

**Palms Neighborhood Council
Transportation & Infrastructure
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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Agenda Corrected
Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84188897855>

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VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Palms Neighborhood Council Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting will be conducted entirely electronically.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTIONS (5 minutes)**
 - a. Introductions and Welcome
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**
 - a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to transportation and infrastructure issues (up to 2 minutes per speaker, time permitting)
- IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
 - a. Committee member updates (10 minutes)
 - b. **MOTION** to modify the Committee structure by removing Francie Stefan and adding Jeremiah Crane.

- c. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE MOTION** to nominate a primary and alternate representative to the [Westside Regional Alliance of Councils](#)'s Transportation Committee. This is an opportunity to work on transportation issues at a regional level.
- d. **DISCUSSION** LADOT Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP). Please review [this brief presentation](#) before the meeting. What are our thoughts? Do we want to weigh in on this or the corresponding council file 20-1536?
- e. **DISCUSSION** on Next Steps. Proposed Motion passed at the August 27 Special Meeting of the Committee and has not been agendaized for the NC General Assembly: *The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a Community Engagement Plan to genuinely and equitably gather community input and create a consensus on whether and how to move forward with Venice Blvd. safety improvements. The Community Engagement Plan would be developed and led by the Neighborhood Council in partnership with LADOT.* See the plan following this agenda.
- f. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:** There will be a new mixed use project at 10801 Venice. Bureau of Engineering's permitting division required additional lighting for the building and this new maintenance district would potentially allow the Bureau of Street Lighting to install a new street light as needed. This would mean that the City can collect higher property taxes from the property owner. This is allowed by Proposition 218 because the installation of a new street light would require maintenance by BSL. The property owner has to assess this new maintenance district in BSL's attachment and vote yes or no on what BSL is proposing. If they do not accept this, the property owner would have to go back to the plan check phase and work with BSL to figure out how else they can incorporate more lighting at the location. The question is, do we want to weigh in on this either way?
- g. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** on Council Files:
 - i. [20-0838](#) to make Slow Streets permanent.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. on zoom.

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Crafting a Community Engagement Plan

Possible Venice Blvd. Bike Safety Improvements in Palms

August 2020

Background:

The Palms community has expressed interest in improving safety on Venice Boulevard. Venice Blvd. is on the City's High Injury Network, meaning Venice is in the top 6 percent of Los Angeles streets for traffic deaths and serious injuries. Between 2015-2018 from Lincoln Blvd. to Cadillac Ave. there were 762 severe traffic injuries and 7 deaths.

Improvements to the active transportation facilities on Venice Blvd. in Palms would improve safety for everyone and could encourage more people of all backgrounds abilities to feel comfortable using healthy and sustainable transportation modes.

Project:

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has set aside resources to upgrade the bicycle facilities on Venice Blvd., as prioritized in the City's Mobility Plan 2035 and the Sustainable City pLAN/Green New Deal.

- LADOT can make changes to the street through low-cost "paint & plastic" improvements. Any changes to the curb or median would be outside the scope of this project
- Protected bike lanes (where there is a physical separation between people biking and moving cars) are proven to provide the safest and most comfortable riding experience for all road users. They would be the primary consideration for this project.
- Adding protected bike lanes would involve trade-offs including repurposing a vehicle travel lane or parking lane in each direction on Venice Blvd.

Request for the Neighborhood Council:

LADOT does not have the resources at this time to conduct the necessary robust engagement of the Palms community to determine if and how this project should move forward. LADOT has asked the Palms Neighborhood Council if they would be willing and able to develop and lead the community engagement process.

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Draft Engagement Strategy Development Timeline

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| • Motion reviewed by NC board to proceed | September 2nd |
| • Strategy draft developed by NC Committees | September |
| • Strategy reviewed/approved/funded by Palms NC | October 7th |
| • Initial engagement conducted (~3 months) | October - December |
| • Results of the community engagement reviewed by NC | January 2021 |
| • Possible Safety Improvement Installation | Early 2021 |
| • Continued Community Engagement | Throughout Spring 2021 |