

Chick Fil-A Mitigation Update 12/6/20

Below are two updates regarding Chick Fil-A and the mitigation construction. Starting tomorrow (12/7/20) mitigation work will begin on the Ventura driveway and should conclude no later than 12/14. The first update states that drive thru operations will be closed during the widening of the driveway but that was stated incorrectly which is why the 2nd update was provided.

"I wanted to update all on the latest progress being made onsite per the conditions set forth by the ZA in the Letter of Determination for our Plan Approval, and the commitments we have made to the Neighborhood Council, abutting residents and Council District 5.

Ventura Driveway widening with A permit from BOE :

We have finally pulled our A permit with BOE !! and will commence widening and improvement work on 12/7. We expect the work to conclude no later than 12/14, earlier if possible. There will be some short term impacts during the widening, but we are hopeful that once this is completed, the widened driveway will allow for expeditious exiting of customers who are either larger order or problematic orders to exit our lot- ultimately to continue to help with any back up on White Oak. In addition, we decided to CLOSE the drive thru operation for this period of time. Only order to pick up and to go / food delivery order operations will be occurring. We decided as such because the driveway on Ventura will be closed for this enhancement / widening , therefore we decided to suspend the drive thru operations for this time period .

The following are some of the short term items during our work period:

Small area of sidewalk from west side to the east side of the CFA Ventura Blvd Driveway will be closed between Monday, 12/07/20 – 12/14/20.

To allow ample time to cross the crosswalk, signs will be installed on the barriers stating the small section of sidewalk is closed ahead.

There may be some adjustments for the bus driver to pull past the current stop to clear the second lane, but this should not impact pedestrians going in and out of the bus.

There will be some level of construction noise- all within allowable LAMC code requirements- Yes, between 7am – 7pm on Monday, 12/07/20 through Thursday, 12/10/20. We specifically avoided PEAK morning and evening hours.

The one street lane closest to the curb will be intermittently closed from 12/07/20 – 12/11/20 for a length of about 100ft

Traffic controls will be in place, and there will be 2 LADOT traffic control officers on site to manage traffic . We hope that LADOT will continue to have us on their schedule.

B permit with BOE for White Oak Driveway widening, Re-striping and Curb Gutter on White Oak . (BOE requires approval from LA COUNTY flood control district for Curb and Gutter alteration on White Oak):

B Permit application has been submitted to BOE on 10/7 and we are now in the process of finalizing details of the B permit plan submittal. The B permit is more involved and requires engineering/ striping details to be submitted to BOE, LADOT, LADBS, and LA County. We are aggressively working to finalize these plans and hope to submit in December, 1st part of January.

Flood Control District plans submitted on 10/19/20 . Plans with corrections to be submitted back to LA County Flood Control on week of 11/9.

The upgraded Traffic Pole on Ventura (to allow for enhanced safe Left turn green arrow simultaneous with straight traffic green light) – has been ordered and we are waiting delivery."

2nd update:

"As an update to the Ventura Driveway improvement initiative to help improve vehicular circulation (work to commence tomorrow, and target is to complete by End of this week. We will update you asap if this timeline changes while work is ongoing, as there are at times, unforeseen construction issues that arise in the field) , I confirmed today that

1. A visible Sign will be put up to convey the public that Drive thru enhancements are being done- therefore pardon the construction
2. CFA operator has hired more staff to help with processing of orders during this time since ingress and egress will be off of white oak
3. CFA has also signed a contract and paid for TWO LADOT traffic officers for the duration of this period to help with traffic management (see attached)
4. All Grub Hub, Uber eats and other food delivery services have been Ceased to help with vehicular demand
5. The CFA at the Winnetka / Ventura Location is finally open! We are hopeful that the Signage which discloses Drive Thru Construction at the White Oak site, will lead to patrons bypassing this location during this enhancement period and continue to the Winnetka Location.

This is a modification update to the update I provided last week, " In addition, we decided to close the drive thru operation for this period of time. Only order to pick up and to go / food delivery order operations will be occurring." this was my error by way of a disconnect with my client/ operator on protocols. My apologies. The restaurant will still be open for order taking onsite (thus the food/ drive thru will be available)- but the Ventura Drive Thru will be closed with access on White Oak for this brief time period (Monday- Thur/Friday) when we will be widening the Ventura Driveway to be able to improve vehicular circulation. Operator has CEASED all Uber/ Grub Hub, etc.. services for this location to prioritize the patrons who come onsite and to increase room for those patrons versus Uber/ Grub Hub vehicles."

The Encino Neighborhood Council will continue to post updates when available.