# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G\***

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )\*

# **Lamar Advertising Company**

(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

512815101 (CUSIP Number)

September 7, 2012 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

x Rule 13d-1(c)

□ Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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Although previously disclosing beneficial ownership on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 2005 and as amended on May 10, 2006, July 19, 2006, July 31, 2007, October 2, 2007, March 21, 2008, April 15, 2008, June 26, 2008, July 1, 2008, July 7, 2008, July 15, 2008, September 19, 2008, August 10, 2012 and September 7, 2012, the Reporting Persons (as defined herein) have chosen to disclose their beneficial ownership on Schedule 13G, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c). No ownership change is being reported in this filing.

#### CUSIP No. 512815101 Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). SPO Partners II, L.P. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a) 🗆 3. SEC Use Only Citizenship or Place of Organization 4. Delaware Sole Voting Power 12,575,384(1) Number of Shared Voting Power Shares Beneficially 0 Owned by Each Sole Dispositive Power Reporting Person 12,575,384(1) With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 9. 12,575,384 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) $\Box$ 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

(1) Power is exercised through its sole general partner, SPO Advisory Partners, L.P.

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

(PN)

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1.		Names of Reporting Persons.					
	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).						
	SPO Advisory Partners, L.P.						
2.							
	(a) $\square$ (b) $x$						
3.	3. SEC Use Only						
4.	4. Citizenship or Place of Organization						
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12.	Type o	of Repor	rting Person (See Instructions)				
	(P)	N)					
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- Solely in its capacity as the sole general partner of SPO Partners II, L.P. Power is exercised through its sole general partner, SPO Advisory Corp. (1) (2)

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## CUSIP No. 512815101 Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). San Francisco Partners, L.P. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) 2. (a) 🗆 SEC Use Only 3. 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization California Sole Voting Power 516,730(1) Number of Shared Voting Power Shares Beneficially Owned by Sole Dispositive Power Each Reporting Person 516,730(1) With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 516,730 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

(1) Power is exercised through its sole general partner, SF Advisory Partners, L.P.

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.							
I.F	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).						
	F Advisory Partners, L.P.						
		k the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)					
(a)	(a) $\square$ (b) $x$						
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4. Ci	tizenship (	or Place of Organization					
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Owned by		0					
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	0.7%						
12. Ty	pe of Rep	orting Person (See Instructions)					
	(DAT)						
	(PN)						

- Solely in its capacity as the sole general partner of San Francisco Partners, L.P. Power is exercised through its sole general partner, SPO Advisory Corp.
- (1) (2)

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	Names of Reporting Persons.					
I.	R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).					
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			propriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
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	Del	aware				
		5.	Sole Voting Power			
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Each	_	7.	Sole Dispositive Power			
Reporting						
Person	_		13,092,114(1)(2)			
With:		8.	Shared Dispositive Power			
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10. C	13,092,114  10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) □					
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11. P	ercent	of Clas	ss Represented by Amount in Row (9)			
	16.7	7%				
12. T	ype of	Report	ting Person (See Instructions)			
	(CO)					
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- (1) Solely in its capacity as the sole general partner of SPO Advisory Partners, L.P. with respect to 12,575,384 of such shares; and solely in its capacity as the sole general partner of SF Advisory Partners, L.P. with respect to 516,730 of such shares.
- (2) Power is exercised through its two controlling persons, John H. Scully and Edward H. McDermott.

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1.	1. Names of Reporting Persons.  I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).						
		H. Sc					
2.	<ul> <li>Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)</li> <li>(a) □ (b) x</li> </ul>						
3.	SEC U	Jse Onl	y				
4.	Citize	nship o	r Place of Organization				
	US	SA					
		5.	Sole Voting Power				
Numbe	er of		125,100(1)				
Shares Beneficially Owned by		6.	Shared Voting Power				
			13,092,114(2)				
Eacl Report		7.	Sole Dispositive Power				
Perso	on		125,100(1)				
With	1:	8.	Shared Dispositive Power				
			13,092,114(2)				
9.	Aggre	gate Aı	nount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporti	ng Person			
		,217,2					
10.	Check	if the	Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Ce	rtain Shares (See Instructions) $\Box$			
11.	Percei	nt of Cl	ass Represented by Amount in Row (9)				
	16	.8%					
12.	Type (	of Repo	rting Person (See Instructions)				
	(II)	N)					

- (1) Of these shares, 13,000 shares are held in the John H. Scully Individual Retirement Accounts, which are self-directed, and 112,100 shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Scully solely in his capacity as controlling person, sole director and executive officer of Phoebe Snow Foundation, Inc.
- (2) These shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Scully solely in his capacity as one of two controlling persons of SPO Advisory Corp.

## CUSIP No. 512815101 Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). Phoebe Snow Foundation, Inc. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) 2. (a) 🗆 3. SEC Use Only 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization California Sole Voting Power 112,100(1) Number of Shared Voting Power Shares Beneficially Owned by Sole Dispositive Power Each Reporting Person 112,100(1) With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 9. 112,100 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 11.

(1) Power is exercised through its controlling person, sole director and executive officer, John H. Scully.

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

(CO)

12.

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1.	Names of Reporting Persons.				
	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).				
	Eli J. Weinberg				
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)				
	(a) $\Box$ (b) $x$				
3.	SEC Use Only				

USA	١

5. Sole Voting Power

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting

Person

With:

6. Shared Voting Power

0

7. Sole Dispositive Power

126

8. Shared Dispositive Power

0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

126

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

\*\*0.1%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

(IN)

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Denotes less than.

## CUSIP No. 512815101 Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). Ian R. McGuire Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a) $\Box$ SEC Use Only 3. 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization **USA** Sole Voting Power 1,156(1) Number of Shared Voting Power Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Sole Dispositive Power Reporting Person 1,156(1) With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power

\*\* Denotes less than.

1,156

\*\*0.1%

(IN)

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(1) Of these shares, 256 shares are held in the Ian R. McGuire Individual Retirement Account, which is self-directed.

Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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#### CUSIP No. 512815101 1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). Edward H. McDermott Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) 2. (a) $\Box$ (b) x SEC Use Only 3. 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Sole Voting Power 3,834(1) Number of Shared Voting Power Shares Beneficially 13,092,114(2) Owned by Each Sole Dispositive Power Reporting Person 3,834(1) With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power 13,092,114(2) 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 13,095,948 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

(1) Of these, 600 shares are held in the Edward H. McDermott Individual Retirement Account, which is self-directed.

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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16.7%

(IN)

(2) These shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. McDermott solely in his capacity as one of two controlling persons of SPO Advisory Corp.

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#### Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Lamar Advertising Company

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

5321 Corporate Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

#### Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing

SPO Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("SPO"), SPO Advisory Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("SPO Advisory Partners"), San Francisco Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("SFP"), SF Advisory Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("SF Advisory Partners"), SPO Advisory Corp., a Delaware corporation ("SPO Advisory Corp."), John H. Scully ("JHS"), Phoebe Snow Foundation, Inc., a California corporation ("PS Foundation"), Eli J. Weinberg ("EJW"), Ian R. McGuire ("IRM"), and Edward H. McDermott ("EHM"). SPO, SPO Advisory Partners, SFP, SF Advisory Partners, SPO Advisory Corp., JHS, PS Foundation, EJW, IRM and EHM are sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Reporting Persons."

The Reporting Persons are making this single, joint filing because they may be deemed to constitute a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, although neither the fact of this filing nor anything contained herein shall be deemed to be an admission by the Reporting Persons that a group exists.

(b), (c) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence; Citizenship of Reporting Persons

The principal business address of SPO is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. SPO is a Delaware limited partnership.

The principal business address of SPO Advisory Partners is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. SPO Advisory Partners is a Delaware limited partnership.

The principal business address of SFP is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. SFP is a California limited partnership.

The principal business address of SF Advisory Partners is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. SF Advisory Partners is a Delaware limited partnership.

The principal business address of SPO Advisory Corp. is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. SPO Advisory Corp. is a Delaware corporation.

The principal business address of JHS is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. JHS is a citizen of the United States of America.

The principal business address of PS Foundation is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. PS Foundation is a California corporation.

The principal business address of EJW is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. EJW is a citizen of the United States of America.

The principal business address of IRM is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. IRM is a citizen of the United States of America.

The principal business address of EHM is 591 Redwood Highway, Suite 3215, Mill Valley, California 94941. EHM is a citizen of the United States of America.

(d) Title of Class of Securities

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

(e) CUSIP Number:

512815101

Item 3. Statement filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c):

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

	(b)	(a)	(c)(i)	(c)(ii)	(c)(iii)	(c)(iv)
			Common Shares			
			Voting Power		Disposition Power	
Reporting Persons	Percent of Class	Beneficially Owned	Sole	Shared	Sole	Shared
SPO Partners II, L.P	16.0%	12,575,384	12,575,384	0	12,575,384	0
SPO Advisory Partners, L.P.	16.0%	12,575,384	12,575,384	0	12,575,384	0
San Francisco Partners, L.P.	0.7%	516,730	516,730	0	516,730	0
SF Advisory Partners, L.P.	0.7%	516,730	516,730	0	516,730	0
SPO Advisory Corp.	16.7%	13,092,114	13,092,114	0	13,092,114	0
John H. Scully	16.8%	13,217,214	125,100	13,092,114	125,000	13,092,114
Phoebe Snow Foundation, Inc.	0.1%	112,100	112,100	0	112,100	0
Eli J. Weinberg	**0.1%	126	126	0	126	0
Ian R. McGuire	**0.1%	1,156	1,156	0	1,156	0
Edward H. McDermott	16.7%	13,095,948	3,834	13,092,114	3,834	13,092,114

<sup>\*\*</sup> Denotes less than

Instruction. For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security see §240.13d-3(d)(1).

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following  $\Box$ .

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

No other persons have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from, or other proceeds from the sale of, the common shares held by the Reporting Persons.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

September 7, 2012

Date

/s/ Kim M. Silva

Signature

Kim M. Silva

Attorney-in-fact for:

SPO Partners II, L.P. (1)

SPO Advisory Partners, L.P. (1)

San Francisco Partners, L.P. (1)

SF Advisory Partners, L.P. (1)

SPO Advisory Corp. (1)

John H. Scully (1)

Phoebe Snow Foundation, Inc. (1)

Eli J. Weinberg (1)

Ian R. McGuire (1)

Edward H. McDermott (1)

 A Power of Attorney authorizing Kim M. Silva to act on behalf of this person or entity has been previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Document Description

A Agreement Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)

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#### EXHIBIT A

Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) or Regulation 13D-G of the General Rule and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agrees that the statement to which this Exhibit is attached is filed on behalf of each of them in capacities set forth below.

September 7, 2012

Date
/s/ Kim M. Silva
Signature

Kim M. Silva

Attorney-in-fact for:

SPO Partners II, L.P. (1)
SPO Advisory Partners, L.P. (1)
San Francisco Partners, L.P. (1)
SF Advisory Partners, L.P. (1)
SPO Advisory Corp. (1)
John H. Scully (1)
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