

Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project

Questions & Responses from September 12, 2002 Community Meeting

Category	Questions & (R) Recommendations	Responses
Traffic	<i>How will you ensure good traffic flows on Club View Drive and Beverly Glen?</i>	There will no longer be a traffic signal at Club View Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard as a result of this project, so traffic movement should not be hindered. Beverly Glen Blvd. will probably carry more traffic and DOT will adjust the traffic signal timing as needed.
	<i>How many left turn lanes on northbound Beverly Glen at Santa Monica Blvd.?</i>	There will be two.
	<i>Is little Santa Monica one way or two way street?</i>	Little Santa Monica Blvd. will still exist on some portions of the Boulevard. There are one- way frontage roads on Santa Monica Blvd., however, the south side frontage road on Santa Monica Blvd. between Overland Ave. and Beverly Glen Blvd. will be two-way.
	<i>How will the traffic flow from Thayer (southbound) onto Santa Monica Boulevard?</i>	Southbound traffic on Thayer Ave. at Santa Monica Blvd. will have to turn right at this intersection.
	<i>I am concerned about cut through traffic in our neighborhoods, both during and after construction. I'm especially concerned about Westholm, Thayer, Pandora, Fairburn and Manning, all north of Santa Monica Blvd.</i>	The City is not expecting traffic to cut through these streets because three lanes in each direction are being provided on Santa Monica Blvd. during the construction phases. If problems do arise, the City will address them.
Pedestrian/ Bicycle	<i>How will project accommodate bicycles during construction?</i> <i>(R) Leave some space at the edge of traffic lanes (if not a legal 5' bike lane) during construction.</i>	There is not enough roadway space to accommodate bicycles separately during construction. Bicyclists will have to share the road with other vehicles.
Landscaping	<i>The plans show very lush landscaping. Can we set aside the landscaping funds now so that we don't run out of money?</i>	We have \$4.5 million set aside for landscaping.

	<i>What is the maintenance plan for the landscaping? Who will be responsible?</i>	The contractor is obligated to maintain the landscaping for one year after construction is completed. After that period it will revert back to the City for maintenance. We are also looking at the possibility of a special assessment area. The current cycle for tree trimming is 5-7 years.
Design	<i>What is the color of the street furniture?</i>	The furniture will be a "Victor Stanley Green." Victor Stanley is the manufacturer of the proposed street furniture and the color is glossy dark green. The color is proprietary to Victor Stanley.
	<i>The retaining wall at Thayer is much higher than it needs to be. Why is it so high? It magnifies the problems of noise and graffiti.</i> <i>(R) Perform an acoustic study and provide written justification for the height of the wall?</i>	The wall at Thayer is at a code minimum height when measured from the ground at the Little Santa Monica side of the wall. In other locations the wall peaks to higher levels to create visual interest with an undulating height. However, the majority of the wall is the code minimum height as measured from the ground on the Little Santa Monica side. The wall is broken in plan in order to break up sound bouncing off of it. In addition, the wall has surface texturing to further break up sound that may bounce off the wall. In addition, the landscaping on the wall will also reduce reflected sound.
Public Relations	<i>Where can I find contact information such as a phone number or web site to receive up to date information on this project?</i>	Contact information is included in the newsletter that was distributed to all attendees. You can find a phone number, the web site and a mailing address.
	<i>When is the next meeting scheduled?</i>	The next meeting is scheduled for November 7 th . The location is to be determined. Notices will be sent out and the meeting information will also be posted on the website.