City agencies assess the costs and resources needed to widen the Braude Bike Trail before the Olympics.

Background: Almost from its inauguration in the early 1980s, the Marvin Bruade Bike Trail has been too narrow for the use it has gotten from bicycles, scooters, roller bladers, and pedestrians. (Were it a highway, it would have certainly been widened by now.) Councilwoman Park proposes that the Bike Trail be improved/widened with the additon of a separate pedestrian pathway as Santa Monica did several decades ago. Her motion, in Supporting Documents, proposes that City Council direct City agencies prepare *"an assessment of the cost, funding opportunities and resources needed to widen the Marvin Braude Bike Trail through Venice Beach in order to accommodate a pedestrian path in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games."* The VNC should support her effort. See Supporting Documents for the Traci Park proposed Motion.

There is also a great need to improve the safety of the Braude Bikeway between the beach and its turn into Marina del Rey at Oxford Avenue. This improvement, along



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with the Beach Bike Trail itself, was the top improvement requested by respondents to the Bikeway Survey. For this reason the VNC should suggest that this section be added to the assessment.

Motion: The Parking, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee asks the Venice Neighborhood Council to support Councilwoman Traci Park's proposed motion (26-1136_misc_8-18-26) to have City Council instruct the Department of Transportation, with the assistance from the Bureau of Engineering, Recreation and Parks Department and Los Angeles County Public Works, to report back in 30 days with an assessment of the cost, funding opportunities and resources needed to widen the Marvin Braude Bike Trail through Venice Beach in order to accommodate a pedestrian path in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It further suggests that City agencies include in their assessment safety improvements to the Marvin Braude Bikeway between the beach and Oxford Avenue.

Public Comments:

Committee Discussion:

Motion Made by: **David Wolf** Seconded by: **Selena Inouye**

Vote: Yes - 4, No - 0 , Abstain - 1, Absent - 1.

C. **Presentation on E-Bikes** (Postponed: ran out of time.)

Andreas Kemkes

The presentation describes the three classifications of e-bikes and what legislation exists and is pending to control their use. See supporting documents.

Discussion and possible action

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40

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