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

January 31, 2018
2:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Mayor Small called the meeting of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 2:37 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Room at City Hall.

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

Staff Present: John Nachbar, City Manager
Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager
Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director
Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager
Art Ida, Transportation Director
Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Analyst
Barry Kurtz, Traffic Consultant
Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager
Aubrey Kellum, Lieutenant
Dianne Gifford, Administrative Secretary
Michele Williams, Chief Information Officer
Dave White, Fire Chief
Christopher Evans, Senior Management Analyst

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Approval of Minutes for the September 27, 2017 Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Meeting

Council Member Eriksson asked about following up on pending items and moving them forward.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, suggested creating a document with a list of items to follow up on for each meeting with their status.

THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

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Item A-2

Overview of TOD Visioning Study Recommendations

Vice Mayor Small indicated that the recommendations from the report go beyond the purview of the Subcommittee but he noted that staff could begin planning; he discussed the work of Sol Blumenfeld; resources and follow through; and he emphasized the importance of keeping the momentum moving forward.

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Item A-3

Update on Higuera Street Bridge Project

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Higuera Street Bridge Project; discussed work to get right of way from the City of Los Angeles; modifications to the bridge to create a scenic overlook; cost estimates; design; synchronization with the Microtransit Pilot Project; and direction to move forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding City Council consideration of the project; sidewalk width; bike lanes; construction hours; building incentives into the process; communication with Caltrans; the possibility of keeping one lane open; structural concerns; affects to the right of way; and the need for additional staff discussion to address the details on how to proceed.

Vice Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand noted the number of construction projects in progress; the importance of minimizing impacts to the area; and expressed concern with overburdening National Boulevard.

- Staff to return with cost estimates and redesign information for presentation to the City Council
- Additional staff discussion to address the details on how to proceed

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Item A-4

Discussion of New Pedestrian and Bikelane Feeders to Ballona Creek Pike Path

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, reported that the City had obtained two Civic Spark Fellows available through the state that are doing research and putting together recommendations on Ballona Creek from a restoration and mobility standpoint; he discussed preserving the area around Ballona Creek; funding; building improvements in through entitlements; treating the right of

way as an artery through the City; the LA River Restoration project; opening up streets that intersect the Creek; the Jackson Street gate; and addressing resident concerns.

Discussion ensued between staff, Subcommittee Members and meeting attendees regarding the importance of public outreach in discussing concerns with opening up the Jackson Street gate; utilizing Civic Spark Fellows in the project; public engagement; infrastructure modifications; the grade change; ADA compliance; north/south connections; the Culver Studios project; connection at the foot of Ince to the bike path; opening the gate on Sawtelle; and jurisdiction.

- Build a team within staff and including Council Member Eriksson to do outreach to the public

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Item A-5

Discussion of Microtransit Pilot Project

Art Ida, Transit Operations Manager, discussed changes to demographics on the westside; businesses coming in; connecting the first and last mile; sharing rides; moving people through the City; and creating more mobility options.

Diana Chang, Senior Management Analyst, discussed the first/last mile proposal; the Request for Proposals; coordination with the bridge closure; anticipated traffic impacts; funding; bridge construction; lane allocation for microtransit vehicles; traffic management control on National between Washington and Hayden; and removal of parking to create a westbound, transit only lane.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed a suggestion to eliminate parking on Washington Boulevard and shifting lanes to create a one-way westbound transit lane between Ince and National Boulevard; increasing traffic flow; and sharing the space with bicycles.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees; staff and Subcommittee Members regarding use of the color red in the designated lanes; sharing the space with bicycles; the end of the bike path; the pilot microtransit program; the

temporary bike lane; maintaining travel lanes for cars; the closing of the Marina freeway; the construction staging area; street encroachment permits; factors influencing decision making; the work around; the area around the Expo Station; easier exiting for the Hayden Tract; eastbound National traffic control; entitlements for the Ivy Station; concern with the lane closure request; justifying the lane closure for the pilot project; taking the opportunity of the lane closure for the Ivy Substation to test the pilot project; diverting exiting traffic onto the Los Angeles street system; local access only lanes; and benefits for local traffic and disincentives to cut-through traffic.

Vice Mayor Small invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Jack Axelrod, Envoy, reported planning to launch a similar microtransit shuttle program in Culver City and he questioned whether a private company would be allowed to utilize the proposed lane.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification that National Boulevard is open as a public street; use of westbound Washington Boulevard for public transportation vehicles; City Council discretion; the delineators; directing the traffic to turn right on Jefferson; making a clear barrier between the through lane and the lane that has to turn right; adding an overhead sign; the actions of other cities; early enforcement; concern with access for emergency vehicles; preferential use; on demand dynamic routing; making microtransit more efficient; consideration of fixed route microtransit; Ince; and updating the City Council on the pilot project.

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Item A-6

Discussion of Expo to Downton Bike Connector Project

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the Expo to Downtown Connector project on Washington Boulevard; the previous study; the two-way bike lane; the TOD

Visioning Study; widening the sidewalk to create elevated bike lanes; claiming back the right of way; narrowing the streets; integrating the bike lanes into the sidewalk network; avoiding the complications of counter flow; reducing conflicts; and simplifying the interactions between bikes and cars.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the current Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; Washington Boulevard; previous direction to work within the right of way; lane configuration and microtransit; the need for a lane diet to achieve microtransit in two directions; use of parking to fit in microtransit in one direction; helping the City Council and the community think the process through; the most effective use of right of way in different areas and on different streets; room for either dedicated public transportation or dedicated bike lanes on streets; data on the number of passengers per hour for each solution; the current situation; effective use of public space; making a long term decision; predicting what things will be like in the future; directional traffic; considering all options; precluding left turns and using the center lane; reversible lanes; construction in the area; defining the building line and the curb line; paint and signage; the culture of shared lanes; local access; consideration of the entire right of way; and the streetlight study.

Vice Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand questioned whether there could be an elevated, bicyclelane sidewalk on the platform side and he discussed the visioning recommendations.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding potential driveway conflicts; development in the neighborhood; deferral of submittals; the responsibility of major projects to make broad improvements; providing guidance going into the General Plan process; policy balancing issues; using the energy created by the TOD Visioning process; the need to make decisions; policy issues; the need to be able to justify requests logically; planning for flexibility; the

need to provide direction to the developers; providing the vision; creation of a street master plan; and next steps in the process.

- Staff agreement to meet, discuss policy issues and return with additional information at the next meeting

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Item A-7

Real Time Parking Sign Project Update

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, introduced the item.

Christopher Evans, Project Manager, provided an overview of the Real Time Parking project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding signs that indicate the number of spaces available; the ability to display other messages; integrating with Century; Park Assist; reducing circling; the schedule; obligation of the grant funds; remaining obstacles; and interfacing with other parking aps.

- Staff agreement to return with a schedule at the next meeting and with information regarding interfacing with parking aps

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Item A-8

Discussion of La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School Elenda Street Evaluation

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the grant; the two-way bike lane cycle track on the west side of Elenda between Culver and Washington; design requirements; visibility; driveways; significant parking loss; resident feedback during public outreach; complications with putting the bike lane on the east side; advantages; and the preliminary study.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members

regarding Safe Routes to School; drawbacks with one way buffered bike lanes on each side; concern with elementary school children riding in bike lanes with a two-foot buffer; loss of parking spaces; control of signalization; single bike lanes as less desirable; using a raised sidewalk; the educational aspect; concern with jeopardizing the grant if changes are made to the project; and the feeling that the two way bike path will work for the short segment.

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Item A-9

Discussion of Green Valley Circle/Buckingham Bike Lanes Project

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed trade-offs to creating a buffered bike lane.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding public outreach to the Fox Hills community regarding the plans; identifying and addressing issues; the KOA proposal; creation of a road diet on the north side; critical moves; Level of Service; the new proposal; buffered bike lanes; impacts to intersections; integration of the many projects in process in the area; creation of parking spaces; looking at the project broadly; understanding where the building line is; additional right of way; impacts on traffic and LOS; the best way to utilize additional right of way; mitigating impacts; future conditions; microtransit; dedicated public transit lanes; using Bristol Parkway as a walking street; and clarification that the second plan is not very different from what was approved in 2010.

- Staff to integrate the project into other area projects and return for future consideration at the next meeting

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Vice Mayor Small invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Subcommittee Members

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 4:39 p.m., the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to February 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED

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