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MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

January 25, 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 6:05 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
Dia Turner, Transportation Management
Analyst
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Puza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members/Staff

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, received Subcommittee consensus that the next Subcommittee meeting be held on April 11, 2024.

Diana Chang, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced Transportation and Planning Manager, Dorothy Suchkova and provided background on her experience.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Council Member Puza invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Coles expressed appreciation for bus service in the City; discussed the Circulator; untapped potential ridership; lighting issues; the importance of making the Circulator more inviting; and he asked that the default be that lighting is on.

Diana Chang, Chief Transportation Officer, indicated that staff would follow up on the previous request to Operations to turn on the lighting at night.

David Metzler was called to speak but was experiencing sound issues.

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Receive and File 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 October 26, 2023

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 OCTOBER 26, 2023.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Receive Presentation Regarding Free Fare Days for Culver CityBus in Association with Bike-to-Work-Day (Friday, May 17, 2024), Clean Air Day 2024 (Wednesday, October 2, 2024), Election Day (Tuesday, November 5, 2024), and New Year's Eve (December 31, 2024); and (2) Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

Diana Chang, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced the item.

Dia Turner, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a presentation regarding Free Fare Days for Culver CityBus.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the 2023 election; costs; usage; encouraging employer participation; specialized outreach; providing resources; the bike map; the primary on March 5, 2024; striking a balance between lost revenue and the benefits of providing equity; reduced vs. free fares for seniors; examination of revenue sources in comparison with the rest of the region; restructuring; the responsibility to ensure that fare revenue meets a certain level; sustainably in relation to continuing to provide needed community services; efforts to increase ridership and revenue miles; and increasing funding.

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Item A-2

(1) Receive a Presentation on Proposed On-Street Parking Meter Rates, 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 original intent with current pricing; a suggestion to conduct a study; concern with encouraging driving by providing cheaper meters; adjusting to industry standards; consistency with City policies; neighborhood intrusion with increased meter prices; making use of unused parking; selling permits to businesses; the Arts District; Veterans Park; encouraging people to visit parks; concern with creating issues for Transit Department employees; and permits for City employees.

Council Member Puza invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Metzler expressed general support for charging what parking is worth; discussed the need for outreach to long-term parking employees; the under-utilized Metro lot; short-term parking for retail; empty parking during the day in the Arts District; concern with charging to park at the park; neighborhood intrusion; he proposed two hour limits in parks located in residential neighborhoods and two hour limits in City parking lots; noted the need to provide a free period of time in City lots; and he proposed matching parking to the surrounding neighborhood.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding next steps; the timeline; allowing for public comment and feedback before City Council consideration; installation of the new meters; and the test period.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Puza invited public participation.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Metzler noted he had thought that stop signs on Elenda would be part of the changes; discussed cost of stop signs vs. the cost of crossing guards; safe streets all the time vs. just when crossing guards are present; 15 mile per hour (mph) signs posted in the middle of residential streets forcing cars to make slower and proper turns onto the residential streets from the faster streets; the entrance to the south side of Elenda from Culver Boulevard; state law allowing slow streets designated by the City; and he proposed that the City examine locations for slow streets.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed email regarding parking on Van Buren; recent changes; student drop off and pick up in front of Linwood Howe; the dispute regarding parking changes resulting from adding drop off and pick up areas for school; parking regulations that do not require permit parking in front of the school; finding a balance between residents and the school; parking permit regulations and guidelines; non-residential uses; balancing needs; compromise; the focus on school children safety; impact on residents; and administrative changes made to "bonus" areas.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding notification; unintended consequences with street sweeping; a suggestion to do an NTMP (Neighborhood Traffic Management Program) for the area; outreach; funding; and the mid-year budget.

Council Member Eriksson discussed the status of the bollards on Main Street.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding unforeseen conditions with the bollards and work done by staff to resolve the issue.

Council Member Puza discussed actions of the City of Los Angeles to allow unhoused individuals to complete community service to pay off their tickets and a deferred payment

program for low-income individuals; he received staff agreement that they would investigate the matter; and he offered to provide staff information on the Los Angeles program.

Council Member Eriksson received clarification that the Circulator now costs \$1; he asked about scheduling and operators; he indicated that he wanted to use the Circulator but felt that it was not reliable; and he questioned what the City Council could do to help the Circulator provide the service as intended.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding operator issues; recruitment; maintenance of the Circulator bus; staff priorities; filling vacancies; continued recruitment of operators; staff efforts to work through issues; items for the next agenda; and information coming back regarding parking meter locations and rates.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:20 p.m., the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to April 11, 2024.

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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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