



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION**

Meeting of October 2, 2014

**TO:** Traffic & Parking Commission

**FROM:** Bijan Vaziri, Senior Transportation Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Traffic Engineer Quarterly Report

**Traffic Engineering Activities – June 2014 through September 2014**

**(Bolded: New activities for this Quarter)**

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**A: Capital Improvement Projects**

**1: Citywide Re-striping Project:**

This project is for upgrading and refreshing street striping, pavement markings and curb markings citywide. This project will be administered by the Engineering Division with cooperation of Transportation staff for scheduling the work and inspection of the contractor's work. The following is a summary of what needs to be done:

- a) Over 60 streets will get center-line and lane-line re-striping for a total length of 145,350 linear feet (25 miles); pavement markings of over 300 of the existing 505 intersections in the City will be re-painted; re-striping and markings of 30 speed humps on 15 residential blocks; other miscellaneous markings and striping patterns at isolated locations
- b) Curb markings of about 50,600 feet of "red" curbs, 18 "yellow" commercial loading zones, 37 "white" passenger loading zones, 116 "green" 20 minutes metered spaces, four "blue" handicapped spaces and repainting faded grey markings.

**The project had to be scaled down as the task of curb markings (section b above) was assigned to the City crew. The Civil Engineering Division has tentatively scheduled a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, Superior Pavement Markings, Inc., for mid-October. The project is scheduled for 200 working days (approximately 10 months).**

2: *Crosswalk signal on Wilshire near Swall Drive:*

**The contractor completed the construction and the signal was operational by mid-July.** This item will be removed in the next quarterly report.

3: **Rexford Drive at City Hall campus intersection:**

The construction began in early March and it was completed on May 15. Crosswalk striping patterns were modified to improve visibility. By reducing the size of the intersection, visibility and observance of the right-of-way have been improved; and by placing a 3<sup>rd</sup> crosswalk along Rexford Drive, the pedestrian connectivity between Police building and the Library has been safely established. This item will be removed in the next quarterly report.

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

- 1: Conducted speed studies on **S. Santa Monica Bl. (85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 28 mph) West Olympic Bl. (85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 34 mph)** that were to be upgraded as part of a 5 year required Traffic and Engineering Study.
- 2: Conducted multiple day parking inventory surveys for **4** parking prohibition issues.
- 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 and speeding, school area traffic and parking management and other traffic engineering issues including Web-CBH Transportation public inquiries, and citywide Comcate generated public inquiries; **conducted field surveys of Trousdale area including Loma Vista, Carla Ridge, Hillcrest and Wallace Ridge to identify areas where signs and striping improvements are needed.**
- 4: Prepared “61” work orders for the Public Work Services Department to place or relocate traffic and parking signs, street markings, curb markings, striping plans, meter heads/posts, curb marking, signal timing adjustments, coordination timing and signal pole replacements. Below is a summary list of work orders issued for the last 4 months:

ADDRESS	TYPE	ENTERED	RESOLVED
Loma Vista	Install multiple traffic signs	5/29/14	6/2/14
400 S. Roxbury	Replace missing meter	6/2/14	6/2/14
224 S. Swall	Remake faded street clean sign	6/2/14	6/3/14
4 homes - 200 block S. La Peer	Red curb	6/3/14	6/5/14
8850 Wilshire (Audi crosswalk)	Red curb, install meter poles	6/3/14	6/6/14
1724 Chevy Chase	Red curb	6/4/14	6/5/14

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512 N. Hillcrest	Red curb	6/4/14	6/5/14
1103 San Ysidro	Red curb	6/4/14	6/5/14
9804 Hillgreen	Street address	6/4/14	6/6/14
244 S. Camden	Red curb	6/4/14	6/5/14
1709 Chevy Chase	Red curb	6/10/14	6/12/14
1103 San Ysidro	Red curb	6/11/14	6/12/14
353 S. Crescent	Red curb	6/11/14	6/12/14
La Cienega n/o Olympic	Sign clean up	6/13/14	6/19/14
233 S. La Peer	Red curb	6/16/14	6/19/14
Benedict Canyon north of Camden	Install W4-2R sign	6/17/14	6/19/14
Crescent north of NSM	Remove right turn only arrow	6/17/14	6/30/14
Southeast corner of Dayton/Rodeo	R & R updated trolley signs	6/25/14	7/2/14
Oxford and Lexington	Red curb	6/25/14	7/10/14
100 block of Spalding	Install 7 meter poles curb-paint	6/25/14	7/24/14
450 S. Clark	Correct street address on curb	6/25/14	7/1/14
Wilshire btwn Bedford and Peck	Install ped Xing signs	6/25/14	6/30/14
Loma Vista	Install three 3 axle - 15MPH signs	7/7/14	8/28/14
Robertson and Gregory	Replace faded O/N sign	7/9/14	7/10/14
Charleville at Beverly Dr.	Install peak hour meter sign	7/10/14	7/15/14
470 S. Beverly	Install 1 HR meter signs (3)	7/10/14	7/15/14
123 N. Le Doux	Repaint street address	7/14/14	7/15/14
200 N. Elm	Install new Zone G signs	7/21/14	8/1/14
1715 Loma Vista	Install runaway truck ramp - sign	7/24/14	8/1/14
169 N. Wetherly	Red curb	7/24/14	7/29/14
Gregory @ La Cienega Park	Signage modification	7/28/14	8/5/14
Infiniti - 300 S. Wetherly	Red curb	7/31/14	8/11/14
Beverly Vista - 200 S. block of Elm	Install signs	8/4/14	8/7/14
200 block of S. La Peer	Install new Zone AL signs	8/4/14	8/1/14
9900 Sunset	Paint street address	8/11/14	8/12/14
1187 Summit	Install NPAT	8/13/14	8/14/14
250 S. Beverly (Subway)	Paint curb green for meter 268	8/18/14	8/19/14
220 N. Canon	Paint curb green for meter 212	8/19/14	8/21/14
Alley e/o Swall s/o Wilshire	Sign and paint clean up	8/21/14	
9111 Wilshire	Install 3 meters	8/21/14	
159 S. Beverly	Convert meter to 10 min. loading	8/21/14	8/26/14
1117 Beverly and Sutton	Paint and sign updates	8/22/14	
200 S. Almont, La Peer and Swall	Install Zone AL signs	8/25/14	8/1/14

Curb cut-out on e. side Canon n/o NSM	Remove Metro layover sign	8/26/14	
Loma Vista	Paint 25 MPH pavement legends	8/26/14	
718 N. Palm	Red curb	9/2/14	9/2/14
Loma Vista runaway ramp wall	Install 3 NPATs	9/4/14	9/8/14
718 N. Palm	Red curb (+2')	9/8/14	9/15/14
337 S. Linden	Paint street address	9/11/14	9/15/14
3rd St. btwn Civic Ctr. and Foothill	Install tour bus/ Farm market signs	9/15/14	9/16/14
514 N. Canon	Extend reds - 3' each driveway	9/16/14	9/17/14
232 S. Swall	Red curb	9/19/14	9/23/14
Fire Station 2 (Coldwater)	Red curbs	9/19/14	
505 N. Bedford	Sign modification	9/19/14	
Beverly Vista - 200 S. block of Elm	Sign modification	9/19/14	
310 N. Crescent	Red/gray curb	9/19/14	
1117 Tower Road	Refresh reds	9/22/14	9/23/14
Intersection of Olympic & Beverly	Increase ped crossing time	08/25/14	completed
Intersection of Rexford-Lexington	Improve the offset with adjacent	7/2/14	completed
Intersections along Canon	Improve coordination	9/20/14	pending

5: Speed humps applications in process: Previous applications were discontinued due to the lack of supporting signatures. **No new applications were received.**

C: Private Development Transportation Reviews

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

*Review of traffic impact assessment for phase one of the Beverly Hilton revitalization project.*

*Review of parking analysis report by KOA Inc. pertaining to 246 N. Canon (Mastro's).*

*Review of Canon Drive Traffic Signal Analysis report by KOA pertaining to requests from Hilton and Hyland group.*

*Review of Trousdale area traffic safety report prepared by Fehr & Peers.*

*Continued the review of traffic plans for proposed utilities relocation on Wilshire Boulevard between La Cienega and San Vicente relating to the planned Metro Purple Line extension pending City Council approval.*

**2: Reviewed over 49 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 of traffic lane(s), 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.*

*In addition:*

*AT&T projects (3 phases at 48 locations citywide)*

*Southern California Edison construction sites along Sunset and northern area (18 sheets)*

*Southern California Edison construction site along Burton Way (34 sheets)*

*Metro utilities relocation - Water (29 sheets)*

*Metro utilities relocation - Sewer (19 sheets)*

*Metro utilities relocation - SCE (27 sheets)*

*Metro utilities relocation - Storm drain (11 sheets)*

*MWD Santa Monica feeder re-location (LA boundary-N.S.M.-Wilshire- 8 sheets)*

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

*Demolition of the site for construction of new Hotel (Waldorff Astoria)*

*Intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> street and Civic Center modifications due to New City storage building*

*Parking layout of La Cienega Park frontage with Gregory Way*

#### **D: Responses to Commission's inquiries:**

1. 200 S. Elm Drive- The area north of the school cut-out where Elm Dr. narrows, the day time parking regulation allows parking during busy, drop off and pick up periods causing blockage and congestion.

*Response: A work order is prepared to install new parking signs prohibiting parking between 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 2 PM to 4 PM. Estimated date of installation is by Mid-October.*

2. 500 Block North Bedford- The area designated for AM peak hour prohibition is too short and busy morning southbound traffic gets congested.

*Response: The area of prohibition (7:30-9:30) will be extended toward the alley north of N. Santa Monica allowing more vehicles to queue north of the Bedford/N. Santa Monica intersection. Estimated date of completion is by end of October.*

3. Bedford Drive southbound between the two Santa Monica Roadways - many people turn left from the middle lane.

*Response: A work order will be prepared to mark guidelines at S. Santa Monica intersection. Furthermore, the lane line marking will be painted as a continuous line. The work order will go to the City striping contractor. Completion date will be known after meeting with the contractor (late October).*

4. Left turns on South Santa Monica (both directions) at Wilshire need striping improvements to increase capacity as only one car clears per cycle.

*Response: Staff plans more site observations and measurements to recommend the most feasible improvement.*

5. Review of eastbound left turn from S. Santa Monica to northbound Beverly block westbound traffic.

*Response: Staff will be preparing a work order to place signs on the signal mast arm indicating "Left Turn Yield on Green" (R10-22) facing both direction. Estimated completion by Nov. 25.*

6. Review of the left turn pocket into the 76 station on Wilshire (West end of the City)

*Response: Back in 2010, as a compromise solution to City Council's original preference to "fully close" the westbound left turn access to the 76 station, staff recommended allowing access with very limited linear capacity of the left turn pocket while ensuring the Council that the exiting traffic out of the 76 station would be physically prohibited to make the westbound exit. In 2012, staff reduced the length of the vertical delineators making it easier to access the westbound left turn pocket. During the field visit, it was noticed that the left turning vehicles do not pull out to the end of the pocket; this therefore causes the second car behind to block the first lane on westbound Wilshire. Staff is looking into possibilities of slightly shortening the two medians to provide more length for the left turns and adjust striping.*