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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

April 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

Chair Morgan called the regular meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to order at 6:02 P.M. in the Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall and via Webex.

Members Present:

Travis Morgan, Chair
Jack Galanty, Vice Chair*
Lila Bragard, Member**
Joel Falter, Member
Greg Maron, Member
Dorothy Sadd, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

*Vice Chair Galanty arrived at 6:09 P.M.

**Member Bragard left the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Absent:

George Montgomery, Member
Michelle Weiner, Member

Staff Present:

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering
Division Manager
Dorothy Suchkova, Transportation and Mobility Planning
Manager
Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer
Alicia Ide, Public Works Management Analyst
Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst

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The following item was considered out of sequence.

Action Items

Item A-1

**Oath of Office for new Member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee for 2023-2024**

Chair Morgan administered the Oath of Office to new Committee Member Lila Bragard.

Committee Members and staff introduced themselves and welcomed new Member Bragard.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Falter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements from Members

Member Falter invited everyone to attend EarthFest on April 20 at El Rincon.

Chair Morgan reported that CicLAvia would be on April 21 on Venice Boulevard.

Vice Chair Galanty joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Culver City participation in CicLAvia and the previous participation of Vice Chair Galanty serving on the Committee as Student Representative.

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Updates from Subcommittees, Delegates or Members

Member Falter discussed the commitment at the previous meeting to identify a contact in order to get the Beloit Gate opened; physical improvements required to open up the maintenance gate that opens into the street rather than the sidewalk; county assistance with the process; strong community opposition to the 2012 proposal from Los Angeles; political and capital

expenditure required to open the gate; the Sepulveda Gate that is not far away and is open all the time; the recommendation to not pursue opening the gate; the need for community buy-in; reasons for opposition to the project; and the fact that the neighborhood is not in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Sepulveda Boulevard Quick Build Project; precedent for opening a gate that opens into a street; and Committee consensus to agendize further discussion of the item.

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Information Items from Staff

Dorothy Suchkova, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, discussed quarterly improvements made to bus service; increasing the most heavily used services; and outreach about the changes.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding past cuts to the budget for buses; addressing staffing challenges; increases to fleet staff; the intent to get back to pre-pandemic levels; clarification that no lines were downgraded; and placing the focus on the most heavily used routes.

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, indicated that Complete Streets Design Guidelines would be agendized at the next meeting.

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, provided an update on projects completed since the previous meeting; discussed completion of the Safe Routes to School Project; pay by mobile pilot for the parking meters in the downtown area; completion of the the bollards project on Main Street; grants; and adjustments to the bollards at the Jackson Gate.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Elenda Study; the HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) grant; and Metro Bike Share.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, provided an update on the Ballona Creek Rehabilitation Project; discussed an audit from Culver City Police Department (CCPD) for the area around Jackson Gate; follow up on the City Council discussion about closing the gate at night; the Ballona Creek Improvement

Project; City Council approval of the BPAC bylaws with adjustments made to titles; seats coming up for renewal; the application deadline; and fliers available with additional information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a request for additional information about CCPD Ballona Creek Bike Path data; improving the surface of the Ballona Creek Bike Path; information on the project webpage; advocacy; and the ability to reach out to the Project Manager and discuss concerns.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Morgan read the Culver City statement regarding hate speech and invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles expressed gratitude to Public Works staff for addressing damage to the ramp in front of the train station and for reconstruction of the intersection of Lucerne and Ince to improve pedestrian friendliness; he discussed the need to adjust timing for the bike light at Washington and Watseka in front of Akasha; repair needed to bollards on the Elenda parkway near La Ballona Elementary; automobile access; people using the bikeway as a right turn lane; and he reiterated his previous requests that the City eliminate slip lanes and institute no right turn on red City-wide.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding consideration of eliminating right turn on red City-wide; the costly process to implement the prohibition as signage would have to be installed at every intersection since no right on red is not a state policy; damage to bollards on larger bike lanes; a suggestion to agendaize a discussion of providing temporary fixes; cars that drive in the bike lanes; CIP (Capital Improvement Project) requests; repairs made on an overtime basis; and Committee consensus to agendaize a discussion of implementing no right turn on red City-wide.

Jim Shanman discussed events planned for Bike Month; the Beloit Gate; irrelevance of the Sepulveda Gate; surveying; the importance of community involvement; access to schools; taking ownership of the gate; and exploring other ways to approach

the situation rather than leaving it in the hands of Los Angeles.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of January 18, 2024

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated a change on page 8 to clarify that Member Sadd had presented the information on close calls technology.

MOVED BY CHAIR MORGAN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GALANTY THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2024 AS CORRECTED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BRAGARD, FALTER, GALANTY, MARON, MORGAN, SADD,
TWICHELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: MONTGOMERY, WEINER

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Item A-2

Receive an Update Regarding the Better Overland and Safer Fox Hills Projects

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, provided an update on the Better Overland and Safer Fox Hills Projects.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding access; parking; concrete curb protected bike lanes; use of a separate bike phase or a two phase turn to make the diagonal crossing on Overland; the difficulty of bike signals due to restrictions around them; surveys; adding Leading

Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs); consideration of no turn on red on a case by case basis; movements justifying the need; bike riding estimates in the area; concern with removal of the median and landscape in the Hannum segment; routing people through the mall; the Transit Center access point; the failing grade for the Hannum and Overland intersection; the connection from Fox Hills to the rest of the City; funding; repurposing the slip lane as a bike slip lane; Safe Streets for All; competitiveness in the way federal grants work; bus stops; crosswalk and sidewalk improvements; accessibility; timeline and public outreach; information available on the website; the Lunch and Learn event at the High School; and potential lane reduction at Green Valley Circle.

Chair Morgan invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported no requests to speak.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding likelihood of getting the ATP grant; money available from Metro; the grant writer funded by Metro for the City; the strong project; alignment with regional priorities; encouragement for Members to take and promote the survey; local match request funds; the new CIP; staff tracking of grants; the commitment over a period of time to spend the money; the construction timeline; quarterly reimbursement by the state; anticipated costs to the City; metrics of the grant; scoring; disadvantaged communities; the property purchased in Los Angeles for low income housing adjacent to the project; providing direct access to the north; physical footprint of the project; regional connectivity; and providing language regarding historically excluded communities to the grant writer.

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Item A-3

Receive a Presentation on the Robertson Blvd. Bike and Bus Lane Project

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, provided a presentation on the Robertson Boulevard Bike and Bus Lane Project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding different areas for different transit agencies; bus parking vs. bus stops; the protected bike lane; the turning

radius analysis; use of bike ramps instead of bus islands; the presentation made to the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee; addressing tight points; striping; transit hubs; bus bays; the number of bus lines in the area; headways; plans to increase terminal usage; cut through traffic; the change in lane configuration; and impact to traffic flow.

Member Bragard exited the meeting.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding parking; value relative to mobility; the permit lot; costs; removing parking to make the street easier to use around the transit station; providing prioritization and discounts on permits if parking is eliminated; capacity of the Trader Joe's parking lot; number of access points; the two way turn lane; putting the two-way cycle track on the side with less conflict points; bus islands; interactions with passengers and bus islands; number of bus boardings in the area; complications with cycle tracks and intersections; coordination with Los Angeles; the short area being proposed; overcoming operational challenges at both intersections; support for separating the bike tracks; concern with making things needlessly complicated; coordination with the Fire Department; concern with lane width; the short block; design and operational challenges; bus maneuvers; the through traffic lane; peak traffic hours; shifting lanes; potential elimination of the two way left turn lane; the tight envelope for the drivers to negotiate in and out of the bus bays and onto the street; concern with the three consecutive bus ramps; design deviations; bus bays in lieu of a bus lane; support for providing the protected bike lane; the number of buses in the area; current usage of the area; a suggestion to eliminate the bus parking in the area; end of line spots; the need for a location for the bus operators to take a break; location in Culver City as a crossroads; concern with having a bus parking lot in such a high traffic zone; the plan to move the buses out of the traffic lane; support and lack of support for the two way cycle track on the west side; extending the bike path; project funding to enhance connectivity to the Expo Station; the potential for Los Angeles to add a crosswalk at Venice and Washington; other challenges associated with adding a crosswalk; potential redevelopment to connect the bus stops to the Expo station; the cycle track on the west versus the bus bay with the bike lane; and concern that the cycle track on the side proposed would add an extra time and cyclists would choose to ride in the bus lane.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding support for having a bike lane on the east side to make it easier to get to the Expo; support for Concept 3; support for the directional protected bike lanes with bus bays; research into parking and traffic numbers; staff intent to look into parking and the two way left turn lane; creating a more focused cross section based on Concept 3; support for getting additional information on the signals; conferring with Los Angeles; pinch points; different configurations with parking or without parking; introducing green patches; conflict points; intersection details; and bus only striping after the first driveway.

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Item A-4

(1) Receive a Presentation on the Unsignalized Intersections Safety Improvement Project; and (2) Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, provided a presentation on the Unsignalized Intersections Safety Improvement Project.

Chair Morgan invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported no requests to speak.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the engineered curb; visibility issues with the curb in the MOVE Culver City project; the importance of demarcating the curb; the actions of other cities; the intersection of Washington at Midway; turning movements and restrictions; striping; the timeline; and next steps.

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Item A-5

(1) Consideration of Creation of New West LA College Ad-Hoc Subcommittee or Delegation and Appointment Thereto

Member Sadd provided a report on the recent City Council/West Los Angeles College (WLAC) Liaison Committee meeting and tour of the campus; discussed changes planned on campus; the Olympics; conversation about park space; opportunity for mobility; the opportunity to provide input regarding how WLAC

builds things; ideas to ensure safe bike storage; and having an impact by providing input.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Committee options; appointing a delegate to regularly attend City Council/WLAC Liaison Committee meetings and seek out other meetings; project scope; the role of the delegates; providing reports back; unused right of way; and revisiting delegate assignments in July.

Chair Morgan invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported no requests to speak.

MOVED BY MEMBER SADD AND SECONDED BY MEMBER TWICHELL THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPOINT MEMBERS SADD AND WEINER TO SERVE AS DELEGATES TO ATTEND, PARTICIPATE, AND REPORT BACK ON THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL/WLAC LIAISON COMMITTEE AND OTHER RELATED MEETINGS BEGINNING AS OF APRIL 18, 2024.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FALTER, GALANTY, MARON, MORGAN, SADD, TWICHELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: BRAGARD, MONTGOMERY, WEINER

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Morgan invited public comment.

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

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Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Member Sadd discussed the difficulty of making change; plan to follow up with staff regarding bus parking; non-Culver City bus lines; the bus schedules; and deadheading.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding encouragement to Member Sadd to contact staff to discuss her bus ideas; MOVE Culver City Part 2; and the Culver Gap.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding upcoming agenda items with the following items agreed upon: update on the Culver Gap, officially appoint delegate(s) for the Olympics Super Subcommittee, and determine meeting schedule for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Items discussed earlier in the meeting with consensus to be agendaized included: the Beloit Gate and instituting no right turn on red on a limited basis.

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Committee Requests to Speak at Upcoming City Council Meetings

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion to attend the City Council budget meeting to support the Fox Hills project.

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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff (Continued)

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding negative voices on the Overland project; construction on the Farragut Connector; caution to Members to always preface endorsements with the caveat that they are speaking as individuals and not to use City resources when doing so; the City Management request for a delegate to attend the May 22 Olympics Super Subcommittee meeting; Vice Chair Galanty and Member Falter expressed willingness to attend; the next BPAC meeting date as the last for the fiscal year; the application deadline for Committees, Boards, and Commissions (CBCs); Committee Members who need to reapply; the process to reapply; the CBC meet and greet event on June 3 with appointments made at the June 10 City Council meeting; Members who need to reapply; Ethics Training on June 27 that is required every other year; budget presentation meetings on May 20-21; presentation of the draft budget at the May 28 City Council meeting; final approval of the budget on June 24; and the process for participating in the budget meetings.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:22 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned to May 16, 2024.

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

APPROVED

Travis Morgan
CHAIR of the Culver City Bicycle and 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