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CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

January 7, 2017
10:00 A.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:40 A.M. in the Dan Patacchia Room on the First Floor of City Hall.

Members Present: Andrew Leist, Chair
Patricia Bijvoet, Member
Joel Falter, Member
Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member
Dane Twichell, Member
Michelle Weiner, Member

Absent: Jack Galanty, Member
Kristen Torres Pawling, Vice Chair
Robyn Tenensap, Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian
Coordinator

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Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, explained meeting procedures; discussed the conceptual design phase with the goal to develop a safer path between downtown and the Expo station area for bicycles; the concept being brought forward; discussions with stakeholders on the route; the public workshop for public input on the concept; and next steps in the process.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that the meeting was being recorded and minutes would be taken, and he discussed procedures for public speaking.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Joel Falter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector

Ryan Snyder, TranspoGroup, discussed creating a high quality connection from Expo to downtown; displayed an overview of the project; discussed improving safety and access to businesses; promoting access and mobility, healthy living and sustainable lifestyles; he acknowledged that there were no perfect scenarios; discussed tradeoffs; two-way protected bike lanes; research indicating that more people are willing to ride on two-way protected bike lanes than on City streets; increasing protection; the existing Expo bike path; minimizing cross-traffic; new connections and other proposed changes; impacts to traffic; and he noted that the plan presented was a concept and changes were possible.

Clarifying questions were taken from meeting participants regarding gaps in the existing bike path; the number of parking spaces lost; concern with safety issues connected to people turning right in front of a bike path; changing signal phasing; protected intersection configurations; jurisdictional issues; access to the 10 freeway at Robertson Boulevard; integration with the Visioning Study; the Washington/National area; incorporating ideas; clarification that plans are clearing a footprint for the project and not set in stone; openness to incorporating improvements; scope of the project; coordination and opportunity; concurrent phasing; turning movements; street movements; termination of the National bike lane at Wesley; the feasibility of above ground or below ground facilities; challenges with keeping the bike path on the south side of

the street; the issue with the bus stop; and left turn lanes.

The Committee then began hearing public comment on the project.

Steve Herbert discussed his current use of the proposed route; support for the proposal; Bike Share; added bike lanes in Santa Monica; and increased ridership.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding increased visibility of riders; scramble crossings; helping riders to feel safe; encouraging people to bring their bicycles on the train; potential reductions in traffic; and eliminating the drop off in riders caused by a weak link in the route.

Wayne Howard, Bike Culver City, suggested showing the concept as a work in progress at CicLAvia.

Alex Fisch, Bike Culver City, felt the project was critical; discussed the comfort level of riders; linking existing infrastructure together; and he expressed support for the project.

Seth Horowitz, Culver Hotel, discussed benefits of the project to the downtown area; concern with secure bike parking; including a conversation of a bike valet; and Bike Share.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding the Bike Share study; the separate workshop to address Bike Share; and bringing in business to the City.

Karim Sahli questioned how the projected bike lane would work with the hotel driveway planned at the TOD project and he suggested making use of a Dutch crossroad.

Robbie Avenura noted that the project would serve businesses on Washington and would make bicyclists more comfortable in addition to those who drive cars.

Carolyn Lyons discussed the installation of bike lanes in La Cañada and she expressed support for the thought process utilized and the prototypes.

David Feuer advocated for continuing the level of quality on the Expo Path and the Culver Path; discussed connectivity; and he expressed support for grade separation.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding raised bike paths vs. grade separated bike paths; drainage issues; costs; extending the sidewalk; evolution of the project over time; and taking a long-term approach.

Ken Mand discussed support for connectivity and a separated bike path; the forthcoming Visioning Process; being flexible with planning; and bringing the bike path to the south side of the street.

Lance Richter expressed support for the proposal; discussed the Expo line; users from outside of the community; current development going on; and reducing cars on the roadway.

Hank Foskett discussed feasibility studies; traffic; Higuera; and access to the Ballona Creek bike path.

Meghan McCarren expressed support for the project and acknowledged the strong existing bike infrastructure in the City, noting the focus toward recreation.

Erik Paesel expressed support for the plan; wanted to ensure that the plans included the Arts District; discussed additional connectivity at each end; and rumors that the plan was shovel ready.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed City Council direction and next steps in the process.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, clarified the role of the Committee.

Amy Rosenstein expressed concerns with restricted turning movements for drivers; discussed traffic and buses; she suggested that the City do a temporary test to see impacts on traffic before making permanent changes; and she acknowledged that the plan might be good for cyclists but maybe not for traffic.

Sophie Nenner suggested linking the Phase 2 bike path to the Wesley entrance of Ballona Creek; discussed Ivy

Station; and she asserted that if there is room for a bike path on one side of Washington then there is room on the other side as well.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding the Ivy Station project; installation of bike lanes on National; continuous connection; left turns; providing a protected, family friendly experience; the Metro right of way; pedestrian activity; bus stops; issues of space; ADA accessibility; and intersection alignment.

Eric Chapses spoke representing stakeholders along Washington Boulevard, expressed support for the plan; and he suggested an alternative along the south side of Washington to clarify what would be given up depending on what side of the street you are on.

Daniel Lee discussed impacts to sidewalk space and crosswalks.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding reductions to sidewalk space; adding a buffer between pedestrians and motorists; and pedestrian planning.

Dale Smith expressed support for the concept and asked about pedestrian access and signal phasing.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding moving the bike path to the south side of the street; concern with conflicts between cyclists and automobiles; driveways; tradeoffs; sharrows; consideration of a route on Venice and Culver rather than going down Washington; investigating having bike access of both sides of Washington; detailed traffic operations; turning restrictions to avoid conflicts; bus stops; ADA accessibility; providing a list of tradeoffs; policy decisions; the next regular meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on January 19; a suggestion to get more information from Los Angeles to include as part of the plan; communication with stakeholders; and communication with the Chamber of Commerce.

Karim Sahli expressed support for pop-up options to create a real-life model of the proposal.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding the scope of the contract; the engineering phase; difficulties with truly replicating the plan; finding a safe way to model the proposal; CicLAvia; modeling a two-way bike lane to introduce the concept; extending the CicLAvia event further east to Helms Bakery; and creating a partial model.

Jim Shanman expressed support for the project and for the south side option; discussed new development; Safe Routes to School; and promoting alternative transportation options.

Further discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding consideration of extending the lane to connect with Helms Bakery; the update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; long-term goals; one-way vs. two-way protected bike lanes; providing a buffer; space issues; temporary two-way bike lanes; safety concerns; proximity to vehicle traffic; ADA accessibility and safety; raised crosswalks; funneling bus riders to use crosswalks; design considerations; the scope of the study; bollards; protection from motor vehicles; maintenance; street sweeping; Fire Department access; space limitations; using a middle lane; alternatives to using a scramble crosswalk; having a separate bicycle signal phase; differing amounts of time to cross the street; fine tuning the design; Parcel B; the Bike Share location; access after the bike path ends; and next steps in the process.

Staff agreed to present pros and cons of the south side of Washington route from Higuera/Robertson to the east and present that to the Committee at the next meeting.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Leist invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that 10 email comments had been received and distributed to Committee Members, and he indicated that any additional comments submitted would be provided to Committee Members.

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**Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Members/Staff**

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 12:26 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

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Eric Bruins
SECRETARY of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

Andrew Leist
CHAIR of the 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 Green
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Date