

ACONA November 29, 2023 Meeting Notes

After introductions, the following topics were presented.

Community Questions

Speaker: Nic Arnzen, ACONA and Altadena Town Council

- Devil's Gate: Annual maintenance is complete.
- Pop-Up Vendors: Supervisor Barger has asked the Department of Public Works to draft an ordinance to regulate pop-up vendors.
- UWS Green Cans: Everyone should have received them by now. There's a slide in the presentation on what can go in them. If you didn't get your green bin, call UWS at 800/631-7016. Website: <https://www.uwscompany.com>. There will be an in-person information session on December 2, 10-11 AM at the Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Dr).
- UWS Rate Increase: After an annual review, prices went up (based on the Consumer Index).
- Kinneloa Mesa Announcement: There's a mulch compost giveaway and shredding event on December 9, 7-11am.
- Altadena WILD / Polytechnic Update: Polytechnic still hasn't submitted anything to the County. Donations to Altadena WILD are now tax-deductible.

Enforcement Questions

Speaker: Captain Jabari Williams, Altadena Sheriff's Station

24-Hour Fitness: There was an uptick in crime a few months ago. Sheriff's recommended ways to improve security. There have been no new incidents since October. Some improvements still needed: upgrading cameras for example.

Traffic Safety and Mobility

Speaker: Dorothy Wong, Altadena Town Council

ATC Traffic Safety and Mobility committee meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Committee has done a train the trainer walking and biking assessment. Walk-to-school Wednesday each Wednesday, meeting at 7:20 AM at Marengo & Calaveras.

Update on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Measures

Speaker: Julian Garcia, Principal Engineer, LA County Public Works

- Holliston Avenue improvements have been completed— 4-way stop at Altadena Drive, continental crosswalks and other pavement markings.
- Fair Oaks Avenue partially completed - 4-way stop at Palm St., continental crosswalks, edge striping. Still to do: intersections of Fair Oaks/Loma Alta and Fair Oaks/Altadena Drive. Sidewalk feasibility study also still to be done. Fair Oaks/Loma Alta might have a traffic circle (roundabout). Fair Oaks/Altadena Drive: Will need a new signal system, but some interim measures will be put into effect.
- Mendocino ongoing (see slide for list of plans).
- Multi-way stop signs and speed cushions at various other Altadena streets.
- Major project: Altadena Drive/Washington Blvd resurfacing

West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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(See slides for details of factors taken into consideration and results of the visioning workshop.)

LA County Planning does long-range planning for public and private land use. The planning process includes community involvement. WSGV includes nine unincorporated communities. Eight-step planning process beginning with visioning which is where we are now. Timeline is about a year for the whole planning process. Altadena's Community Plan will be incorporated into the WSGVA Plan. Visioning workshop was held on October 14. Community engagement and outreach will continue. Community information meetings will be posted on the website (<https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/>). There can be community-specific items in the plan.

Q&A

Q: Who is responsible for enforcing right-of-way between property line and the curb? A: Sheriffs or CHP. For parked cars, it's the Sheriffs. If a street vendor is obstructing foot traffic, it's the Sheriffs.

Q: For un-permitted vendors, who do they call? A: Sheriffs refer these to the Health Department.

Q: How to report short-term rental infractions? A: Report to the Sheriffs as you would any house disturbing the peace. For code infractions, Sheriffs work with a county code enforcement group.

Q: Was there an East Loma Alta traffic audit? A: Loma Alta from Fair Oaks to Lake has not been done yet.

Q: West of Lake road conditions: all the little side streets are not in good condition for bike riding. Any plan to add a safe bike route? A: Julian Garcia will look through the five-year plan, and can look into those streets specifically if he is given a list.

Comment: Stop at Figueroa/Windsor is working well.

Q: Who do we contact when vegetation obstructs traffic signs. A: Use the Works app, or call 800-405-8357. Julian Garcia can also be contacted directly.

Q: What is the difference between speed cushions and speed bumps? A: Speed cushions have gaps to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Q: Do traffic signals have bike detection capability? A: Not yet.

Q: Speed bumps on streets around Mar Vista: Any way to get out of the neighborhood without driving over them? A: Julian would have to look at the plan to see.

Q: Lincoln Avenue north of Woodbury is in bad condition. When will that be addressed? A: Not in the plan at the moment, but could be added.

Q: Is Hill Ave. still included in the Traffic Safety Directive? A: Hill wasn't officially added, but studies were done and some signage upgrades implemented. Added edge striping (might eliminate parking because of the narrowness of the road). Still under investigation.

Q: Wasn't Altadena Drive at New York done when New York Drive was replaced a few years ago? A: That intersection is concrete so it wasn't part of the upgrade. Looking at traffic signal upgrades.

Q: Ventura was approved for a speed limit reduction from 35 to 30 mph. What are the plans for other reductions? A: Surveys have to be done regularly to update speed limits. County is identifying corridors where there is more pedestrian and bicycle traffic, which will affect speed limits.

Q: ADUs: They've complicated street parking. What regulations are being considered?

A: State laws trump local laws, so the county can't address much of this.

Comment: Nic reached out to Polytechnic but they didn't have anything to report.

Q: Add the goal of increasing the wilderness quality of woodland/urban interface to the plan. A: The plan is going to provide policies for this.

Q: Affordable housing: will it be part of the planning process? A: It's part of the general plan; area plans will include looking for locations for housing diversity.

Comment: Housing diversity means housing appropriate for different income levels.

Q: Does "safe, green pathways for pedestrians" mean sidewalks or something else? A: It's a broader category than just sidewalks.

Q: Short term rentals: Is enforcement county-wide? A: The Short Term Rental Ordinance is being edited to include community feedback and is expected to go before Board of Supervisors Q1 2024.

Q: Can we get a stop sign on Olive/Harriet? A: Julian will make a note to look at that intersection. Traffic volume is a criterion for putting in stop signs, but there are others.

Q: What is the estimate for implementation of the Area Plan once it's completed? A: Timelines vary based on the type of project and funding.

Q: Do you do community outreach when you put in a roundabout? A: Yes; looking to expand outreach radius.

Q: What's being done to address equestrian riders in NW Altadena? A: We're interested in contacting that community.

Q: What kinds of ongoing assessment of progress against goals are likely during implementation? A: There is an implementation chapter in the plan that outlines actions needed to implement the plan.

Q: What factors go into choosing to build all-way stops vs. roundabouts? A: Space: Is the intersection wide enough? Pedestrian accessibility: Can pedestrians cross safely? Emergency vehicles: Can they use the roundabout?

Join the Bicycle Plan update meeting tomorrow at 6PM [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kdeyqrD8rHNUK7a0cMFpl_QHZKngHcsms#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91902407096?pwd=Z0kdeyqrD8rHNUK7a0cMFpl_QHZKngHcsms#/registration)

OR PROVIDE FEEDBACK: https://tooledesign.github.io/LA_County_Bike_Plan/

Learn more about the Bicycle Master Plan update here: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/tpp/bmp/>