

## Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project Questions & Responses from November 14, 2002 Business Meeting

Category	Questions	Responses
<b>Traffic</b>	<i>What is the project's impact to north south traffic? I would like to see traffic officers directing traffic like in N.Y. City. I also, would like to see the actual traffic plans before this work begins.</i>	There will be some impacts to north-south traffic on the major streets because of this project. However, because of the way the construction phasing was developed, these impacts will be minor in nature. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is prepared to assign Traffic Officers to major intersections if the need arises during construction.
	<i>How will traffic flow on Big and Little Santa Monica Boulevard during Construction?</i>	It is expected that traffic will flow reasonably well on Santa Monica Boulevard during construction because the number of lanes that exist today will be maintained during the construction phasing.
<b>Parking</b>	<i>What will happen to the median parking during construction?</i>	A portion of median parking adjacent to little Santa Monica Blvd will be available for parking during construction phases 1a & 1b. For the rest of the construction phasing, median parking will be limited due to the construction of roadways, islands, sidewalks, etc.
	<i>Is there any way that you can create some temporary parking during the day to help businesses?</i>	Yes, the off-street parking lot will be available during construction period.
	<i>Will the restricted parking that currently exists on the side streets be changed?</i>	DOT conducted surveys to determine where parking would need to be provided to make up for displaced parking that existed in both the median and on Santa Monica Boulevard. A proposal will be made to CD 5 on what parking restrictions may need to be modified to handle displaced parking.
	<i>What is the status of the off-street parking lot?</i>	Off -street parking lot is 90% complete and will be available during construction period.

	<i>Why can't we have a parking lot built on Santa Monica Boulevard? Our City charges 14% in taxes and other cities are at a much lower rate.</i>	Off-street parking lots are not built with City taxes. Off-street parking lots are built with the revenues from the City's parking meters. The City has historically purchased and developed off-street lots using parking meter revenue funds. However, any off-street lot purchase can only take place within the particular established parking meter zone. Parking meter funds cannot be used City-wide.
<b>Business Mitigation</b>	<i>Is there a place on the website where we can view construction updates?</i>	We are in the process of revamping the web site. Our goal is to put all relevant information on web site.
	<i>Will you be e-mailing regular updates?</i>	Construction updates will be either faxed or e-mailed to businesses and residents who choose this option.
<b>Design</b>	<i>Where will the River of Words be located?</i>	The River of Words will be located at the following 15 locations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Southeast Bentley</li> <li>2. Northwest Veteran</li> <li>3. Southeast Veteran</li> <li>4. Northwest Westwood</li> <li>5. Southeast Westwood</li> <li>6. Northeast Selby</li> <li>7. Northeast Manning</li> <li>8. Northwest Westholme</li> <li>9. Northeast Westholme</li> <li>10. Northwest Thayer.</li> <li>11. Northeast Thayer</li> <li>12. Northwest Beverly Glen</li> <li>13. Southeast Beverly Glen</li> <li>14. Southeast Century Park West</li> <li>15. Northeast Clubview</li> </ol>

<b>General Construction &amp; Schedule</b>	<i>Will the contractor be using gas or diesel trucks?</i>	Both types of trucks will be used.
	<i>What is a concrete pop up and how big is it?</i>	The concrete pop outs are wide sidewalk areas at major intersections along Santa Monica Blvd to enhance pedestrian usage. The width of the pop outs will be between 10 to 14 meters (30-45 feet).
	<i>We've noticed that there is some activity around the sidewalks now. What is going on and is it related to the project?</i>	Utility work is being done by Verizon, Pac Bell and others who are marking their utilities.
	<i>Where will the work start?</i>	The City will work with the contractor to determine where the work will begin. Because the City wants the contractor to work quickly, the City will encourage the contractor to start in an area that will provide quick progress.
	<i>Will work be done section by section?</i>	The work will be performed in several block increments. That way the contractor has enough work area for his equipment and vehicles and the contractor will have a large enough area to make significant progress.

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