

POLICY MOTION

TITLE: Partner with LADOT on Community Outreach and Engagement regarding the implementation of the Venice Blvd Safety and Mobility Project (“VBSMP”)

PURPOSE: To partner with LADOT on Community Outreach and Engagement for the Venice Blvd Safety and Mobility Project to ensure that the goals of the VBSMP are being met and that the collateral effects are being identified and mitigated.

BACKGROUND:

LADOT and Metro are planning mobility upgrades to Venice Blvd through Mar Vista. This project proposes adding active transportation and bus improvements to increase comfort and safety for all who travel on Venice Blvd., including but not limited to extensions of dedicated bus lanes and protected bicycle lanes.

From 2012 to 2022, 1203 collisions occurred on this section of Venice Blvd. 25% of those involved people walking or riding a bike, and 58 people were killed or severely injured. The City of Los Angeles is redesigning streets to reduce motorist, pedestrian, and cyclist injuries and fatalities and to better facilitate transportation options beyond individual motor vehicles.

LADOT is also working with Metro to improve bus operations for the more than 19,000 people who board the bus daily. 84% of those are from households that make less than \$50k/year, and 82% do not own a car and rely on bus service.

At the Palms Neighborhood Council meeting on June 22nd, 2022, their board passed a motion to partner with LADOT on community outreach and engagement. In response to conversations and requests at the October 5th, 2022 MVCC Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability meeting, it is recommended that the board pass a similar motion. This will give Mar Vista Community Council and its stakeholders an opportunity to engage with this project in a similar manner to ensure a) the public safety goals of the VBSMP are being met, b) that pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist safety are being optimized, and c) collateral effects like increased pedestrian, cyclist, motor vehicle, and bus traffic on Venice Blvd. and neighboring streets are being evaluated and addressed to minimize deleterious effects on such streets and neighborhoods.

THE MOTION: The MVCC is FOR partnering with LADOT on Community Outreach and Engagement for the Venice Blvd Safety and Mobility Project to ensure that the goals of

the VBSMP are being met and that the collateral effects are being identified and mitigated.

DIRECTED TO: LADOT

ACTION/VOTE COUNT: