



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

Meeting of April 4, 2013

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission

FROM: Bijan Vaziri, Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Traffic Engineer Quarterly Report

Traffic Engineering Activities – January 2013 through March 2013

(Bolded: New activities for this Quarter)

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A: Capital Improvement Projects

This portion of the report was presented to the Commission during the March 2013 meeting. Attached, please find a summary of slides presented at that meeting.

B: Ongoing traffic studies and data collection (citywide):

- 1: Conducted new traffic counts and speed studies. **Counts were taken on North Le Doux Road to identify the potential increase of traffic due to the opening of a new Trader Joe's store in Los Angeles.**
- 2: Conducted multiple day parking inventory surveys for 2 permit parking applications within the last three months.
- 3: Responded to public inquiries about the placement of signs, red curbs, striping, address markings, traffic counts, and requests for information from the public, traffic citation challenges, records subpoenas, expert witness requests, depositions, court appearances, complaints for traffic congestion, school area traffic and parking management and other traffic engineering issues. **Ongoing: Two subpoenas of records requiring extensive research since the 1960's occupied about 30 hours of staff time.**
- 4: Prepared **29** work orders for the Public Works Street Division to place or relocate traffic and parking signs, street markings, curb markings, striping plans, meter heads/posts, signal timing adjustments, coordination timing and signal pole replacements. Responded to **16** requests from residents to paint red curbs adjacent to the approaches at their properties. **2** Speed humps applications in process: 200 S. Le Doux Road (was constructed on August 2012); 100 N. Willaman and 200 South Gale.
6. **Review and field inventory for way-finding signs proposed within the Business Triangle.**

C: Private Development Transportation Reviews

1: Continued the review process for traffic impact reports and/or EIRs for the following developments:

- Finalizing the review of bollards operation and signal modifications on 400 N. Crescent.*
- Evaluation of hauling schedule and review of the parking management study and hauling circulation of 121 San Vicente proposed medical office project.*
- Review of the traffic study and circulation plan for the proposed Infiniti service center on Olympic Boulevard between Wetherly and Almont. (Ongoing)*
- Review of the Roxbury Park renovation project.*
- Review of temporary relocation of activities to La Cienega Park during the construction of Roxbury Park.*
- Reviewed the final plan for the proposed Gate-way west project (N. Santa Monica at Doheny).*

Provided comments and corrections. Met with the Community Development staff and attended Planning Commission preparatory meetings. Met with the applicants and traffic consultants.

2: **Reviewed over 25 traffic plan applications** for public right-of-way permits in cooperation with the City's Permit Center. Traffic plans are required to be prepared by applicants for temporary closure (less than 24 hours) of a traffic lane, generally for the following purposes:

Delivery of construction equipment and materials, temporary use of metered spaces for special occasions and utility repairs and replacement by Edison, Phone Co. and others.

3: Reviewed construction-related transportation issues for projects presently under construction:

The construction phasing and circulation of the proposed office building at 120 Spalding Drive.

D: Out of the ordinary activities

Staff began research regarding the reason for placement of the unprotected crosswalk markings on South Santa Monica by Lasky Drive. It was generally believed that this crosswalk was to accommodate both El Rodeo School students living in that area and Beverly Hills High school students on Moreno. Staff found a document dated back in September 1958 that this crosswalk was placed by the request of the Chamber of Commerce and in response to complaints from shoppers and store personnel who probably used to park on the residential blocks south of South Santa Monica and there was no mention about students crossing.

Attached is a copy of the "Traffic Commission" Minutes that used to exist prior to the establishment of the "Traffic and Parking Commission" on December 1967. Staff is sharing this document with the Commission both in terms of its content and for the reason of its historical importance.