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LADOT Announces Lane Adjustments to Improve Traffic Flow in Playa del Rey

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Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is making changes to improve traffic flow along Pershing Dr, Culver Blvd, and Jefferson Blvd in Playa del Rey, where safety improvements were implemented in June 2017. After studying data and traffic flow patterns for the first month of the pilot project, LADOT will be adding an additional eastbound lane on Culver Blvd between Nicholson Street and Jefferson Blvd to move traffic more smoothly through the intersection at Culver Blvd and Nicholson Street.

The traffic safety improvements along Pershing Dr, Culver Blvd, and Jefferson Blvd in Playa del Rey are part of a LADOT pilot project. As part of the pilot project process, LADOT is evaluating improvements on a 1-month, 3-month, and 6-month basis. LADOT engineers carefully studied the impacts of the safety improvements at the intersection at Nicholson Street and Culver Blvd, and designed a new approach for smoother travel from Pershing Dr. These improvements will address a traffic bottleneck at this key intersection. The adjustments should improve traffic flow while maintaining the safety benefits of the project.

LADOT will implement adjustments over several days, starting early tomorrow morning (Friday, July 7, 2017). The first set of changes, including new striping, is anticipated to be completed in time for the morning commute on Monday, July 10, 2017. Additional work will be completed throughout the following week, including installing physical bollards to protect the walk and bike path. There will be some minor construction impacts during this period. LADOT asks that people using this corridor to commute plan ahead over the next week in anticipation of minor delays.

The specific adjustments are as follows:

Culver Blvd between Nicholson Street and Jefferson Blvd

- The northbound right-turn from Nicholson Street to Culver Blvd will merge into a new eastbound lane. LADOT will maintain the existing eastbound “through” lane on Culver, for a total of two eastbound





through lanes on Culver Blvd leading up to Jefferson.

- To enhance safety, LADOT will also install physical bollards between the bike lane and the travel lane on both sides of the street.

In addition to this important change, LADOT is investigating traffic signal operations and turn movements at the intersection of Vista del Mar and Culver Blvd to further optimize traffic flow for the morning and evening commutes.

Street design changes typically require time for people driving to adapt to new changes on the street. After the adjustment period, traffic flow will improve. LADOT will continue to monitor traffic data once these improvements have been implemented. For more information on these improvements and the safety benefits of the project, LADOT will host a neighborhood open house on **Saturday, July 29, 2017 from 1 – 3p at Roski Dining Hall at Loyola Marymount University**. [RSVP for that meeting here](#).

If you have questions or would like to share feedback about the safety improvements in Playa del Rey, please email ladot.playadelrey@lacity.org.

Updated information about the open house can be found on the project website, at playadelrey.lacity.org

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