

## Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project Questions & Responses from May 2003 Community Meeting

Issue	Questions and Recommendations	Response
Construction	Are you putting in a new water line? What size is the new pipe and will it carry more water?	The LADWP is installing a replacement waterline. The replacement waterline is being moved to a new location to make way for the street construction. The new pipes will carry the same amount of water as the existing pipes.
	I see no evidence that you are working with other agencies. You need to integrate plans better with agencies like Caltrans.	We are working very closely with Caltrans, LADWP-Power, LADWP-Water, the Bureau of Sanitation, Metropolitan Water District, The Gas Company, SBC, and Verizon to deliver the project.
	Are there regular meetings between the various agencies and what is the frequency of these meetings?	The project team holds weekly meetings with all involved parties. Each agency provides an update on their current work and upcoming work. Agencies identify conflicts between each others work and agree on ways to minimize impacts to the public.
	In the utility underground work you are performing, are there any plans to construct cell towers for wireless phone service.	There are no plans to install cell phone system antennas at part of the project.
Schedule	What is the definite date of completion?	The scheduled completion date is August 15, 2005.
	How long is the work on Pico Blvd. Scheduled to continue?	The work on Pico Boulevard is expected to continue through the end of July 2003.
	Do you have a work schedule from the contractor showing all work to be done?	The contractor will submit a detailed baseline schedule for the project on June 3, 2003. We currently operate from two-week look ahead schedules while the contractor develops the baseline schedule.
Traffic	I'm concerned about traffic from Santa Monica Boulevard going onto the 405. People are cutting in. Wait times are very long. What are you doing to mitigate traffic in this area?	Construction work on the 405 Freeway on ramp limits the on ramp to one lane of traffic. Motorists have the option to use the Wilshire Blvd. on ramp to the north.

	<p>We were promised no reduction of lanes now you have closed Little Santa Monica Blvd. and Overland Ave. This is causing increased cut through traffic on residential streets.</p>	<p>Little Santa Monica Blvd. was closed at that location to allow installation of the storm drain at that location. The City is working diligently to balance the needs of the community with the needs of the contractor and utility companies requiring relocation of their systems buried in the roadway. Unfortunately, lane closures, are necessary in order to build the project. Some work is being done at night and on weekends to minimize weekday disruptions. The City works very closely with the contractor and LADWP to give the community as much information as possible about the location, duration and alternate routes related to lane closures.</p>
	<p>Is there a specific detour that people are supposed to use? People are taking the side streets including La Grange. There is a school nearby.</p> <p>R) Can you take out a parking lane to allow more traffic to flow through?</p>	<p>Detours occur at signalized intersections allowing drivers the choice of using the open side of Santa Monica Boulevard, Olympic or Wilshire as alternate routes. All notices and road signage encourage people to stay on these roadways.</p>
	<p>Is anything being done to reroute traffic to Wilshire and Olympic?</p>	<p>Public notices about lane closures and detours have included instructions that Olympic and Wilshire as alternate routes.</p>
	<p>How long will east-west traffic on Little Santa Monica be impacted?</p>	<p>Traffic on the existing little and big Santa Monica Boulevards will be impacted until traffic is rerouted onto the temporary and future roadways under construction during Phase IA and IB of the project. The contractor has stated that these phases could continue to Spring of 2004.</p>
Public Relations	<p>Will there be any advance notification of service disruptions (water or power)?</p>	<p>Yes, LADWP delivers each customer a written notification of service interruption in advance of the work.</p>

	How often is web site updated?	The web site is updated regularly as new information is gathered by the Public Affairs team
	R) Can you provide a voicemail update to those that don't have access to the web?	We are looking into developing a voicemail project update system with our telephone provider.
	You are doing a great job on the web site. I love it, but there may not be many users.  R) Please do an update by e-mail.	We are sending out weekly notices by email regarding upcoming construction activity. If you would like to be included on this list, or our fax notification list, please call our office at (310) 785-2300 ext 201.

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