

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 1/18/23

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Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman , Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss
Parks and Recreation Committee	Barry Levine, Jon Liberman , Laurie Levine, Sandy Block, Benji Karben
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes , Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Baila Romm , Joseph Mollaie, Daniel Ferszt, Stuart Weiss
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger , Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Benji Karben, Jason Plummer
Homelessness Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman , Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz
Education Committee	Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman , Benji Karben
Bylaws Committee	Ken Blaker , Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie
Budget & Finance Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman
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Los Angeles Department of Transportation
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Dear Councilmember Hutt, Councilmember Yaroslavsky, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, would like to express our support for the already-completed installation of the Slow Streets program between Gutherie and Pickford on Preuss, Shenandoah, and Wooster. After the installation, the Neighborhood Council performed a survey of the affected streets and determined that the stakeholders support the installation.

Furthermore, we support any blocks in the South Robertson Neighborhoods that wish to adopt Slow Streets in the future. We likewise encourage the city to reinstate and expand the Slow Streets program to allow such blocks to request installations where appropriate.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President



Motion to support a modified version of WRAC's Parking Space Replacement Request

Agenda Item: GB011824-07
Date: January 18, 2024
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

The LA City Council adopted the motion in [Council File 23-0360](#) which removes the requirement to backfill parking spaces when property is transferred to the Housing Department in order to build affordable and supportive housing, in an effort to reduce the cost of building such housing.

WRAC drafted a proposed motion called [Parking Space Replacement Policy Request](#) that requests that the city instead require replacement parking to be constructed, with the number of spaces required on a sliding scale based on, "...prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement."

The committee was concerned that the new developments may affect the future use and need for parking, so "prior utilization" is not a sensible number, and parking requirements should be based on estimated future use.

Proposed Motion

I. That the SORO NC support a modified version of WRAC's Parking Space Replacement Request, where "prior utilization" is replaced with "future utilization."

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 3	Against: 1
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:
Maintains parking space levels in neighborhoods

Arguments against:
Adds to cost of development of affordable housing, potentially reducing the number of affordable housing units constructed



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Parking Space Replacement Policy Request

Proposed by Barbara Broide/WRAC MTC on July 17, 2023

Passage deadline: January 2024

Passed by

- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Brentwood Community Council
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
- Venice Neighborhood Council
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Neighborhood Council

Motion

Refers to City Council file [23-0360](#)

The _____ CC/NC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned about the passage of CF 23-0360, which nullifies Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 of the Administrative Code and changes the parking space replacement policy when LADOT parking facilities with spaces greater than 25 are transferred to the Housing Department for redevelopment as affordable or supportive housing.

_____ CC/NC is sensitive to how difficult it can be to develop affordable and supportive housing in Los Angeles. We recognize there is a shortage of affordable and supportive housing and believe that Los Angeles would benefit from making it easier to build such housing.

Until now, when LADOT-managed parking facilities have been redeveloped, all the parking spaces had to be replaced, increasing the cost of the development. With the passage of CF 23-0360, the spaces will no longer be required to be replaced.

However, we believe that the needs of small businesses, including the need for parking for their customers, have not been adequately considered with the nullification of Administrative Code

Sections 22.482(a) and 22.602 and establishment of the new parking space replacement policy.

Therefore, we respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils who are also members of the City Council Transportation Committee – Councilmembers Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt – bring a motion in Los Angeles City Council forthwith to further amend the Administrative Code to include concessions for small businesses by replacing the new parking space development footprint. The City should determine how much parking to replace by using a sliding scale for parking replacement based on prior utilization, as well as the availability of nearby public parking, rather than never requiring any replacement.

Background

Background Information

Contact [Selena Inouye](#) or [Barbara Broide](#) for more information.





Motion to Send a Letter to CD 5 to request the extension of the bike lanes on Doheny to Pico

Agenda Item: GB011824-08
Date: January 18, 2024
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

During the pandemic, LA DOT began a [Slow Streets project](#) to add slow speed notices and bollards in local neighborhoods that requested it to attempt to slow traffic. At the end of the prior fiscal year as their funding was about to be returned to the City, LA DOT made some of these changes permanent, including in SORO, specifically between Gutherie and Pickford on Preuss, Shenandoah, and Wooster.

This was done without the explicit consent of the SORO NC or neighborhood. After it was done, the Transportation Committee reached out and surveyed the affected blocks to get their feedback on the proposal. The survey showed that the vast majority of the respondents—over 80% of those reached—approved of the changes.

In addition to supporting the current implementation that is already complete, the Transportation Committee believes that the SORO NC should support any other blocks that wish to adopt the Slow Streets program if the City chooses to expand it.

Letter to CD 5 to support initiating a bike lane extension on Doheny from Whitworth to Pico, to connect to the BH bike lane project. This would not take away any parking spaces or driving lane.

In recent months, Beverly Hills installed [bike lanes on Doheny Drive](#) from Burton Way down to Whitworth Drive, at the Los Angeles border. This leaves one block—Whitworth Drive to Pico Blvd—without a bike lane. The Doheny Drive bike lane is an unprotected bike lane.

Adding bike lanes on Doheny Drive from Pico Blvd to Whitworth Drive would complete an extensive bicycle corridor, connecting the heavily trafficked Pico Boulevard via bike all the way to Burton Way, which is also a major bicycle corridor. This should not require removing parking or driving lanes.

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Proposed Motion

I. That the SORO NC write a letter to CD 5 supporting the installation of an unprotected bike lane on Doheny Drive from Pico Blvd to Whitworth Drive to connect the Pico area to Burton Way for bicyclists, assuming it does not remove parking or driving lanes.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 4

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:
(applies to funding motions only)

\$ N/A

Arguments for:
Connect the Pico neighborhood via Bike Lane to large parts of the neighboring areas to the north.

Arguments against:
None



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Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, would like to encourage the City to install an unprotected bike lane on Doheny Blvd from Whitworth Drive to Pico Blvd, connecting Pico to the already existing Beverly Hills bicycle lanes on Doheny.

We believe this can be done without removing parking or driving lanes, and it would provide a safer, faster route for bicyclists traveling from Pico to many parts of Beverly Hills, including the Burton Way bicycle lanes, a major bicycle thoroughfare.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President



Motion to Send a Letter to LADOT, LA Metro, and Street Services to provide time for NCs to alert constituents of and provide input on projects

Agenda Item: GB011824-09
Date: January 18, 2024
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

On several occasions, the City, LA DOT, and Metro have implemented projects that affect SORO stakeholders with minimal to no input from SORO NC. One example of this is the protected bike lanes on Venice east of National, where they were installed without any discussion with the NC or neighborhood. Relatedly, on a regular basis, many smaller projects, such as road resurfacing, is done without alerting the NC or neighborhoods ahead of time that streets will be closed.

This has led to the feeling among some stakeholders that the City and City agencies do not care about the neighborhood’s stakeholder’s opinions. It also has meant that the NC was unable to alert stakeholders of projects affecting their lives.

Proposed Motion

I. That the SORO NC write a letter to request LA DOT, Metro, and Street Services provide input on the project, such as protected bike lanes, bus lanes and routes, and car lane expansion, as well as notification of all projects in the immediate future, such as resurfacing or street repairs, so the NC can notify stakeholders.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A	

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Arguments for:

Obtains more feedback from stakeholders where major projects are being considered, and alerts stakeholders of projects that might affect their transit.

Arguments against:

Slows down important transportation projects.



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Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services
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Dear Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, would like to request that your agencies solicit input and feedback from Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils when your significant projects that will affect their neighborhoods, such as protected bike lanes, bus lanes and routes, and car lane expansion. This will allow the Neighborhood Councils to gather input and feedback from the stakeholders in the neighborhood and provide it back to the agencies.

Moreover, we request that the agencies also alert Neighborhood Councils of smaller projects that will affect their neighborhood in the immediate future, such as resurfacing or street repairs, so that the Neighborhood Councils can notify stakeholders.

We believe that by partnering together, the Neighborhood Councils have the potential to provide valuable feedback on agency projects as well as to socialize their benefits and projects. We look forward to future cooperation and work together.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President