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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

November 20, 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 6:06 P.M. in the Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

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

Staff Present: Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst
Kate Saunders-Britton, Transportation
Administrative Secretary

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Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements by Members

Vice Chair Galanty discussed attending the recent Tri-School and Sepulveda Connects community meetings and he thanked the City for allowing the community to be heard.

Member Falter discussed attending the Sepulveda Connects community meeting and committee meeting, as well as the Mobility Subcommittee meeting; consideration of parking maximum programs; SB (Senate Bill) 720; replacement of the current the red light program; taking pictures of license plates rather than of drivers' faces; use fines directed back to Culver City for traffic calming projects; City Council consideration of the item in February; reduced federal funding for non-auto oriented infrastructure improvements; and a recent change to disallow use highway funds for transit-related projects.

Member Maron discussed Ciclavia and encouraged anyone who wanted to be part of the Bike Culver City ride to meet at Equator Coffee at Ivy Station.

Member Parnas discussed attending the Sepulveda Connects community meeting; scope of the project; volume of car traffic in the area; and he indicated that additional information was available on the Culver City website with email updates available.

Member Libuser discussed attending the Tri-School community meeting and she distributed pictures of Braddock and LeBourget.

Member Morgan discussed a recent accident involving a pedestrian in a crosswalk at Green Valley Circle and Buckingham in Fox Hills that left a neighbor of his alive but severely injured.

Vice Chair Galanty discussed the importance of traffic calming noting that he was almost hit by a car on the way to the Tri-School meeting.

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Community Announcements by Staff

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, noted that Chair Falter serves as the official representative for the Sepulveda Connects Committee; discussed the kiosk meeting in October; consideration of potential locations; the Rancho Higuera community meeting; the Ribbon Cutting for the Robertson Project; removal of Committee Members; authorization for a

mid-year search to fill empty seats; and she encouraged Committee Members to alert potential candidates.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding outreach to those who have previously applied; the short term and high turnover; number of openings; clarification regarding dedicated seats; student applicants; suggested categories; the resident senior position; Brown Act rules for subcommittees; and encouragement for Subcommittee Members to reach out for information about attending the Hayden Tract meetings.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Chair Falter discussed correspondence received regarding the Tri-School campus study voicing concerns about trees and other changes to the community, traffic signal timing in Copenhagen, and a thank you note for the bike lanes connecting to the E-Line station.

MOVED BY MEMBER MORGAN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GALANTY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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This item was considered out of sequence.

Updates from Subcommittees/Delegates

Vice Chair Galanty reported repeated attempts to contact those in charge of the City Council Olympics Subcommittee.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion to contact someone in the Transportation Department as they are making plans for the Olympics; concern with being left out of meetings; and awareness of the City Manager's Office of the subcommittee.

Member Parnas provided a report on the Ballona Creek Subcommittee; discussed drainage onto the Bike Path; safety issues; outreach to City staff to receive confirmation as to whether that is county-level infrastructure; and concern with the origin of the liquid.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding information forwarded to staff; jurisdiction; the Army Corps of Engineers; placing sandbags in the area; a suggestion to consult with Environmental Programs and Operations; concern that the issue is getting worse with multiple sites to investigate; the Storm Drain Map; and finding the source of the liquid being drained.

Member Maron reported on the Tri-School Mobility Safety Subcommittee meeting with staff and Jim Shanman regarding supporting community engagement; discussed the website; allowing for online comment; announcements about upcoming meetings; and distribution of flyers at an El Marino event.

Member Libuser indicated that there would be hybrid subcommittee meetings in the future.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Falter invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that no requests to speak had been received and she indicated that there would be another chance to make comment for Items NOT On the Agenda at the end of the meeting.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

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

MOVED BY MEMBER MARON, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GALANTY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2025.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receive a Report and Discuss City Council's Approval of Operation of Robotic Delivery Devices in Culver City

Yariel Diaz, Serve Robotics, expressed appreciation for the excellent work of the AV tech.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, introduced the item; provided an update on the item; discussed City Council direction to staff to develop ordinance and regulation language and return to the Mobility Subcommittee; allowing the BPAC to express concerns and take information into consideration while regulations are being developed; and she noted that representatives from Coco could not be present at the meeting.

Yariel Diaz, Serve Robotics, indicated that Kelly Jones had made the previous presentation to the Committee and the City Council but could not be present; provided background on the company; discussed food delivery; traffic-related injuries; efforts to reduce reliance on cars; system components; delivery completion score; unique identifiers for the units; real-time maps and data gathering; city planning data; identification of missing curb cutouts; making sidewalks safer for everyone; track record of impact; data in West Hollywood; core values; efforts to be good neighbors and good partners; participation in community events; and creation of an accessibility council to serve as a sounding board to receive feedback.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the informative presentation; changes to the data sharing format; the Open Mobility Foundation; transparency; data that travels back and forth between Serve and participating cities; the human pilot that supports street crossings; speed limits; normal operating speed; the inability to detect the quality of sidewalks; addressing pedestrian/robot conflicts; and the process to determine routes.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that no requests to speak had been received.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding potential considerations for how to regulate the program; observations of the program in other cities; alignment with the goal of Culver City to reduce vehicle trips; lack of a fiscal impact to Culver City; locations where sidewalks need to be repaired, upgraded or improved; support for struggling restaurants; changes to use of sidewalks; standardization; the inability to widen certain sidewalks without reducing street width; making changes to space based upon demand; shifting what spaces are used for; and the inability of the robots to use bicycle infrastructure.

Yariel Diaz, Serve Robotics, discussed state regulations that designate personal delivery robots as pedestrians rather than motor vehicles; not wanting to compete with limited infrastructure in most cities for bike lanes; requests from other cities and states that allow operation on the shoulder, bike lanes, and on the sidewalk; and other personal delivery robot companies that operate on the sidewalk.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Diaz, staff, and Committee Members regarding maximum speed a robot can travel; weight of the units; risk with being on the street with cars; incidents between pedestrians and robots; liability; insurance requirements; indemnification of cities; procedures for handling incidents; areas that would be served in Culver City; operation based on demand; delivery partners; areas with multiple delivery partners; maps designed around demand and revenue; equity; and discretion of the city to draft the program.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Diaz, staff, and Committee Members regarding clarification that there is no additional fee for restaurants to participate; "mom and pop" restaurants; restaurants on the Uber Eats app; percentage of Culver City restaurants that already use Uber Eats; the unique layout of Culver City; Door Dash; participating restaurants; the current inability to cut through Culver City to serve Los Angeles residents; inclusion of Culver City advertising rules as part of the regulations; concerns expressed about taking jobs from delivery drivers; filling the niche of trips that are less than 1.5 miles which delivery drivers do not want; deliveries to the curb; the amount of time allowed for the delivery to be picked up; deliveries that must be done by a driver; and bot storage areas.

David Meraz, Serve Robotics, discussed coverage; opening other depots if demand warrants; and potential number of robots for Culver City.

Further discussion ensued between Serve representatives, staff, and Committee Members regarding revenue sharing; permit fees; use of public right of way; impacts of private companies taking up space; previous issues with scooters; costs to commercial corridors; fee structure; maintenance of profitability; competition; providing robot parking spots; daily drop off and pick up of robots; the pilot program; the importance of communication between the company and the city; flexibility of Serve to avoid certain areas; idling and clustering of robots; affects to quality of life for residents; multiple operators in the same space; waiting for an order vs. dropping off an order; disenrollment from the program; waiting areas adjacent to restaurants; the goal to make things easier for restaurants; implementation in the downtown area; difficulty for pedestrians; identification of problematic areas; working together to create a permit program that makes sense; creation of thoughtful regulations and guidelines; required width for idling robots; accessibility concerns; interactions between the disabled community and robots; proximity sensors; user experience; adding a clause if incidents are not remedied; clarification that the devices only back up with the assistance of a pilot; weekly review of incidents; the Public Policy and Accessibility Lead; the Head of Safety; regular review of compliance with federal laws, regulations and rules, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements; discretion of the city to fine or pull permits; notification about concerns; creation of a tiered system; planning for inevitable safety incidents; availability of incident data; the West Hollywood Accessibility Safety Subcommittee; the Disability Advisory Committee; overall BPAC support for the item; and staff indicated that they would be in contact with Serve after the holidays.

Yariel Diaz, Serve Robotics, expressed appreciation for the time and indicated that he was available to answer questions any time.

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Receive an Update and Discuss the Better Overland Project

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, provided an update on the Better Overland project; discussed background of the project; costs; funding; the limited budget; materials used; planned project improvements; City Council consideration of plans for Phase One in January; Phase Two; design and construction costs; area covered; proposed improvements; slip lanes to accommodate irregular intersections; and grants.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Phase One vs. Phase Two; the new signal at the library; clarification that Phase Two would create a continuous path and reach all the way to where the bike lane ends now; use of flex posts on the bridge; contingencies included in the funding for Phase Two; the design phase; programming of monies in 2028; likelihood of receiving the grant monies; the raised bike path; SB 720; red light enforcement monies; competition for funds between Public Works and Transportation; the section of Overland between the end of Phase Two and Fox Hills; assignment of phase numbers; City Council determination on the gap area; community outreach; preferred alternatives; design decisions in January; and unfunded segments.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a City Council decision on conceptual plans; implementation; the raised bike lane; accessibility challenges with concrete medians; maintenance; funding; the raised bike lane by the E-Line; raised bike lanes in Santa Monica; and facilitating transitions.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Raine Johnson received clarification that the connection from the Ballona Creek Bike Path onto the new bike path would be included in Phase Two, and he asked about the status of Culver Boulevard between Overland and Duquesne.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding smoothing the transition; Connect Culver; support for sidewalk-level bike lanes; rebuilding the Freshman intersection; clarification that the bike lanes would run

both directions; removal of parking; changes to the status quo; condensing the dual left turn lanes at Jefferson to a single left; removal of the dedicated right turn lane; retiming of the lights; changing traffic patterns; integration of bus stops; crosswalk projects; having a two-directional bike lane for a half block; options for different routes; development of the project; additional opportunities to make comment; potential delays to the project; the parking study; controversial portions of the project; encouragement for BPAC Members to attend the January 26 City Council meeting to lend support; improvements to signage to increase community awareness of bike lanes; ensuring that there is not a situation similar to the Robertson raised bike lane where if the entrance is missed one has to ride a long way to enter; discussion of design features at a later time; and making sure not to invite intrusions.

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Item A-3

Receive an Update and Discuss the Safer Fox Hills Project

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, provided an update on the Safer Fox Hills project; discussed the neighborhood-focused initiative; location of proposed protected bike lanes; the addition of high visibility crosswalks; curb extensions; the raised crosswalk; other proposed improvements; creating a neighborhood network of protected bike lanes and pedestrian amenities; the Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills project; identification of phases after funding has been secured; pavement condition; repaving; funding; and grants.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding installation of the raised sidewalks midblock; connecting Heather Village to the Meadows; installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons; raised crosswalks that fill the intersection; drainage issues; grading; width of the raised crosswalk; additional funding if construction bids come in higher; a request for allocation of more funds from the City Council if need be; value-engineering the project; Council commitment to improving infrastructure in Fox Hills; adding warning signage; providing visual cues; users who feel stuck in the interim; and looking at what Culver City can do to help the situation.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that no requests to speak had been received.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding potential future sources of funding; a request for funding from Congresswoman Kamlager Dove; prioritizing getting people from Fox Hills to the elementary schools; providing a safe route to school; costs to use a bus to get children to school; use of mobility funds from projects for the affected community; providing infrastructure when the project opens up; impact fees that will be coming once the project is completed; getting infrastructure ahead of the project; off-site improvements required of large developments; the curb extension and crosswalk being put in at Bristol and Doverwood by 6201 Bristol; installation of bike lanes on Hannum by the 5757 Uplander property; and dedication of property to widen sidewalks.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding consideration of use of the Mobility Fund at the January Mobility Subcommittee meeting; consideration of the potential BPAC workplan for 2026-2027; the annual report on the state of all the different funds; setting priorities; attendance of the Mobility Subcommittee meeting as an individual; anticipated struggles on Overland; office space in Fox Hills; outreach with street banners; removal of a travel lane; slower streets as encouraging local food and gathering options; providing advance warning to cyclists with signage about the end of a bike lane; restrictions on certain types of signage; wayfinding; alternate routes; difficulty getting to Fox Hills; and support for a protected bike lane to get to the mall.

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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:

Raine Johnson indicated being a senior at Culver City High School; observed the continued absence of the Student Member; and he expressed interest in serving.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding mid-year appointments; encouragement to Mr. Johnson to sign-up for emails and to provide staff with his information to receive email with instructions on how to apply; suggested categories for positions; City Council appointments; and clarification that Mr. Johnson could apply for a student seat or a regular seat.

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Committee Requests to Speak at City Council Meetings

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding BPAC related items to be considered by the City Council at the January 26, 2026 meeting; showing support for items as individuals vs. speaking on behalf of the BPAC; the Mobility Subcommittee meeting on January 29; clarification that reports from Committees is at the beginning of the City Council meeting and the representative would not have to stay until the specific item is to be considered; the need for consensus if a recommendation is being made by the BPAC; support for alternative B that retains left hand turn lanes into the neighborhoods but removes parking on the west side of Overland; available parking on the east side; accommodations made with Grace Lutheran Church and residential parking permit issues on the side streets; including an explanation of the difference between the two options; the highly reviewed set of plans; the ability to speak as an individual when the item is being considered; options; Consent Items; covering the items that Transportation is bringing forward to let people know that the items have been previously reviewed; and the ability to abstain.

Committee consensus was achieved from all present except for Member Libuser that Chair Falter would present at the January 26 City Council meeting in support of approval of the final plans for Phase One of the Overland project.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding high friction surface treatment construction awards; alternative B for the unphased section; and length of time allowable for speaking.

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Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Member Libuser asked about agendizing a standing pedestrian-focused topic; discussed feedback received about the need to fix sidewalks; issues with the crosswalk at Farragut and Overland; the number of pedestrians vs. cyclists in Culver City; and the need to represent pedestrians, those with strollers, and seniors.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the need for an item to be agendized in order to discuss it; a suggestion to receive an update on grants that include pedestrian improvements for non-signalized and signalized intersections; allowing Members to bring concerns and ideas for sidewalk improvements forward; the need to involve Mate Gaspar for discussions about sidewalks; the presentation on the scheduled plan for addressing sidewalks; involvement of a staff member from Maintenance and Operations; the general report provided; a suggestion to bring specific intersections forward; the mandate to tell staff about specific things to be fixed; the unpaved portion of Farragut that has no sidewalk that should be part of Safe Routes to School; understanding what is being planned and alerting staff to priorities; and the ability to email staff photos of specific issues in advance to allow preparation.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that the next meeting would include the 2026-2027 workplan discussion; she encouraged Members to review the current active project list on the website; and pointed out the ability for Members to bring items that are not on the list to the meeting for discussion.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a request to agendize a discussion of locations that could be improved with regard to accessibility and parking; date of the next meeting; the Mobility Impact Fund; the importance of BPAC providing input into what qualifies as a project; the decision made by Finance to fund traffic signals from Mobility Improvement Funding; clarification on the rules for the fund; the new fund that is still up for some level of discussion; ensuring that staff is clear on what the fund should be used for; BPAC consensus to agendize a discussion of a potential BPAC recommendation on use of Mobility Improvement Funding in January; the Mobility Subcommittee meeting; and consideration of a recommendation on location of spending for specific funds.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed previously agreed upon topics to agendaize including the Ballona Creek ramp to Duquesne; receipt of a bike share update when available; receipt of a data collection update; options for the crosswalk at the intersection of Cota and Jefferson; and receipt of an update on enforcement of parking in bus/bike lanes.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a request for information on data being used by Serve Robotics; a request for a presentation from Jim Shanman on the Earth Day event on Elenda planned for April; the experience with the request last year; and receipt of a presentation vs. providing Committee input.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding staff availability for presentations; lack of consensus to discuss accessibility to Kenneth Hahn Park through Blair Hills; the entrance to the Park to Playa Trail; jurisdiction; upcoming City Council meetings and agenda items; the upcoming Mobility Subcommittee meeting; the new City Manager; discussion of the new Duquesne ramp as part of the work plan discussion; and consideration of bike parking within the work plan discussion.

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Information Items from Members/Staff

Chair Falter noted that it was the final BPAC meeting of the year; he wished everyone a safe holiday season and a healthy New Year; and he reminded everyone to be safe when crossing the street and riding bicycles.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:46 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned to January 15, 2026.

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Alicia Ide
SECRETARY of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian
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APPROVED

Joel Falter
CHAIR of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian
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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