

Fall 2012 Meeting Notes - Culver City Transit Neighborhood

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| Neighborhood Assets, Desired Uses, and Amenities | |
| <i>What are some of the positive attributes or assets of this station area?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ample access to dedicated parking at station for transit users • Jurassic museum is located within walking distance to station • Close to various mom/pop shops along Venice Blvd. • Large amount of diverse, ethnic oriented eateries • The neighborhood is a major jobs and entertainment destination • Access to good bike lanes along Motor Ave. and Venice Blvd. • Easy access to various other forms of transportation; bus and bikes |
| <i>What types of uses or activities would you like to see in the area? Are there any uses that in your opinion are currently lacking in the area?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the development of neighborhood commercial uses and major jobs / entertainment destinations along Venice Blvd. from Helms to Bagley Aves • Provide similar uses to Downtown Culver City, Helms Bakery, Hayden Tract and Washington Blvd. Arts District • Encourage active uses between Venice Blvd. and neighborhood north of 10 freeway • Provide additional public open spaces throughout the neighborhood (i.e. pocket parks) • Encourage mixed-use developments throughout the neighborhood (residential/commercial/office) • Provide additional cafés, small restaurants and other neighborhood serving uses • Encourage the development of additional office uses • Increase intensity around station and provide a greater mix of uses • Extend West Adams CPIO along Venice Blvd. |
| <i>What in your opinion are appropriate residential land uses for the area in the future?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage mixed-use of all new residential projects (commercial/retail/office) • Encourage the development of affordable artist loft spaces • Encourage the development of apartments and condos in triangular parking lot adjacent to station and properties surrounding Helms Bakery • Consider up-zoning RD1.5 properties north of Helms Bakery between Venice Blvd. and the 10 freeway, bounded by Cattaraugus Ave. and National Blvd. |
| <i>Commercial/Institutional?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage additional mom/pop, small scale retail throughout the neighborhood • Provide additional Helms Bakery type of uses and encourage a similar environment • Provide neighborhood serving retail and services (i.e. cleaners, cafes, restaurants, grocery stores, flower shop, etc.) • Encourage more arts and crafts shops |
| <i>Industrial?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial area should be similar to Culver City's Hayden Tract • Attract creative tech, bio-medical and clean energy industries into the industrial zones |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the development of artist lofts and live/work units in industrial zones • Include residential units in industrially zoned area but not at the expense of displacing existing jobs • Eliminate unsightly auto-repair shops and ban public storage uses • Retain some small industrial uses • Provide secure bike lockers/racks in industrial zones |
| Development Standards | |
| <p><i>What do you feel is an appropriate scale for new development in the area?</i></p> <p><i>What are some building design features that you think are important for any new buildings in this area?</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:1 - 6:1 FAR for area north of Helms Bakery between Venice Blvd. and 10 freeway Create an environment similar to a smaller version of Hollywood/Highland (entertainment destination) • 5-6 story buildings are appropriate. • Stepbacks must be included after 3rd floor • Discourage big-box development • Develop attractive, unique buildings with articulated exterior walls, adequate setbacks and pedestrian-oriented streetscape |
| <p><i>Parking?</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide centralized parking in the industrial triangle lot adjacent to the 10 freeway on and off-ramps • Achieve greater walkability by building centralized parking in City of Los Angeles similar to Downtown Culver City's • A parking structure on City of LA side may provide an opportunity to get parked cars off Venice Blvd. and install a protected bike lane • Locate parking towards rear of buildings |
| Mobility, Accessibility, and Urban Design | |
| <p><i>General Comments</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional street trees, improve street lighting, install higher visibility crosswalks, and provide additional open space • Maintain visual gateway of Los Angeles basin from station platform • Encourage new developments to orient buildings toward station |
| <p><i>Pedestrians</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve pedestrian safety surrounding the station • Install additional high-visibility crosswalks along Venice Blvd. at Helms Ave., Ivy St., National Blvd., Robertson Blvd, Culver Blvd. and Bagley Ave. • Improve lighting under 10 freeway overpass along National Blvd. to address pedestrian safety issues • Use public art as a means of improving overpass area • Restrict overnight RV parking under overpass • The 10 freeway acts a barrier and reduces station accessibility • There is a lack of pedestrian connections to downtown Culver City • Albertsons/CVS shopping center is difficult to access due to dangerously wide and difficult to cross Venice Blvd. • Light signalization for pedestrian's crossing Venice Blvd. is slow, inadequate and must be improved • Provide additional signage guiding people around the station area and to various neighborhood amenities (i.e. Helms Bakery, Downtown Culver City, Culver City Station, etc.) • Provide additional pedestrian only streets similar to Helms Ave. |

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| | <p>through Helms Bakery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve intersection at National / Robertson Blvds. to adequately serve the daily 4000-5000 Hamilton High School students walking to and from school |
| <i>Buses</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase bus connections to station area • Provide a shuttle service connecting to Palms community. Stops would include Motor Ave., Overland Ave. and National Blvd. • Relocate current location of Metro 733 bus rapid transit stop to drop-off patrons directly in front of Culver City station • Venice Blvd. has potential to be converted into a bus rapid transit bus only lane corridor |
| <i>Bicycles</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install additional bike lanes, specifically median-separated bike lanes protected from traffic • Current bike lanes along Venice Blvd. are dangerous due to high speeds of vehicles and large number of potholes • Prioritize installation of higher quality bike lanes along National Blvd., Robertson Blvd. and Venice Blvd. • Safely bridge gap along Expo ROW Bike Path at Washington / National Blvds. • Build Expo ROW Bike path off street wherever possible • Expand Expo ROW Bike path to include greenway from Culver City to Palms |
| <i>Motor Vehicles</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-consider location of 10 freeway on and off-ramps • On and off-ramps are poorly managed and increase traffic congestion |
| Streetscape, Landscaping, Public Benefits, and Miscellaneous | |
| <i>If new development could help bring amenities or infrastructure improvements to this area, what should they be?</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscape Improvements • Additional Open Space (i.e. Green Belt /Linear park-like zone along Venice Blvd. west to Overland Ave.) • Access to various zip car's • Pedestrian-oriented development • Additional public parking • Any up zoning should be linked with freeway improvements to on and off-ramps • Provide additional affordable housing units in area north of Helms Bakery between Venice Blvd. and 10 freeway |
| <i>Streetscape</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve inconsistent streetscape between City of LA and Culver City • Improve poor landscaping on City of LA side |
| <i>General/Misc</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many absentee owners/unmaintained vacant lots • Station area doesn't feel safe • Opportunity for commercial signage on roofs of buildings to be seen from station platform |
| Potential Areas of Opportunity or Change | |
| <i>Culver City Toyota & Fedex Properties</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential redevelopment opportunity • Currently creates a major barrier for pedestrians to easily access |

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| | the station and Downtown Culver City |
| <i>9000 Block Strip Mall</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential redevelopment opportunity• Currently creates a major barrier for pedestrians to easily access the station and Downtown Culver City |
| <i>Pocket Park</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential location for a pocket park within the neighborhood bounded by National Blvd., Cattaraugus Ave. and Venice Blvd. |