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New Public Works Activity Near Fire Station 5 Will Impact Residents and Clover Park

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When city actions will impact the quality of life of residents, there should be a public process.

However, without any notice to neighbors, FOSP, the Airport Commission, or the Planning Commission, and without a public hearing, the Public Works Department has begun the process of relocating the Public Landscape Division to the Airport Maintenance Facility. This is adjacent to Clover Park and adjacent to houses on Ashland and Pier Avenues.

Currently, four Airport Maintenance staff members are based in this metal building just south of Fire Station 5 at 25th and Ashland.

For some time, the Public Landscape Division has been housed in the former Fisher Lumber facilities on Colorado Avenue between 14th and 16th, which is not a residential district. The city apparently needs those facilities for some other use.

As a result, 45 Public Landscape staff members who begin work at 6:30 AM, various types and sizes of equipment, tons of materials which are stored in open bins (gravel, decomposed granite, topsoil, and mulch) will be moved to a location next to the Clover Park ball fields, and next to homes in Sunset Park.

On September 23, the Airport Commission sent a recommendation to the City Council to put the project "on hold" until a public hearing could be held and the Council could review the project.

Sad to say, there has been essentially no response from the City Council members. So much for all the talk about Santa Monica being a "City of Wellbeing."

Update of Design Standards for Single Family Homes (R1)

October 22 at City Council

ROSS FEHRMAN, ASSOCIATE PLANNER

On August 7, 2019 the Planning Commission reviewed proposed revisions to the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district development standards and other R1-associated sections of the Zoning Ordinance. The goal of these revisions is to update the current development standards to address the size and scale of new construction in relation to existing neighborhood context, to incentivize the retention of existing homes, and to make the standards more user-friendly. More information regarding the update process and the proposed development standards revisions can be found at the R1 Update Webpage.

At the public hearing, the Commission recommended to the City Council the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments presented in redline form in the August 7 Planning Commission Staff Report including the following modified development standards, among others:

- Maximum Parcel Coverage:
 - 45% aggregate for two-story buildings
 - 50% for new one-story buildings
 - 55% for existing one-story buildings with one-story additions
- Maximum Height: 28 feet, with no wall height above 23 feet
- Increased front and side upper-story stepback areas

Santa Monica Implements Traffic Improvements in Sunset Park

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ENGINEER, CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Over the past several years, the Sunset Park neighborhood has seen a rise in traffic along its residential streets, in particular on and around the 23rd Street corridor during the evening commute. About 60 percent of these trips are pass-through trips aided by expanded use of mobile phone mapping applications. Residents and the Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood organization collaborated with the City's Traffic Management Division to secure funding for a comprehensive neighborhood traffic study.

After several neighborhood meetings and a detailed crash and data analysis, the proposed improvements were divided into two phases. Phase 1 consists of low-cost, easy-to-install measures intended to improve safety and the quality of life for residents of the neighborhood. Beginning October 8, 2019, City contractors began installing the Phase I improvements

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The City Council will be considering the proposed revisions and the Commissions' recommendation, along with the input that was received throughout the public outreach process, on Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

Public comment is encouraged. You may comment at the City Council hearing or by sending an email to CouncilMtgItems@smgov.net

Agenda: www.smgov.net/council/agendas

Meetings are broadcast live on CityTV, Cable Channel 16, and are also streamed at www.YouTube.com/City/TV16SantaMonica

"Building Additional Dwellings Just Got Easier"

10/9/19 – Santa Monica Daily Press
<https://tinyurl.com/yxje2hzv>

"Assemblymember Richard Bloom's bill will make it more straightforward for homeowners to build ADUs, also known as granny flats.... The bill will supersede a requirement in Santa Monica that property owners who build an ADU must occupy the primary home on the property or the ADU.

In Santa Monica, converting a garage to an ADU triggers a requirement to replace the lost parking spaces somewhere else on the property. AB 881 prohibits jurisdictions from enacting such a requirement.

The bill will also prohibit jurisdictions from establishing a maximum square footage requirement for an ADU that is less than 850 square feet, or 1,000 square feet if the ADU contains more than one bedroom...."

Note from the FOSP Board: ADU square footage is not included in lot coverage calculations. For a 7,000 sq ft lot, with the Interim Zoning Ordinance limit of **50% lot coverage**, a homeowner could build a 3,500 sq ft home, plus an 850 sq ft ADU ("granny flat"), for a total of 4,350 sq ft.

If the updated ordinance limited lot coverage to **45%**, a homeowner could build a 3,150 sq ft home plus an 850 sq ft ADU, for a total of 4,000 sq ft.

If the updated ordinance allowed **55%** lot coverage for one-story remodels, a 3,850 sq ft home would be allowed.

Changes to Pico Blvd.

At the September 4th Planning Commission hearing, the Commissioners voted to allow more bars, night clubs, and large restaurants to be added on Pico Blvd. between Euclid and Centinela. The date of the City Council hearing on this change to the Zoning Ordinance has not yet been determined.

Fairview Branch Library

2101 Ocean Park Blvd. – 310-458-8681
<https://smpl.org/FairviewBranch.aspx>

Monday through Thursday: Noon to 9 PM
 Friday: Noon to 5:30 PM
 Saturday: 10 AM to 5:30 PM
 Sunday: CLOSED

October 22 and 29 – "Write Away" Workshop – Noon
 October 26 – Guitar Recital – 3 PM – Free tickets released at 2:30 PM
 October 28 – Children's Author Event: *Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon* by Stella and Jim Harris

Community Policing

Crime Map: <https://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/santamonica>
Non-emergency dispatch: 310-458-8491

How to file a police report: <https://www.santamonicapd.org/Content.aspx?id=12913>

SMPD Neighborhood Resource Officer for Beat 2 – Michael Ortiz
 Michael.Ortiz@smgov.net – 310-458-2201 x 4135

SMPD Crime Prevention Coordinator for Beat 2 – Halima Barreto
 Halima.Barreto@smdp.com – 310-458-8618
 Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

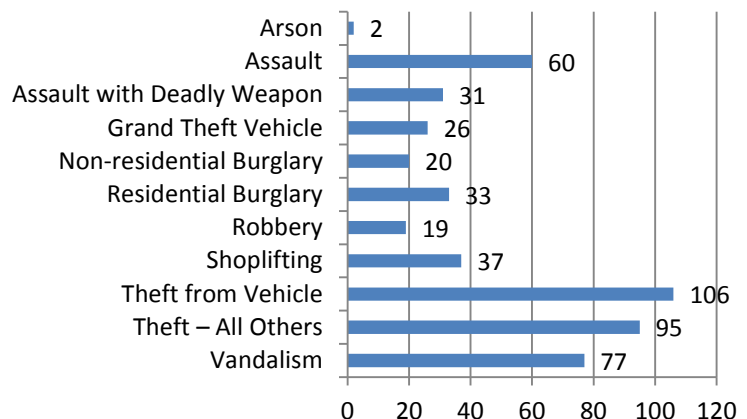
SMPD Homeless Liaison Program (HLP Team) – 310-458-8953 – Report ongoing homeless-related issues. Calls should be detailed as possible with location, personal description, and your phone number. Never leave discarded mattresses or furniture outside as it invites vagrancy.

Office of Emergency Management:
<https://www.smgov.net/departments/oem/>

LA County Emergency Preparedness: <https://ready.lacounty.gov/>

Government Outreach (GO) Customer Service Center – For requests, comments, questions, complaints, go to <https://www.smgov.net/SantaMonica-Works.aspx>

**Sunset Park Crime Mapping:
 January 1 through September 30, 2019**



Resource Recovery and Recycling

Zero Waste Plan Update 2019

In 2014, the City of Santa Monica passed a Zero Waste Plan, defining “zero waste” as reducing landfill waste to 1.1 pounds per person per day (PPD) by 2030.

As of 2019, the city is at about 5.0 PPD. The current goal is to reach 3.8 PPD by 2024. Five proposed actions have been identified:

- Develop a Zero Waste Program Team
 - Create a comprehensive Zero Waste Ordinance
 - Create an Edible Food Recovery Program to encourage food donations and increased use of the green “organics” bins
 - Provide technical assistance and education on correct sorting of various materials (organics, recyclables, landfill-bound trash)
 - Develop a plan for community outreach
- Comments and questions may be submitted to nlessa@3cgi.com by 10/21/19.

The Plan Update will be presented to the City Council on October 22 for adoption.

Residential Household Hazardous Waste

The City of Santa Monica has contracted to provide residents with the convenient Door-to-Door Collection for Household Hazardous Waste, a service where the technician comes to you.

Call 1-800-714-1195 or fill out the on-line Pickup Request Form at <https://www.stericycleenvironmental.com/santa-monica/>

Items accepted:

- Motor oil & filters
- Fuels
- Paints
- Solvents
- Pool and photo chemicals
- Art supplies
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent tubes
- Batteries
- Electronic waste
- Household cleaning chemicals
- Sharps

Santa Monica Airport

Removal of Excess Pavement – Through November 8

STELIOS MAKRIDES, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

The final phase (Phase 5) of the Airport Removal of Excess Pavement Project was originally scheduled to be completed on September 6, 2019. However, additional time is needed to finish installing the hydroseed (native, drought-tolerant grasses and plants) and Taxiway Edge Lights. We now anticipate that nighttime construction will continue through **Friday, November 8**. The Airport will continue to be NOTAM closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday through Friday for the duration of construction. Please note that the anticipated completion date is subject to change. Contact CIP Project Manager Brian Ochoa at brian.ochoa@smgov.net for construction-related questions or comments. For all other inquiries, contact the Airport at airport@smgov.net

Airport Commission

The next Airport Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, at 7 PM. The meetings are generally held in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Hall. During an upcoming upgrade to the audio and sound equipment in the Council Chambers, some public meetings will be held in the Civic Auditorium East Wing. The agenda, with the location, will be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/znogpxj>

Airport Operations

In July 2019, there were 6,170 landings and takeoffs (jet, turboprop, piston/propeller, and helicopter). In August 2019, there were 7,127 landings and takeoffs. While jet traffic has decreased this year, there are **more** helicopter and piston/propeller plane landings and takeoffs, and most of those aircraft are using leaded aviation gas.

“Myths and Realities Regarding Leaded Aviation Fuel” (2016)

Prepared by Center for Environmental Health for Friends of the Earth
<https://tinyurl.com/y6hxsu6>

“While lead has been banned or limited in consumer products, building materials, and automotive gasoline, no action to date has been taken to address the largest source of lead emissions into the air—leaded aviation fuel (“avgas”). Approximately 50% of lead emissions in the United States are from piston-engine aircraft. From 1970 to 2007, general aviation aircraft emitted about 34,000 tons of lead into the atmosphere. Twenty thousand airport facilities across the U.S. operate using leaded fuel and an estimated 16 million people live within 1 kilometer of the 20,000 airports where leaded avgas is used. Three million children attend a school within 1 kilometer of these facilities, and these children have demonstrably higher blood lead levels than those further from airports.”

“Flight Shame: Airlines Are Under Rising Pressure to Cut Their Carbon Emissions”

8/28/19 – *Los Angeles Times*

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2019-08-27/flight-shame-can-airlines-ever-reduce-their-emissions>

“Earth Talk: Reducing Airport Noise”

7/29/19 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://www.smdp.com/reducing-airport-noise/177984>

“As we all fly more and more these days, the airlines have responded by packing the friendly skies full of flights. If you live or work near a major airport, chances are air traffic noise is your constant companion throughout the day and even oftentimes overnight. But with noise exposure linked to reduced worker efficiency, increased hypertension and cardiovascular disease and impaired cognitive performance in school children, maybe it’s time we reconsider what’s tolerable in terms of air traffic noise....”

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at the following locations, with work completed by October 18. Traffic Management and Police Department staff will be monitoring and evaluating the changes over the next several months.

Phase 1 Improvements

- Lincoln Boulevard at Ozone Avenue
 - Northbound right turns from Lincoln Boulevard onto Ozone Avenue will be prohibited 7 AM to 9 AM Monday through Friday
 - Vehicles headed westbound onto Ozone Avenue will be only be able to make right turns at Lincoln Boulevard 24/7
- Ocean Park Boulevard & Euclid Street
 - Install delineators to reinforce existing right turn only movements in all directions
- Ocean Park Boulevard & 21st Street
 - Eastbound right turns from Ocean Park Boulevard onto 21st Street will be prohibited from 4 PM through 7 PM Monday through Friday
- Dewey Street & 21st Street
 - Southbound left turns from 21st Street onto Dewey Street will be prohibited from 4 PM through 7 PM Monday through Friday
- Dewey Street & 23rd Street
 - Vehicles headed eastbound will be allowed to only be able make right turns at 23rd Street 24/7
- Navy Street & 21st Street
 - Convert to 4-way stop controlled



The longer-term, Phase 2 measures will require broader community consensus and possible review by the Planning Commission and the City Council. Phase 2 items are consistent with the City’s Land Use and Circulation Element plans and goals and will be coordinated with the Airport Master Plan. We anticipate starting the Phase 2 effort in Spring 2020.

Please send us your feedback by emailing the Traffic Management Division at traffic.engineering@smgov.net

Note from the FOSP Board: We’ve not been informed that any Airport Master Plan is in process.

FOSP Board of Directors

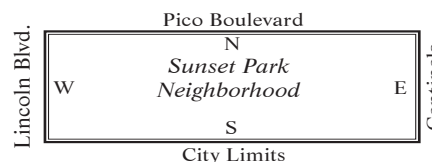
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Calendar

- October 19 – Free paper shredding & electronics recycling – 9 AM to 2 PM – City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue
- October 19 – Human Services Town Hall – 1 PM – MLK Jr. Auditorium, Main Library
- October 21 – Human Services Town Hall – 6:30 PM – MLK Jr. Auditorium, Main Library
- October 21 – Arts Commission – 6:30 PM – Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street
- October 21 – Architectural Review Board – 7 PM – City Hall
- October 21 – Task Force on the Environment – 7 PM – Patio Room, Virginia Avenue Park
- October 22 – City Council – 6:00 PM – City Hall – Update of R1 Standards (single family homes) – Agendas: www.smgov.net/council/agendas
- October 28 – Airport Commission – 7 PM – City Hall
- October 28 – Social Services Commission – 7 PM – Ken Edwards Center, 2517 4th St.
- October 29 – Samohi Bands: Fall Concert
- November 2 – AltCar Expo & Ride & Drive – 9 AM to 5 PM – SMC Bundy Campus – altcarexposantamonica.com
- November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 – Samohi Theatre: “You Can’t Take It with You” – <http://www.samohitheatre.org/>
- November 14 – JAMS Orchestra Concert at Samohi
- November 15 – JAMS Band Concert at Samohi
- December 9 – Samohi Orchestras – Winter Concert
- December 13 – Samohi Choirs – “Motus Perpetuus”
- December 19 – JAMS Choir Concert at Samohi



The Sunset Park neighborhood is bounded by Lincoln Blvd. on the west, Pico Blvd. on the north, the east city limit (Centinela) and the south city limit (Airport Avenue, Dewey, Ozone).



A list of all the City-recognized neighborhood organizations and a map of their boundaries are posted at www.smgov.net/content.aspx?id=4241