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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 7:30 pm

Fire Station 43 - 3690 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call

II. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Introductions and Welcome

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Limited to non-agenda items – subjects related to transportation and infrastructure issues

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. Committee member updates
- b. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** on letter regarding Metro reliability (see supplementals)
- c. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** on letter to Metro board representatives regarding congestion pricing (see supplementals)

- d. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding letter requesting prioritization of Palms / Jasmine HAWK crossing (see supplementals)
- e. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding speed hump program reform (see supplementals)
- f. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding accessibility ramp at SE corner of Motor and Regent
- g. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding study of Marina Central Park
- h. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding Palms slow streets
- i. **DISCUSSION** regarding Sepulveda Corridor project
- j. **DISCUSSION** regarding Palms NC participation in STC4All
<https://www.stc4all.org>
- k. **DISCUSSION** of opportunities for street pedestrianization in Palms
- l. **DISCUSSION** of opportunities for using traffic circles to calm traffic on collector streets
- m. **DISCUSSION** of traffic signal synchronization
- n. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION** on [WRAC Motion regarding Metro TCN program](#)

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 7:30pm at Fire Station 43
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To our Metro people,

It is becoming increasingly clear that Metro's first areas of focus needs to be the safety and reliability of the system. It doesn't matter how many places the Metro can reach if it cannot reach them safely and reliably. When I step into the system, getting to my appointment safely and on time should be the rule and not the exception. Especially, if I build into my travel time a missing bus. It is clear that this is not the case.

The Palms Neighborhood Council urges Metro to prioritize their spending as follows.

1. Public safety
2. System reliability, especially the busses
3. Expanding the reach/destinations

November xx, 2023

To: LADOT, Yaroslavsky, Mayor Bass, Metro
CC: Jarrett

Los Angeles has traffic problems that are world renowned. The City and County are embarking on measures to reduce congestion with the expectation that the combination of projects works enough magic to get Angelenos from point A to Point B in a reasonable amount of time.

Palms Neighborhood Council favors the combination of ideas, including Congestion Pricing. Congestion Pricing would be a big change for the City. We have to be careful about how this is introduced so it is accepted and not defeated. The options on the table are too big for a first cut. We ask that we start with something small, a proof of concept, one that is likely to succeed and then grow the concept out from there. Downtown seems like an obvious pilot given that it has plenty of multi-modal options. An even smaller pilot could be something on one of the congested areas of the Westside like Westwood. The idea is to keep the pilot small to increase its chances for success.

Assuming the system will be transponder-based, the Palms Neighborhood Council urges the planners to provide means testing so those at the bottom of the pay scale who need to get to work are not financially burdened more than they already are. We also urge the planners to provide a system where people who do not use the transponder are not charged a fee. After all, the goal is not to drive into the congested area. We'd also like there to be a way that someone can enter the congested area boundaries without a transponder and without penalty.

The Palms Neighborhood Council is excited to see the City and County looking for ways to solve our problems. Sometimes it's better not to try to solve the whole problem in one jump and take small bites to build approval.



PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

RE: Prioritization of Funded Crosswalk at Palms/Jasmine

September 14, 2023

To:

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The Palms Neighborhood Council was recently informed that a signalized crosswalk request at the intersection of Palms Blvd and Jasmine Ave has been fully funded. The Neighborhood Council has also received a significant amount of feedback from stakeholders on the need for greater investment in pedestrian-friendly safety enhancements in our community.

Currently, Palms does not have a single HAWK crosswalk implemented, in contrast with our neighboring communities of Mar Vista and South Robertson, both of which have at least one pedestrian beacon crossing installation within their boundaries. As one of Los Angeles' most densely populated, highly diverse communities, under investment in our area has left many residents vulnerable to road traffic.

While the Palms Neighborhood Council has submitted a number of crosswalk requests in the last few years, this is the first time one has been fully funded. The intersection of Palms/Jasmine is in immediate proximity to our only TK-5 public school, Palms Elementary, as well as our community's sole recreational area, Woodbine Park. Palms Boulevard is however a 4-lane road with high-speed traffic that divides our neighborhood, leaving many

residents with few options to safely access our school or park. Frequently, residents are forced to wait for brief lulls in traffic at this intersection where vehicles regularly drive in excess of 35 MPH, the posted speed limit, before attempting to cross. The only two nearby crossings are at busy intersections over 1500 feet away from each other, which is an impediment to pedestrian mobility in our community.

The Palms Neighborhood Council would greatly appreciate Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's support in prioritizing implementation of this fully-funded, first of its kind project for our diverse neighborhood in order to help address current deficits in safe pedestrian infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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President, Palms Neighborhood Council



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RE: Speed Hump Program Reform

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The Palms Neighborhood Council requests LADOT to consider reforming the City's current iteration of its Speed Hump Program due to significant issues regarding equity that have led to notable shortfalls in transportation infrastructure investment among denser, multi-family residence neighborhoods such as ours.

As presently designed, the process pits neighborhoods against one another, competing for an extremely finite number of spots in a randomized, first-come-first served basis that fails to consider neighborhoods with the greatest need. Notably, "Step 3" in LADOT's "*Survey of Residents: Request & Approval Process*" presents a major roadblock for residents living in multi-family communities such as Palms, due to the requirement that a designated Block Representative "*obtain signatures from at least two-thirds (66.7%) of the affected residences*" on the requested street just to proceed with a LADOT survey. Neighborhoods composed of mostly apartment buildings such as Palms are significantly more difficult to access than single-family neighborhoods, where a designated Block Representative could easily go door-to-door to petition the project. Apartment buildings have gated or access restrictions

that make this near impossible, and in addition, the significantly higher density of multi-family neighborhoods mean a Block Rep in these areas would be required to obtain hundreds or potentially thousands of signatures, as opposed to their single-family home counterparts, who may only need to obtain a few dozen signatures at most, to reach this benchmark criteria.

Due to these consequential shortcomings, the program favors wealthier, single-family neighborhoods that have a much lower threshold to achieve while remaining excessively burdensome to multi-family residence neighborhoods. As LA County's *Equity in Infrastructure Initiative* has suggested, while programs like this may have been originally conceived in a way to serve communities equally rather than equitably, they fail to address "historical disparities in infrastructure investments and services for communities who have not had a voice." (lacounty.gov)

One solution could be incorporating speed humps into the routine design for all eligible streets, meaning that when a street is re-paved, it will include considerations for building out speed humps. Prioritization should be determined by LADOT based on neighborhood need, historical equity and data. This would allow for a more objective and fair system that would empower even distribution of popular infrastructure enhancements, improving the livability and safety of residents for all LA neighborhoods.

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President, Palms Neighborhood Council