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THE CULVER CITY MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY MOBILITY,
TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Puza called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall and via Webex.

Present:

Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Freddy Puza, Council Member

Staff Present:

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering
Manager
Diana Chang, Chief Transportation Officer
Dorothy Suchkova, Transportation and Mobility Planning
Manager
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst
Kate Saunders-Britton, Transportation Administrative
Secretary

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Puza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements from Members

None.

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Information Items from Staff

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that Council Member Eriksson had requested that the next meeting be held in the afternoon and consensus was achieved to hold the next meeting on August 29 at 4:00 p.m.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Council Member Puza invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that David Coles had put in a request to speak but was not present.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated distributing one piece of correspondence.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of April 11, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2024.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receive an Update Regarding Near-Term Mobility Improvements in Fox Hills

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided an update on near-term mobility improvements in the Fox Hills neighborhood; indicated that the City Council would be considering a construction bid item at the June 24, 2024 meeting; he noted that once the contract was approved, work would begin; discussed other items pending the status of a grant for the project; progress made on the design while waiting for the grant; and contingency plans if the grant is not awarded.

Discussion ensued between staff, and Subcommittee Members regarding items that would change if the grant is not awarded and effects to parking.

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Item A-2

Receive an Update Regarding Additional Public Outreach and Community Engagement Efforts for the Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills Project

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided an update regarding additional public outreach and community engagement efforts for the Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills Project noting that the grant application would be submitted on June 17 with results expected in November or December.

Council Member Puza invited public input.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Megan Murry discussed different viewpoints for Fox Hills and for the stretch between Jefferson and Culver Boulevard; community outreach; the need to request public feedback; she asked that Culver City communicate with the people between Jefferson and Culver; expressed concern with taking away the center turn lane; questioned what problem was trying to be solved by reorganizing the lanes; noted the many benefits to the project; asked that staff seek out counsel from people who live on the street to understand perspectives and concerns; discussed accidents even with the center lane;

confusion between someone making a left turn and people going straight; she commented on the currently chaotic road; and expressed support for bus disability enhancements.

Shannon Woo discussed living at Windsor Fountains; other large condo complexes in the area with a dedicated stoplight to allow residents to enter and exit their properties; the importance of the middle turn lane on Overland; conceptual plans for Better Overland approved by the City Council; changes that would prohibit left turns in or out of the complex; lack of quick and easy work arounds to reach the complex from the other direction; impacts to quality of life; residents and traffic patterns on Overland; number of ins and outs on a busy day; traffic that backs up past Venice during peak hours; and concern that Better Overland could make Overland worse.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding extensive outreach done in one month that did not reach everyone; the importance of soliciting comments from everyone from El Rincon up to Culver; the need to communicate what the proposed changes are; the importance of hearing about the details of the driveways; appreciation for the comments; direct outreach to complexes; a potential meeting at the library; the concept plans to give a sense of what would fit, not what is moving forward; additional detail as the process moves forward; residential trash bins in the bike lanes; street sweeping; issues to be addressed; tools, ideas, and examples to show; and figuring out what is best for Overland.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding Fox Hills; the difficulty of change; advantages and support for different aspects of each plan; unintended consequences; parking loss; permit parking; areas where the center lane is not as important; protected intersections; options for putting improvements in; illustrating pros and cons; different segments with different concerns; the next phase; firming up drawings; getting more clear on what the project would look like; rectifying issues; increases to the costs for the street sweeping contract; control gained by taking street sweeping in-house; addressing the bike lanes and the Creek bike path; plans to manually sweep out the bike lanes built into the contract; exploration of dedicating a staff member to certain areas around town; and follow up on speaker comments.

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Item A-3

(1) Receive a Presentation Regarding (A) Removal of the Crosswalk at North Leg of Sawtelle Boulevard and Matteson Avenue, and (B) Installation of a Crosswalk at South Leg of Sawtelle Boulevard and Matteson Avenue; and (2) Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding reinstatement of a crosswalk that had been removed at Jefferson and Duquesne in response to complaints; ensuring that the crosswalk does not conflict with the left turn; and changes to phasing.

Council Member Puza invited public input.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated no requests to speak.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Puza invited public participation.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that David Coles was still not present to provide comment.

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Subcommittee Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

None.

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Items from Staff/Members

Council Member Eriksson received clarification regarding the return to 100% service in September.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the current trend of increased ridership; year over

year trends; weekend usage; changes to travel patterns across the region; anticipated increases; and reports from Metro indicating more increases to bus ridership than to light rail usage.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:30 p.m., the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to August 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

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Alicia Ide
SECRETARY of the Culver City Mobility, Traffic and Parking
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APPROVED

Freddy Puza
COUNCIL MEMBER, Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee
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