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MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

August 27, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Mayor Eriksson called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:05 p.m. in Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Göran Eriksson, Vice Mayor
Thomas Small, Council Member

Staff Present: John Nachbar, City Manager
Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Director
Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic
Engineering Manager
Kim Braun, Environmental Operations Manager
Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager
Helen Chin, Management Analyst

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Mayor Eriksson, invited public comment.

No cards were received and no one came forward.

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Approval of Minutes for the May 30, 2019 Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Meeting

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 30, 2019.

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Item A-2

Presentation by Walker Consultants Regarding Parking Prices and Strategies (Todd Tipton, Walker Consultants)

Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager, discussed creation of a strategy for City parking operations; rising costs; creativity to address mobility issues; congestion pricing; coordination with Public Works; flexible and responsive pricing for parking garages; and bringing an agenda item forward for City Council consideration.

Jonathan Wicks, Walker Consultants, discussed demand-based pricing vs. dynamic real time pricing; uniform pricing for parking at public facilities; strategic goals for parking management; review of parking prices at regular intervals; parking as a perishable good; real estate concerns; turnover and access; adding parking; setting the appropriate pricing; condition assessments; long term repair plans and life expectancy of the facility; strategies for short term parking, long term parking and parking at different times of the day; goals for price setting; variances in value depending on the location; access to the downtown area; incentives to direct where people park; demand based pricing for hourly parking; ensuring that some parking is readily available; serving a high number of parking during the day; monthly off-street parking; searching for cheaper alternatives; spillover into neighborhood parking; managing concerns; demand based pricing in the City of San Francisco; the goal to serve the most people while allowing for readily available parking

supply; setting pricing to meet occupancy goals; the feeling that if parking is full all of the time, pricing is too low; increases in sales tax revenue in San Francisco; increased business activity with access; the average overall reduction in pricing; increased pricing for in-demand locations; City-owned garages; setting costs to park on an individual facility basis; reductions in the time to find parking; and the importance of transparency and clarity.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding higher pricing to allow for more turnover, and parking farther away and paying a lower rate to stay longer.

Stefan Turoff, West Coast Director of Planning and Studies, observed that all parking demand is not equal; discussed effective concepts; common sense; filling the least desirable spaces; doing more with the same amount of spaces; and tweaks to uniform pricing that can be very effective.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding next steps in the process; full Council consideration; outreach; utilizing the less desirable spaces at a higher capacity; the Ince parking structure; Culver Steps; the most in-demand garage in the City; asset management; occupancy data over a 24 hour period; operating at a higher occupancy; adjusting behavior and using pricing to encourage other modes of transit; online usage; valet parking; utilizing private resources; setting the occupancy level and price adjustments; and the requirement for City Council approval to make changes.

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Item A-3

**Discussion of Higuera Bridge's Striping Plan Revision
(Sammy Romo)**

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Sammy Romo, Public Works, provided background on the Higuera Bridge; discussed the current configuration; plans to build a new bridge with a bike ramp to connect Higuera Street with the Ballona Creek Bike Path; the observation deck; conceptual drawings; the request from the City Council to create a buffer between the bike lanes and travelled lanes; the revised striping plan; the five foot bike lane; the buffer between the bike lane and the travelled lanes; the bike left turn pocket for cyclists to turn into the Ballona Creek Bike Path; and next steps in the process.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding plastic bollards; continuation of the bike path along Higuera; challenges with a continuous barrier; the feasibility of raising the bike lane; increased costs; delineators; different approaches; low volume periods; providing a safe place to stop and wait for the traffic to clear and turn left to enter the bike path; signage to direct cyclists to use the crosswalk; busy periods on the bridge; signage to clarify safe access to the Bike Path; input from the bike community; and a suggestion to run the plan by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding Duquesne; pros and cons to a refuge in the middle; the importance of having a real buffer rather than just paint; concern with the left turn; signalized bike crossings; signage for the push button crossing to Ballona Creek; safety concerns; extending the length of the left turn pocket; free movement of cyclists when there is no traffic; physical barriers; providing a bike box; working to avoid potential confusion; sophisticated riders vs. novices; proper crosswalk placement; preferential treatment for the cyclists to make a turn; and providing an example of the delineators to the City Council.

- add a discussion of the Higuera Street Striping Plan to the agenda for the upcoming joint City Council/BPAC meeting

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Item A-4

**Culver Boulevard Realignment & Stormwater Project Timeline
Overview (Public Works Staff)**

Kim Braun, Environmental Operations Manager, provided background on the item and a summary of the material of record; discussed phasing; implementation; impacts to traffic patterns and parking; funding; grants; and scheduling.

Lee Torres, Senior Civil Engineer, provided a presentation on Phase One: the Storm Water portion of the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding where the runoff is diverted to; moving traffic off of Little Culver Boulevard; concern with having cyclists on Culver Boulevard during construction; a suggestion to direct cyclists to a street or alley to the north or south; safety concerns with alleys; lighting; having a bi-directional bike lane; minimizing crossings; and incorporating bike detours into the plan.

Mate Gaspar, Engineer Manager, discussed traffic impacts of the street realignment; scheduling; length of time to complete the project; restrictions to left turn movements onto Harter and Huron; traffic counts to measure impacts; discouragement of traffic through the neighborhood; contractor development of traffic control plans for staff review; reconstruction of the parking lane on the south part of Culver Boulevard with special pavers to delineate from regular travel lanes; temporary loss of parking; community meetings; and work with the Citizen Advisory Committee to address issues.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the importance of addressing cut through traffic; being able to react quickly; determining actual impacts of construction traffic; the timeline for completion; design; and availability of renderings on the City website.

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

- Staff to study traffic counts on Lindblade
- Staff agreement to present the landscaping plans to the City Council as part of the Culver Boulevard Realignment Project

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Item A-5

Discussion of Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Design Plans (Heba El-Guindy)

Council Member Small read an email sent by Larry Loughlin who wrote on behalf of himself and neighbors on Lucerne noting concern that nothing was being done to mitigate severe traffic impacts on Lucerne, and Council Member Small suggested continuing with work done in Rancho Higuera and monitoring affects to Lucerne.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the bridge closure; timing of the traffic study; placing a signal at Lucerne and Duquesne; studying Braddock and Duquesne; pedestrian crossing; and acknowledgement of the work of the Neighborhood Association and Committee.

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed work done on the Rancho Higuera project; moving forward with implementation; the study area; the traffic management plan; targeting identified issues; the community survey; proposed improvements; data collection; assessment of the overall traffic management plan; the second community survey planned for 2020; and the project schedule.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification on the location of the bike lanes; width; the existing turn lane; temporary vs. permanent construction; costs; and timing.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the timeline for studio construction; stabilization of tenant operations; bridge construction; occupancy: true traffic counts; length of time temporary measures would be left in place; maintenance; communication with the community; completion of the project and permanent construction of the overall plan; changes to mobility; microtransit; the Cumulus

project; accommodating new businesses and new residents;
the Bike Share program; known and unknown factors;
coordination; and progress.

- Staff agreement to look at additional improvement including the signal warrant analysis as part of the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Design Plans

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Item A-6

Adoption of Regular Meeting Schedule for the Mobility, Traffic, and Parking Subcommittee

Regular meeting schedule:

October 29, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 24, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
February 25, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 28, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
June 23, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
August 25, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the need to add a special meeting to discuss the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

- staff agreement to email Subcommittee Members about scheduling a special meeting

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand discussed the Golden State Water project in the Arts District; cut through traffic; getting ahead of the issue; timing; and phased construction.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Mand, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding increased cut through traffic along

Jacob; mitigation measures; turning restrictions; Local Traffic Only signs; enforceability; the actions of Santa Monica; work hours; signage; getting closer to Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning Goals; redirecting traffic at La Cienega; influencing different habits; investigating different ways of restriping Washington Boulevard; advancing other causes; the condition of Washington Boulevard; quality control; and the goal to fix all of Washington Boulevard.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Vice Mayor Eriksson acknowledged receipt of the letter from Larry Loughlin read by Council Member Small.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Charles Herberston, Public Works Director, suggested that the Subcommittee might not want to meet on December 24, 2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding cancelling the December 24, 2019 meeting and scheduling a special meeting.

Vice Mayor Eriksson discussed conflicts on the Ballona Creek Bike Path; Metro signage to clarify that bikers keep to one side and pedestrians keep to another; installation of signage at the entrance to the Bike Path; and ensuring that pedestrians face cyclists so they can get out of the way.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding concern that it could be counter-intuitive to train people to walk on the left, and staff agreement to investigate the matter.

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, received clarification that there should be a standing item for a TOD update at every meeting.

Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager, indicated that a specific TOD report on mobility measures was not available

noting the need for internal coordination between Community Development, the Public Works Department and the Transportation Department, and he indicated that he would provide an update at the next meeting.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, reported receipt of a message from Sol Blumenfeld apologizing for not being able to be present but noting that he did not have an update available.

Council Member Small suggested that an update could be added to the agenda for the upcoming special meeting; he discussed mobility improvements for the Arts District and the Smiley Blackwelder neighborhood; pedestrian accessibility; creating a boardwalk for connectivity; funding; cooperation; and facilitation.

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Items for the Next Meeting:

- TOD report on Mobility Measures

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:56 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting.

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Jeremy Green
SECRETARY of the Culver City Mobility, Traffic and Parking
Subcommittee, Culver City, California

APPROVED

Göran Eriksson,
Vice Mayor, Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee
Culver City, California