

East LA Median Project Virtual Community Meeting (12/9/2021)
Summary Notes

County Presentation

- Presenter Rafael Piamonte briefly discussed Zoom application functions that meeting attendees should be aware of, which included the raise hand, chat, and live translation features. Mr. Piamonte then provided a project overview that included photos of the project site prior to, during, and after construction. Attendees were also provided updates on the current status of the project status and the next steps as the project moves towards completion.
- Presenter Bella Hernandez informed attendees on County services available including those for bulky item pickup, illegal dumping, stray shopping cart pickup, graffiti abatement, and parkway tree and landscape maintenance.

Question & Answer Session

- Resident expressed that it was a little confusing trying to sign into the virtual community through Zoom link provided on the flyer. No passcode provided.
 - Answer: Registration is needed. Passcode for entry is then provided via email.
- Resident concerned about new weeds growing and the need for removal. Resident also noticed when previous weed removal was done, there was debris leftover. When will maintenance start?
 - Answer: The project is still in progress and in the plant establishment stage. Therefore, the contractor is still responsible for the project area.
- Resident is a local resident runner and likes what has been done on the Southside and Garfield. Her concern is that as a resident near Fairfield and Southside, there is a median there with no aboveground improvements. Will there be any future clean up in the future?
 - Answer: Improvements in LMD Zone 35 is in 3 phases. Limited funding only allowed for the County to involve the medians improved thus far, but County will look into for future funding.
- There are a lot of abandoned plants on rocks on new median. They are potted and just sitting there. Are these going to be planted? Or are they up for grabs?
 - Answer: The Project is in 90-day plant establishment period, so the plants are needed in case those that have planted are doing well and need replacement. Therefore, the plants are not up for grabs just yet. But after 90-days, if plants are no longer needed, we can see if residents would like them.
- Will remaining medians on Northside Dr, Southside Dr, and Montebello Blvd be improved?
 - Answer: Improvement to those medians will be in future phases as funding becomes available.
- Any upkeep or improvements on other medians?
 - Answer: For this project, the areas in red (shown in slide) were improved based on secured funding.

- Why was there no upkeep on the medians?
 - Any concerns will be shared with the LMD team and will be upkept moving forward.
- Regarding Southside Dr, between Garfield Ave and Server Ave, rocks in low areas have been moved to the walking path and are a tripping hazard. The rocks should be secured in the low area so they are not moved.
 - Answer: We'll note that and let the contractor know to move the rocks back. We'll also notify our maintenance team of the concern and to be aware for future incidents.
- East end of Southside Dr. is being used to park cars which blocks cars from turning around the median. The curb should be painted red.
 - Answer: The County will look into the requirements of needed for a potential red curb.
- Is there a quiet hour for median usage?
 - Answer: No, there is no quiet hours in place for median usage.
- Can people camp in median? Are campfires allowed? Can people drink alcohol in median?
 - Answer: No to all of those activities.
- What type of maintenance is being done? Is the maintenance contract public record?
 - Answer: County will be responsible for maintenance of the medians, landscaping, and trash receptacles. County will be maintaining the below ground stormwater capture components as well. We'll ask the LMD 35 representative for answer on the contract being public.
- How frequently will trash cans be emptied?
 - Answer: This will be weekly, but to be adjusted as needed. Contractor is currently still responsible, but immediate needs for emptying can be reported to our team.
- Will any signage be placed in median for cleaning up after pets? For placing trash in trash cans? For footpath traffic protocol?
 - Answer: We have signs for the crosswalk and for doggy bags. Number of signs were minimized to not take away from aesthetic appeal and hope patrons take care of the newly renovated public space. Post project performance will continue to be monitored and adjustments shall be made accordingly.
- What will be done with the unfinished medians off Montebello Parkway near Allston?
 - Answer: Same as the others, based on availability of funding.
- Previous presentation in 2015 showed plans to improve the remaining medians
 - Answer: We note the concern and will relay the concern to the proper County team.
- How can we get a District Supervisor to meet with us personally? The neighborhood does not look improved, on the contrary it looks worse than ever before. Imagine this located in front of your house.

- Answer: Please reach out to me (Martin Reyes, SD1) or provide us your information and we can further discuss.