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CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULVER CITY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 25, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:07 P.M. in the Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Joel Falter, Chair
Jack Galanty, Vice Chair
Greg Maron, Member
Travis Morgan, Member
Ben Parnas, Member

Absent: Dan Beroukhim, Member
J. Marvin Campbell, Member
Carolyn Libuser, Member
Hunter Salem, Member

Staff Present: Andrew Maximous, Mobility & Traffic Engineering
Division Manager
Alicia Ide, Senior Management Analyst
Kate Saunders-Britton, Transportation
Administrative Secretary
Chris Caraballo, Culver City Police Department
(CCPD) Lieutenant

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Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Member absences and positions.

Chair Falter asked that Item A-3 be heard at the end.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements by Members

Chair Falter reported that the administration in Washington D.C. had ceased all funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety projects including a claw back of existing and awarded grants and would no longer fund bike and pedestrian improvement projects at the federal level; discussed affects to the region; and he noted Metro Planning and Program Committee approval of grants for first/last mile improvement projects that included funding for Better Overland Phase 2.

Member Maron reported that schools had started again and were implementing their walk and bike programs.

Vice Chair Galanty discussed his use of the raised crosswalk at Coombs that is a good example infrastructure, and he discussed the new Robertson protected bike lane.

Member Morgan expressed appreciation to Thomas Check for the new partially protected bike lane on Sawtelle between Sepulveda and the Creek.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding inclusion of projects as part of the repaving program; bollards; and striping.

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Updates from Subcommittees/Delegates

Member Maron reported attending the joint Culver City and Safe Routes to School meeting; discussed coordination of the meeting by Jim Shanman; school programs coordinated with the City; the report given by Andrew Maximous on the Tri-School Traffic Study; and looking at ways to engage more parents.

Chair Falter reported reaching out to Public Works and others regarding the Ballona Creek project; discussed additional work of the consultant; submission of the internal draft for Public Works review before submission to the Army Corps; and new activity expected to come forward in early 2026.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst reported that on September 29 the City Council would be discussing the potential New Zealand installation for the Olympics.

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Information Items from Staff

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that October is Walktober, as well as Pedestrian Safety Month; hoped Committee Members would be present at the September 29 City Council meeting for the proclamations; discussed the Art Walk and Roll Festival on October 18; she encouraged outreach to bicycle groups in town to offer assistance; noted that Tito's Fiesta Mexicana would be held on October 4; and she reported celebration of International Walk to School Day by the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) on October 10.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Bike Valet provided by the Boy Scouts at Art Walk; a suggestion for a bike decorating contest; and details about the upcoming City Council proclamation.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles was hoping that Andrew Maximous or Thomas Check would provide an update on sidewalk projects and on the proposed gate to the Ballona Creek at Ince, and he discussed the importance of having good sidewalks in order to be a pedestrian-friendly city.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the gate at Ince; approval of a feasibility study by the City Council; next steps for the design of the sidewalk at Ocean Avenue; and delays to City Council consideration of any items.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that one piece of correspondence had been received.

MOVED BY MEMBER MORGAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GALANTY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBERS BEROUKHIM, CAMPBELL, LIBUSER, AND SALEM) THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Regular Meeting August 25, 2025

MOVED BY MEMBER MARON, SECONDED BY CHAIR FALTER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBERS BEROUKHIM, CAMPBELL, LIBUSER, AND SALEM), THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2025.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Discuss Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Along Ballona Creek Bike Path; and (2) Make Recommendations for Improvements

Chris Caraballo, Culver City Police Department (CCPD) Lieutenant, provided background on himself; noted that CCPD is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all residents; discussed recommendations to address identified safety concerns; proposed signage; rules of the road; travelling at a safe speed; enforcement of basic speed law; the municipal code; jurisdiction; California Vehicle Code; educational enforcement; weekly enforcement; response to citizen concerns; and appreciation for feedback received from the BPAC at these meetings.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding jurisdiction; zones with mandatory dismount and heavy-handed enforcement in certain beach cities; creation of enforcement zones; high traffic areas; pet zones; a suggestion to create a mandatory dismount requirement when students are present; other areas in LA county with enforcement on large bike trails; areas in the trail where the speed limit drops; being creative in areas where the City has jurisdictional authority; the intent to help with safety; clarifying questions; allowing public comment before going into discussion; data tracking; frequency of patrols; current expectations; data gathering during traffic operations; and grant funding.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles discussed safety; collisions between bicycles and pedestrians and with other bicyclists; the need for mirrors on blind curves; and he challenged new Member Parnas to get to the bottom of the spot on the Bike Path that is always wet with runoff.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, encouraged communication with Jesse MacGregor about maintenance issues.

David Metzler discussed the percentage of traffic fatalities involving bicycles; difficulty finding a fatality where a bicyclist kills a pedestrian or a driver; focusing on the speed of vehicles causing deaths; people going above the posted speed limit; concern with heavy-handed enforcement along the Creek; focusing on the true dangers to people being killed; the primary issue that the path is too narrow and there is not enough room for bicycles and pedestrians; support for adding mirrors and signage encouraging people to slow down when approaching a blind curve; opposition to speed limits as most people do not know how fast they are going; the small chance of bike patrol being on the path when a motorized vehicle is on the path; support for signage with a phone number asking people to report motorized vehicles; alerting people to the location where motorized vehicles have been observed; and a suggestion to hand out lights when making educational stops.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, stated that Member Libuser, who was not present, had requested the item as a pedestrian user of the Bike Path who does not feel safe; noted past discussion of adding signage; discussed mile marker and street identification signage that has been added; signage to encourage people to report problems; value of hearing about issues on the path; encouraging increased enforcement or presence on the Bike Path; previous BPAC discussion about signage to remind people to slow down; the prohibition of motorized vehicles; suggested speeds; reporting issues; taking a municipal code change request to the City Council; and things that can be done by the Public Works Department.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process to request signage; addressing safety concerns; the 911 signs that were facilitated by the Fire Department; guide signs; warning signs for blind curves and corners; mirrors; vandalism and theft; support for education and encouragement for people to use the path; combustion vehicles; setting up a hot spot patrol; encouragement for people to report issues; responsiveness and response time; emergency vs. non-emergency calls; the ability of

dispatch to make the determination; enforcement; citations; and use of the non-emergency number: (310) 837-1221.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding experiences on mixed-use paths; pedestrians being startled by cyclists riding nearby; signage to remind riders of etiquette to alert pedestrians that they are passing by; slowing when passing pedestrians; rules of the road; passing on the left; reminding people that all rules of the road are being enforced; looking at ways to provide information; the fact that a license is not required and riding is opening to all ages; the focus on education; helmets; bike-specific rules; highlighting the three most important points on information signage at entrances; encouraging safe usage; looking at ways to support young riders; the cultural shift from cars to electric bikes; e-safety courses for students provided by Jim Shanman; encouragement for people to ride their bikes safely; people walking with the flow of traffic rather than against it; those walking with headphones; providing educational materials on rules of the path; signage reminding people that the Bike Path is patrolled by CCPD and encouraging people to call 911 about violations; clarification regarding jurisdiction and who to call; and encouragement to contact Lieutenant Caraballo with any questions.

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Item A-2

Discussion Regarding Site Locations of Digital Kiosks in the Public Right of Way

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that Committee Members should have received an email inviting them to a meeting on October 15; discussed other invitees; and allowing a chance to revisit the item and provide input.

Eric Shabsis, spoke representing IKE, provided background on the project; discussed City Council direction; their commitment to BPAC involvement; and email he sent with slides that include siting criteria, a map of proposed installations, and examples of typical installations in other cities.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Shabsis, staff, and Committee Members regarding allowing BPAC a chance to discuss the item before the October 15 meeting; the motion from the previous meeting with the goal of brainstorming and coming to consensus on siting criteria and requirements; accessibility; the discussion at the City Council meeting regarding required distance from street

furniture and in-street advertising; addressing other publicly accessible advertising; the program approved by the City Council; the initial installation of 15 kiosks and the ability to expand the program to 30 kiosks; definition of street furniture; street furniture without advertising; concern with siting kiosks near intersections; ensuring visibility around high conflict zones; California state daylighting law; line of sight between road entry and exit points; curb ramps; the goal to make a bullet point list of criteria; the process for approving locations; final determination of siting by the Public Works Department; and going into the October meeting prepared.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the concentration of kiosks in the downtown area and the Arts District; ensuring adequate room in the pedestrian right of way; sidewalks in Culver City that do not have sufficient space to accommodate kiosks; and a slide presented in the original packet with an image from Santa Monica showing an installation adjacent to an intersection.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles presented images; discussed installation of a kiosk near Highland and Melrose adjacent to a driveway; AB (Assembly Bill) 413; the requirement to provide a minimum of 20 feet of daylight; curved intersections; crosswalks; concern with installation by Overland and National; effectiveness of placement for advertising vs. safety; increasing distances on streets with a high speed limit; and agreement to email concerns to IKE representatives.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Shabsis, staff, and Committee Members regarding Metro branding; visibility; distraction; prioritization of intersection safety; the challenge to find 15 sites in Culver City that can accommodate minimum wheelchair width and radius; accessibility; providing a representation of what not to do; following daylighting laws; application of daylighting laws to driveways; providing a proper sight-distance triangle evaluation; the planning review process; dimming of the units during off hours; the Overland site; and the new bus stop with digital advertising.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Shabsis, staff, and Committee Members regarding bike racks; the definition of street furniture; support for avoiding blocking the line of sight from bike lanes to bike racks; line of sight and proximity; ensuring

that desired paths are not impeded with objects in the way; efficiency of movement; a highly used unofficial scramble crossing in the downtown area; concern with looking at placement solely from an advertising perspective; pedestrian counts; identification of most common paths used; location of kiosks next to bus stops without advertising; potential benefit to co-locating with bus stops; and functionality with micro-mobility.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding agreed upon priorities including: clarity on sites where kiosks should not be located, daylighting, blocking line of sight for road entry/exit from motor vehicles to areas where bicycles and pedestrians would enter and exit the street, including driveways, and ensuring kiosks are not sited on sidewalks where traversing in a wheelchair would be unreasonably challenging; the practical reality of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance; not siting in areas where desired paths intersect or diverge so that people have to walk around the kiosk; not blocking line of sight from street bike infrastructure; not siting in locations where moving images would distract or confuse vehicle operators; concern with kiosks distracting from safety signage; being prepared to share examples at the October meeting; and Brown Act issues.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding concern with conflicts near designated zones for drop off and pick up, loading zones, and designated food pickup spots; ensuring kiosks are not placed near existing items that block pedestrian visibility; taking care not to be over-prescriptive; ensuring a kiosk does not block people getting off of buses; support for having kiosks help bus users; the importance of not placing kiosks in well-used paths; fire lane access; the narrow sidewalk in front of the Kirk Douglas Theater; private space; support for locations at arts related places; identification of areas that need wider sidewalks; curb extensions; ensuring that placement does not make the area unreasonably challenging for wheelchairs; the ability to share ideas with staff prior to the meeting but not with each other; and staff agreed to forward the slides provided by IKE to Committee Members.

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Item A-4
(Out of Sequence)

(1) Consideration and Creation of a New National Boulevard Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and (2) Appointments to New Subcommittee

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, introduced the item; discussed the fatality at Wesley and National; installation of flashing lights and a standing red at night; the non-ADA compliant sidewalk; budgeting for changes; conducting a feasibility study; and implementation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding support for a subcommittee to address issues in the area; willingness to serve; the specific plan for the Hayden Tract; creation of a formalized process to get items into a planning document; the traffic calming study underway; and other fatalities.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles noted that multiple people had died on National including children and teachers.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding support for raising the profile of the area; providing a reminder at each meeting; the goal to be up to date in the area; the unusual area; keeping the focus on National Boulevard; the under-evaluated area; Class 1 bike paths in the area; safety points; intersection with the Ballona Creek Bike Path; and the corridor.

Member Morgan moved to create a National Boulevard/Hayden Tract Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appoint Chair Falter and Member Parnas thereto.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding keeping the focus on the National Boulevard corridor rather than including the Hayden Tract; the ability to make changes to the subcommittee at any time; annual dissolution and reconstitution of subcommittees; and the ability to go beyond the objectives defined in the staff report.

Member Morgan accepted the friendly amendment that the subcommittee keep the focus on the National Boulevard corridor rather than including the Hayden Tract.

MOVED BY MEMBER MORGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBERS BEROUKHIM, CAMPBELL, LIBUSER, AND SALEM), THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORM A NATIONAL BOULEVARD AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINT CHAIR FALTER AND MEMBER PARNAS THERETO.

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Item A-3

(1) Receive a Presentation and Discuss the Livable Communities Initiative; and (2) Make Recommendations

Member Morgan provided background on LCI (Livable Communities Initiative) noting that the other representatives were out of town so he would be providing the presentation; discussed jobs without enough housing; the majority of jobs in Culver City fulfilled by workers who live outside of the City; the need to house workers in Culver City; the vision to create town centers with walkable, bikeable, transit accessible streets and high quality residential apartments built over retail; providing a family-friendly environment; global cities with livable communities; providing entitlements to allow local owners to build with their existing property; affordability; obstacles to building livable communities in Culver City; parcel size; the need to assemble lots; evaluation of housing issues by the Pew Charitable Trust; the Center for Building in North America; allowing for single-stairway apartment buildings; key findings related to safety concerns; consideration of the issue by other bodies; and direction to allow single-stair construction in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding parking; intentional car-light design; use of shared parking arrangements; naturally affordable housing; decreased rents with reduced building costs and reduced amenities; maintenance of positive pressure; the inability of businesses to be located in residential areas; rezoning of commercial corridors as mixed-use in Culver City; building height; and financial feasibility.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Mary Daval discussed recognitions happening at the next City Council Meeting including October 1 as Clean Air Day and A Week Without Driving beginning on September 29; expressed appreciation for the LCI presentation; encouraged the BPAC to send a representative to the City Council in support of the proposal prepared by staff; and she discussed benefits to supporting the proposal.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the presentation and the process;

allowing for fire escapes to address fire concerns; building code; different standards in New York City; effectiveness of sprinkler systems; ladder trucks that go up to seven stories in Culver City; the fact that walkable spaces and stairs improve health; costs; accessibility features; elevators; the option for Members to go to the City Council meeting to express support for the project; speaking as an individual vs. as a representative of the BPAC; participation in the proclamations; agreement to express support for walkable communities; endorsement of LCI to enhance attractiveness and quality of life; being a model for the region; support for making improvements to safety and security; and exacerbating safety issues with the separation of commercial and residential.

Member Morgan noted that LCI is a volunteer organization which meant he did not have a conflict in participating and he indicated he would be present at the City Council meeting to speak on behalf of LCI.

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Committee Requests to Speak at City Council Meetings

Committee consensus was achieved that Member Parnas would be present at the September 29 City Council meeting to express support of single-stair reform.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Eric Shabsis reported that there would be a committee meeting for a new residential mixed-use project at 4340 Overland on October 9 at Grace Lutheran Church; discussed the proposal to replace the medical office on the ground floor with 1,000 square feet of community-serving retail and five stories of 33 low-income residential units on top; he noted that if there were community support for the project it could receive an entitlement as an administrative action and would not have to go before the Planning Commission; and he discussed getting the project right the first time.

Edward Tanaki was called to speak but did not respond.

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Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed upcoming agenda items including a data collection item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the email received; the problematic Ballona Creek ramp up to Duquesne; and the strip of Culver City land next to Culver Slauson Park.

Edward Tanaki was called to speak again but did not answer.

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Information Items from Members/Staff

Andrew Maximous, Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, discussed the email received regarding making an access point at Culver Slauson Park; jurisdiction over the gates; and elevation differences between the park and the path.

Discussion ensued between staff and Members regarding next steps; direction to reach out to Los Angeles; the engineering matter; and potential facilitation.

Andrew Maximous, Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, discussed installation of a raised crosswalk on Coombs south of Culver connecting the Wende Museum with Veterans Park; a potential similar installation in front of the hospital at Delmas Terrace; a raised crosswalk slated for Fox Hills; an update on Overland and Fox Hills projects; the first community workshop for the Tri-School Traffic Study on November 13 at Farragut Elementary School; plans for a website and formal notifications; the second community meeting for Rancho Higuera to present initial concepts; and he noted that a ribbon cutting ceremony was being planned for the nearly completed Robertson project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process for Phase 2 of the Better Overland project; the focus on the current Class 2 areas south of Culver; information about community meetings and outreach available on the website; plans to go back to the City Council for formal approval of the segment between Culver and the Creek; the Tri-School Safety Study; the timeframe to implement the website and the survey; outreach; collaboration with the consultant; the goal to reach all families at the schools at least twice; and the ability to respond to the

email inquiry received using Culver City email as an individual but not as a Committee representative.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed the process to agendaize items for upcoming meetings; general practice for meeting structure; allowing the public to speak as quickly as possible; the community meeting on October 15; a reminder to complete Ethics Training; remaining City Council meetings for 2025; she encouraged people to attend the upcoming Mobility Subcommittee meeting; and she indicated that the next BPAC meeting would be held on November 20, 2025 noting that all meetings were on the calendar.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Member attendance; lack of response to email; recruitment; and the need for the City Council to re-open the application process to allow seats to be filled mid-year.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:28 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned to November 20, 2025.

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Alicia Ide
SECRETARY of the Culver City Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory
Committee, Culver City, California

APPROVED

Joel Falter
CHAIR of the Culver City Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory
Committee, Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date