



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

Meeting of April 7, 2016

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission

FROM: Bijan Vaziri, Senior Transportation Engineer

SUBJECT: Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report

Traffic Engineering Activities – December 2015 through February 2016

(Bolded: New activities for this Quarter)

Staff: Bijan Vaziri P.E., Senior Transportation Engineer
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A: Projects

1: Olympic and Beverly-Beverwil intersection - **Staff is evaluating the consultants' revised proposal.**

B: Ongoing traffic studies and data collection (citywide)

- 1: Conducted a Sunday parking inventory survey on El Camino
- 2: Responded to public inquiries about the placement of signs, red curbs, striping, address markings and traffic counts. Responded to requests for information from the public, traffic citation challenges, records subpoenas, expert witness requests, depositions, court appearance requests (most staff time spent on this task), complaints about traffic congestion and speeding, school area traffic/parking management inquiries, and other traffic engineering issues (including Web-CBH Transportation public inquiries and citywide Comcate generated public inquiries). **Ongoing**
- 3: Submitted **19** work orders to the Public Works Services Department that included placing or relocating traffic and parking signs, street markings, curb markings, striping plans, and meter heads/posts; signal timing adjustments; and coordination timing and signal pole replacements. Below is a summary list of work orders that were issued for the last 3 months:

ADDRESS	TYPE	Submitted	completed
100 N. Carson	Install NPAT Zone AF signs	12/1/15	12/6/15
Charleville between Rodeo and El Camino	Red curb at alley	12/3/15	12/4/15
3rd Street	Install farmers market and NP 7am - 7pm signs	12/14/15	12/17/15
17 locations in Triangle	Install 17 5-ton signs	12/15/15	1/7/16
3 locations	Replace bus shelter benches + trash	12/16/15	12/18/15
499 N. Canon	Install meter signs	12/16/15	12/18/15
Oxford and Hartford	Paint red curbs, remove 2-HR sign	12/21/15	12/24/15
1080 Wallace Ridge	Extend red curb	1/5/16	1/13/16
100 S. Hamel (Horace Mann)	Modify school signage	1/5/16	1/20/16
1184 Loma Linda (cul-de-sac)	Red curbs	1/6/16	1/13/16
NB Beverly Drive at Sunset	Adjust crooked sign	1/13/16	
132 & 128 S. La Peer	Red curbs	1/25/16	2/4/16
6 locations along Beverly and Canon	Remove 3 ton signs	2/2/16	2/3/16
1275-1285 Benedict Canyon	Remove 1500 sign	2/2/16	
Roxbury-Bedford alley	Refresh reds and yellows	2/8/16	
417 N. Doheny	Replace street cleaning signs	2/8/16	2/9/16
201 N. Rodeo	Repaint top of red curb	2/8/16	2/10/16
N. Rodeo at Park Way	Sign and paint modifications	2/9/16	
100 Spalding	Install new Zone S signs	2/22/16	

4: Speed humps applications in process:

- 300 S. Linden Dr. **Pending signatures of adjacent resident(s).**
- San Ysidro Dr. (north of Tower) **Pending the final approval of one adjacent resident. Staff has ordered the devices to be installed by the City crew.**
- 100 N. Le Doux Rd. **Field evaluation completed. Pending signatures of adjacent residents.**
- 400 S. Clark Dr. **Pending signatures of adjacent residents.**
- Smithwood Dr. **Field evaluation completed – Pending submission the consent of adjacent residents.**
- Tower Rd. (north of San Ysido) **Petition has been received. Pending staff evaluation.**

C: Private Development Transportation Reviews

1: Continued the review process for Traffic Impact Reports, Environmental Impact Reports and other circulation issues of new developments:

- **Review of traffic impact study/ draft EIR of the proposed development in Los Angeles at 333 N. La Cienega Boulevard.**

- **Reviewed City of LA WLA TIMP draft IER and provided comments.**
- **Reviewed circulation analysis the new proposed hotel as a part of the 9900 Wilshire Boulevard project and provided comments revising the driveways.**
- **Review of traffic circulation study of the proposed Car rental at 264 S. La Cienega.**
- **Reviewed the circulation of improvements at the auto dealership site at 9031 Olympic.**
- **Review of the traffic studies of 9900 Wilshire project and discussed corrections of Level of Service analysis.**

2: Reviewed over **47** 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 events; and utility repairs/replacements by *Edison*, phone companies and other utility companies.
- **AT&T projects - reviewed 23 locations.**
- ***Southern California Edison* construction sites citywide - 14 locations.**
- ***Metro* La Cienega subway station utilities relocation of water, sewer, *SCE* and storm drain - biweekly coordination meeting with the *Metro* and LADOT - attended 3 meetings.**
- ***Metro* La Cienega subway station - construction detour alternatives traffic study - coordination with *Metro* and LADOT - attended 2 meetings. Provided a review and proposals.**
- ***Metro* Purple Line City wide - reviewed 14 traffic control plans.**

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

- Construction of new hotel (*Waldorf Astoria*) signal improvements at Wilshire Blvd./N. Santa Monica Blvd., Merv Griffin Way/Santa Monica Blvd., and began working with the signal design consultant recruited by the applicant to re-design the intersection of Wilshire and N. Santa Monica Blvd. **Finalized the traffic signal design review. Conducted field evaluation for the new Merv Griffin-N. Santa Monica Blvd.**

D: Responses to Commissioner's inquiry.

In response to a recent inquiry by the Commission regarding two mid-block crosswalks on Robertson Boulevard and on Wilshire Boulevard, the following information is provided:

Midblock crosswalk at Chalmers Street and Robertson Boulevard:



This crosswalk is included in the approved funding list for the Metro Call 2015. The proposed improvements include:

- A: Construction of median island/refuge to create protection for crossing.
- B: Construction of flashers on a post (on the median and crosswalk signs) for both directions.
- C: Enhanced crosswalk striping patterns and reflectors.

This funding for these improvements will be available for the FY 2018/19. However, certain measures which could help with enhancement of the crosswalk could be placed, earlier. For example, staff may revise the center line striping so a painted island can be created, and vertical delineators and crosswalk signs can be placed in the center for better visibility.

Alternatively, since this crosswalk is located at the boundary intersection of Chalmers and Robertson, The Cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills may have a joint traffic signal project which would protect the subject crosswalk. Our previous contacts with LA indicated that the signalization of this intersection is not on the priority list of City of Los Angeles. However, if we can secure funding for any improvements, we might approach Los Angeles to participate with us in improving this boundary intersection based on approach percentages (65% B.H. - 35% L.A.).

Midblock crosswalk at Palm Drive and Robertson Boulevard:



This crosswalk is also included in the approved funding list for the Metro Call 2015. The proposed improvements include:

- A: Construction of median island/refuse to create protection for crossing. This will allow pedestrian refuge which allows safer crossing of the 70 feet wide crosswalk.
- B: Construction of vertical flashers (on the median and crosswalk signs) for both directions.
- C: Illuminated pedestrian crossing signs.

These improvements are pending the outcome of the proposed installation of the traffic signal at Wilshire and Maple as a condition of the Lexus Project. If that signal is built, the distance of two crosswalks will be too close, while the distance east of this existing painted crosswalk to Doheny Drive would be without a crossing. It is, therefore, advisable to move the crosswalk at South Palm/Wilshire toward the east somewhere equally spaced between Maple and Doheny to accommodate more crossings on Wilshire. The funding for these improvements will be available for the FY 2018/19. However, depending on the Lexus project, this crosswalk improvement could be implemented at an earlier date.