

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY TRAFFIC AND
PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 14, 2018
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Small called the meeting of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Thomas Small, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Art Ida, Transportation Director
Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development
Director
John Nachbar, City Manager
Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City
Manager
Jesse Mays, Assistant to the City Manager
Dave White, Fire Chief
Aubrey Kellum, Lieutenant
Dianne Gifford, Parking Enforcement
Supervisor
Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager
Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager
Elaine Gerety-Warner, Economic Development
Project Manager
Kaitlyn Zhang, Management Analyst
Sammy Romo, Senior Civil Engineer
Helen Chin, Management Analyst
Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian
Coordinator

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand asked that staff study the possibility of adjusting the timing of the light at Helms and Washington Boulevard from a 90 second cycle to a 60 second cycle; he discussed the Adaptive Traffic Signal System; facilitating movements along Washington; and prioritizing neighborhood traffic rather than cut-through traffic.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, reported that the cycle all along Washington Boulevard was 120 seconds; discussed losing coordination along the Boulevard if one signal is changed; expressed concern with negating the benefit of the additional green light from Helms; he noted that the Adaptive Traffic Control is not operational yet and felt it would be inadvisable to make a change before it has been implemented and studied; discussed the timing of the installation of the adaptive features; and he suggested inviting the Traffic Engineer to discuss the issue at a future meeting.

- Staff to provide a general update on the Adaptive Traffic Control Project with a note about the Washington Boulevard and Helms intersection

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2018 Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Meeting

This item was deferred.

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Item A-2

Electric Scooter Report and Update

Jesse Mays, Assistant to the City Manager, provided an update on the status of the electric scooter pilot program; discussed receipt of 115 comments and complaints with the most frequent complaints being scooters parked incorrectly and concerns with driver behavior; comments regarding cost recovery for enforcement; public safety; encouragement to the public to communicate directly with Bird for efficiency of response; staff communication with Bird; the two-hour benchmark response; follow up with staff regarding resolution; utilization data provided by Bird; the need for specific information on Birds originating in Culver City; and data indicating that utilization has been under 2 rides per scooter per day.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the expectation that utilization will rise; the importance of information on scooters originating in Culver City; the effect of the Lime deployment; complaints and resolution by Lime; communication with the public; culvercity.org/scooters; refinement of the data collection system; free helmet giveaways at Fiesta La Ballona; supply issues; Police Department data; deployment on prohibited roadways; taking a reasonable and balanced approach to enforcement; and modifications to the record management system to provide specific data regarding electric scooters and rental bikes.

- Staff to report back regarding the helmet giveaway at Fiesta La Ballona
- Agreement to add scooters as a standing item for future agendas

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Item A-3

Higuera Bridge Update

Sammy Romo, Senior Civil Engineer, discussed renderings for the observation area at the Higuera Bridge; increased costs; costs not eligible for federal highway bridge program funding; current construction costs for the entire bridge; necessary funding from the General Fund; additional time needed for design and roadway acquisition; and the request to take the renderings to the City Council for approval of the concept, start the engineering drawings, and increase the contract with the consulting engineer.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the renderings; the shade structure; practical use vs. visual use; and concerns voiced by Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator.

- Staff agreement to email renderings to Subcommittee Members

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Item A-4

Instructions on Sidewalk Bike Riding

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided background on sidewalk riding; discussed revision to the municipal code; a proposed sidewalk riding ordinance; citizen inquiries into the rules; benefits to allowing sidewalk riding around schools, churches, recreation centers and playgrounds; increasing accessibility; concern with creating problematic issues; and consensus from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) that current regulations be maintained.

Lieutenant Aubrey Kellum, Culver City Police Department, indicated opposition to bicycle riding on the sidewalk for safety reasons noting that sidewalks are not engineered for shared use; he discussed scooters on parkways; aggressive riding habits by the cycling community; concern with

collisions; access to businesses; pedestrian/bicycle conflicts; the downtown area; he clarified that the Police Department does not target parents who accompany children around schools, parks and some downtown areas due to safety concerns; and he discussed upcoming engineering changes to provide safer, wider access for bicycles in the City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarifying business districts; email received; adult cyclists; exploration of separate bicycle facilities; signage; and revisiting the issue again after construction of bicycle lanes.

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Item A-5

Washington Corridor ATP Cycle 4 Application

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported submission of the application on July 31 with a 20% match provided as part of the application, and the pursuit of Request for Proposals (RFPs) by Public Works to ensure that the City is shovel-ready for the project.

Mayor Small received clarification regarding timing of the response.

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Item A-6

Jackson Gate Update

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided background on the item; reported that Culver City was not chosen for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Livable Communities Challenge; discussed safety and accessibility issues; emergency response; identification of money for the project; use of Alta Consultants; and resident feedback.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding timing of the outreach process; final designs; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility; money

set aside; and support for opening the gate.

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Item A-7

Elenda Street, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Demonstration Update

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed installation of safety infrastructure; the design, planning and community outreach phase; the grant; the Go Human demonstration; final engagement efforts; promotional materials created for the event; the importance of having people try out the infrastructure before it is put in place permanently; programming; participation by Bird and Lime in the event; helmet giveaways; safety outreach and engagement; and she noted that the event is scheduled for September 15.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification that the project would take place on the east side of Elenda; impacts on parking and driveways; the community meeting scheduled for September 8; input on final designs; photo simulations; challenges where the demonstration ends; conflict with other traffic; and signage to show people how to ride and where to ride.

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Item A-8

Parking on La Cienega Avenue

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed his work with the City of Los Angeles (LA) to arrange restriping on La Cienega north of Washington; revisions from LA taking away several parking places; the decrease from 14 to 12 new parking spaces; proposals received; whether a permit needs to be pulled; beginning the project within the next few weeks; and completion of striping by the end of September based on contractor availability; consequences of restriping La Cienega; petitions for parking restrictions; and resolution of parking issues on La Cienega.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members

regarding funding from the neighborhood traffic project and clarification that no budget adjustments are needed.

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Item A-9

**Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
(NTMP)**

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed neighborhood meetings; radar and speed studies; input received from door to door surveys conducted by members of the residents' committee; the goal to obtain input from all of the homes; input received from the core group; perception of problems on particular streets and in the neighborhood as a whole; commonalities with the ten point plan; potential adjustments based on input received; cut-through traffic, mobility limitations and speeding; validating work done; door to door surveys; mobility limitations; insufficient crosswalks; systemic issues; and the NTMP process adopted by the City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the first neighborhood meetings; education; clarification on the role of Marcus Tiggs; changes to behavior after the Higuera Street bridge is removed; access points; concern with creating something even worse; ensuring that steps detrimental to access are not taken when the bridge is closed; highlighting crosswalks; scheduling for the Higuera Bridge project; and the schedule for crosswalks on Ince.

- Staff to return to discuss actions to take before the end of the calendar year

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Item A-10

Discussion About Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone for Rideshare

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, reported witnessing rideshare drivers dropping off passengers in lanes of through traffic; discussed establishing zones for safety reasons; concern with activity in public right of

way in travel lanes; collaboration with the Downtown Business Association (DBA); taking 6 parking spaces on the north side of Culver between Main Street and Cardiff to establish 3-minute passenger loading and unloading zones reserved for rideshare vehicles; signage; use of white curb which is in effect 7 days per week; installation of a bike corral on the north side of Culver Boulevard immediately east of Main Street; wheel stops to separate spaces; installation of bike racks; converting 4 parking spaces to 15 minute parking to allow pick up of food orders; safety; convenience; introducing a benefit to the area; and clarification on the location for the 15 minute parking spots.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding coordination with the DBA; clarification that drop off areas are encouraged but not mandated; coordinating with companies to alert them to the centralized location; regular taxi companies; the ceremony planned by the DBA; and the timeline for installation.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Mayor Small indicated that the Subcommittee had received and filed correspondence and Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager indicated that he had reviewed the presentation about the NTMP.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

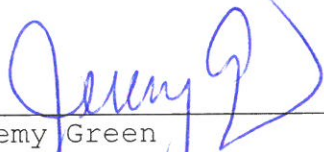
Council Member Eriksson discussed a letter about Culver City Area Rapid Transit and received consensus to place a discussion of the item on an agenda for future discussion.

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Adjournment

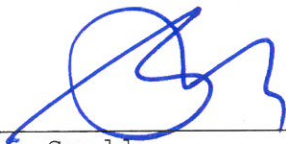
There being no further business, at 5:15 p.m., the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting.

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

APPROVED



Thomas Small
Mayor, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee
Culver City, California