Palms Neighborhood Council Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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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 meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must dial +1 669 900 6833, and enter 669 900 6833 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting

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)

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. UPDATES: Committee Member Updates
- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Repaving streets under StreetsLA's "ADAPT" program
 - Motion: To approve the attached ADAPT resolution to enhance mobility and open space access in Los Angeles during COVID-19 for the Palms neighborhood [See supplementals for full letter].

c. DISCUSSION: Budget Advocates - Transportation Issues with the City.

• On June 28 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of Budget Advocates Region 11 of which Palms is a part. What transportation issues does the Palms community want brought forward?

d. DISCUSSION: Palms Slow Streets

• Discussion of survey results, outreach, and next steps.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- Next Meeting: June 11th, 2020 -

(7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month)

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EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL secretary@palmsnc.la

StreetsLA's "ADAPT" program and the 2035 Mobility Plan

TO: Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, LADOT Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager, StreetsLA Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Koretz

Whereas emissions from cars are the largest contributor to poor air quality and climate change in Los Angeles;

Whereas Los Angeles has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the country and gridlock costs our economy \$19 billion per year;

Whereas the average Angenelo spends 168 hours per year stuck in traffic;

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council adopted a "2035 Mobility Plan" in 2015;

Whereas the City's normal modus operandi is to implement street reconfigurations (such as adding bike or bus lanes) while repaying a street;

Whereas COVID-19 has resulted in a dramatic reduction of vehicle traffic in Los Angeles;

Whereas the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) has chosen to take advantage of the drop in vehicle traffic to accelerate the repaving of major streets in the City through the "ADAPT" program;

Whereas the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has responsibility to stripe the street and therefore choose how the space it used;

Whereas LADOT is responsible for community outreach and generating the necessary political will to make changes to our streets (such as implementing bus or bike lanes);

Whereas LADOT cannot keep up with the pace ADAPT is moving, resulting in streets on the Mobility Plan being repayed without the plan being implemented;

Whereas it is expensive and unrealistic during austerity that the City will go back and add bus or bike lanes to streets that were recently striped before they have to be repaved again (potentially in decades);

Whereas Mayor Eric Garcetti issued Executive Directive on February 10, 2020, instructing city departments to "deliver more and better bus transit" "activate streets" with more active transportation options and "prioritize the Right-of-Way" fulfilling commitments under L.A.'s Green New Deal;

Whereas bus lanes could help provide for more frequent and efficient buses, helping to reduce crowding post COVID-19;

Whereas a comprehensive bus lane and bike lane network could dramatically reduce single-occupancy vehicle use and traffic congestion;

Whereas post COVID-19 transit riders that can afford to may opt to buy cars for fear of getting sick, with no good alternative available to them, increasing gridlock;

Whereas Los Angeles' streets cannot support the normal vehicle traffic volume even at today's car ownership rates;

Therefore be it resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council requests that the City implement the 2035 Mobility Plan (including any bus or bike lanes as specified in the plan) when repaving streets under the ADAPT program (and after the ADAPT program), or delay such repaving until such a time that the 2035 Mobility Plan can be implemented.