

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CULVER CITY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

January 18, 2023
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 6:04 P.M. in the Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall and via Webex.

Members Present:

Travis Morgan, Chair
Jack Galanty, Vice Chair
Joel Falter, Member
Greg Maron, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Dorothy Sadd, Member
Dane Twichell, Member
Michelle Weiner, Member

Staff Present:

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements from Members

Member Falter discussed resident feedback regarding issues with cargo bikes and the bollards at Jackson Gate; he proposed moving one of the bollards during the day to allow better access; noted the intent to provide additional sight distance for pedestrians by the state prohibition of parking within 20 feet of crosswalks; and he discussed (Assembly Bill) AB1909.

Chair Morgan received Committee consensus to request an update from staff on the Jackson Gate at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding saving the update on close calls technology until Andrew Maximous could be present.

Member Weiner discussed a pedestrian injury in Fox Hills when a motorist failed to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

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Updates from Subcommittees

None.

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Updates from Staff

Dorothy Suchkova, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, introduced herself; discussed her background; expressed eagerness to collaborate; and responding to inquiry, she discussed her duties.

Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst, provided an update on bankruptcy declared by Bird micro-mobility; discussed the pledge from Bird that they would continue to provide uninterrupted service; guarding against the risk of scaled-down operations with utilization of a second operator; the intent of Bird to pull out of the City; he encouraged anyone experiencing issues to contact Bird or to contact the City through the website; discussed efforts to join Metro Bike Share; and, responding to inquiry, he indicated that previously allocated funds were available.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, noted that discussion of items was not allowed during Updates from Staff.

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, discussed the final Elenda plans; modification of contracts to hire crossing guards for two intersections that do not have stop signs; funding for a full Safe Routes to School study; renovations to a section of the Ballona Creek Bike Path; and input from the Committee regarding potential resurfacing options at a future meeting.

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, discussed a traffic collision in Fox Hills on December 16, 2023; an email sent to the Fox Hills Neighborhood Association with remedial measures; review of traffic signal timing to enhance pedestrian safety and priority at the intersection; Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI); combating conflicts; ongoing concerns about speeding; excessive capacity; implementation of a rest in red operation; including crosswalk updates to current standards in Phase 1 improvements; speed feedback signs; expected completion date for improvements; speed hump and centerline striping improvements; and, in response to comments from Chair Morgan, he agreed to investigate the Green Valley/Buckingham intersection.

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, discussed rest in red operation at traffic signals. City will consider and report back.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, provided an update on the Jackson Gate; discussed City Council consensus to investigate closing the gate at night; feasibility; staff resources; referral of the matter to the Housing and Human Services Director for discussion; appointment of Lila Bragard as Student Representative to the BPAC; the statement for public comments regarding hate speech; status of the letter for the Beloit Gate; identification of who to send the letter to; submission of the letter to staff for distribution; inclusion of any gates that the BPAC is interested in seeing being opened; agendaizing an item to present the letter for approval at the next meeting; the need to decide about the distribution of the new seats; ensuring people are in the proper seats; consideration of the new bylaws by the City Council on February 12; upcoming BPAC meeting dates; and dates the City Council will be considering work plan presentations and the budget.

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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 reiterated his request for a City-wide prohibition on right turn on red; discussed codifying the City policy for slip lanes; dangers for pedestrians; and he discussed his experience crossing Jefferson on Overland heading south.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding acknowledgement that the issue would be coming up on a future agenda; routine evaluation of eliminating slip lanes as opportunities present themselves; including elimination of slip lanes in a larger discussion or a stand-alone discussion; conducting a study; benefits; expense of removing slip lanes; yield, stop, and signalized slip lanes; changing a yield to a stop; backups for right turning cars; 24-hour stop signs vs. signals; looking at a ballpark budget; the work plan; mobility-related grant money; adding a focus on removal of slip lanes to examination of intersections as part of Complete Streets; and Committee consensus was achieved to add an agenda item on the removal of slip lanes.

Art Nomura discussed individuals having difficulty getting cargo bikes through the Jackson Gate bollards; concern that the neighborhood is getting special treatment not afforded other bicycle adjacent neighborhoods; consideration of closing the gate at night; e-bike access points further east in Culver City; the importance of fairness and equity; difficulty for electric wheelchairs to navigate the space; and bollard placement.

Mary Daval wished everyone a Happy New Year; expressed appreciation to staff for their work in 2023; discussed concern with increases to traffic violence; Amsterdam; the Vision Zero and Complete Streets Plans; available options and tools; the Ince/Lucerne intersection; the Farragut Connector curb cuts; and she requested curb cuts on the Expo Bike Path coming off the Arts District streets.

Jim Shanman welcomed Dorothy Suchkova; discussed working with Culver City Police Department (CCPD) on bicycle registration; the new CCPD Community Liaison; walk to school days; an upcoming e-bike safety class; appreciation to staff for their collaboration with the School District to provide new bike racks at schools; park and walk zones at schools; installation of a stop sign and signal at the slip lane on Robertson and Washington; support for the installation of Leading Pedestrian Indicators (LPIs); and signing and striping in Sunkist Park.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER TWICHELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER FALTER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of November 16, 2023

MOVED BY MEMBER WEINER, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GALANTY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receive an Update Regarding the Complete Streets Design Guidelines Project

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, provided an update regarding the Complete Streets Design Guidelines Project; discussed background on the project; project kick-off; upcoming community meetings and workshops; youth engagement with having a meeting at the Teen Center; the process and timeline; the guiding principles of Complete Streets; prioritization of the approach for Culver City; the need for feedback on Complete Street priorities from the BPAC; considerations to keep in mind; examples for illustration purposes; major road types; transit priority; he requested feedback from Members as to whether the low-impact option meets the needs or definition Complete Streets, and if not, he requested information on what it is lacking; he also asked that Committee Members provide information top three elements for high impact options and why; discussed creating a sense of place for Culver City; cities that Members can draw inspiration from; items from other cities to implement; aesthetics; the community workshop; and he provided his contact information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification on what chicanes are; appreciation for the

opportunity to provide feedback; parking protected bicycle facilities; formatting the questions to allow for open ended comments; methods for responding to the questions; affecting the need for parking; the goal of high impacts; the number of streets to target; deciding where compromises are realistic; high volume streets; pedestrian streets; difficulty of having streets that do a little bit of everything; having transit priority streets and mobility priority streets; costs; changing ideas about streets; people who have less access to automobiles; increased traffic violence and fatalities due to speeding; using traffic calming measures on all streets; identifying barriers; being realistic; using a blend of options on the same street; a reminder that the primary mode of feedback would be offline; benchmarking and guidelines for other cities; interviewing other cities; the fact that there are no cities in the United States that have achieved the goals for all streets; work done vs. formal adoption of Complete Streets guidelines; street furniture; amenities; structure of the Guidelines; input for increasing public engagement; making the process fun; inclusion of traffic calming measures; timing for feedback from Committee Members; consideration of all feedback together; and exploration of a build your street activity.

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Item A-2

Receive a Presentation and Discuss the Status of the Mobility Related Public Works Department FY 2023-24 Work Plans and Work Plans Under Consideration for FY 2024-25

Chair Morgan asked about discussion of the Transportation Department Work Plan at the next meeting.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record; discussed an update provided by Joe Susca regarding the Farragut Connector Project and an update from Engineering Manager Mate Gaspar regarding postponement of the paving of Sepulveda from Venice to the southerly limits, design and construction of the Ballona Creek Bike Path Landscaping Improvement Project, the City-wide sidewalk survey, planned pavement projects, and striping plans containing mobility lanes.

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, highlighted projects completed by the Mobility and Traffic Engineering Division.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding upcoming agenda items to be considered by the City Council; projects that are not funded; the slip lane issue; the overall Public Works budget vs. the budget for Mobility & Traffic Engineering; projects that relate to the BPAC; staffing; availability of information showing what is spent vs. the actual budget; carryover funds; the complicated budget; salaries; implementation of programs and projects; grants; delay of the sidewalk survey due to staffing issues; priorities; operating grants; necessary resources to apply for grants; available grant money for mobility; assistance from the BPAC; difficulty of grants; the on-call grant writing consultant; the Streets for All grant; staffing; increased number of projects; providing more realistic timeframes; the limits of what can be done; priorities; and advocacy.

Chair Morgan invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles acknowledged that the department had more work to do than resources available; discussed previous comments made by Andrew Maximous about this being the year of action to get things done; managing expectations; and he asked about projects getting done in the coming months.

Andrew Maximous, Public Works Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division Manager, discussed installation of crosswalks; curb extensions around schools; alignment of projects over the last year; completed projects; projects that are in process; and progress getting projects set up to be implemented.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding things promised to the community; little things that are done all the time; LPIs; rest in red; battery backup systems; fiber optics; signal synchronization ; and the updated project list.

Jim Shanman discussed the impressive list of accomplishments; signing and striping; park and walk signs; things that get bogged down; pride in the work of the BPAC and Public Works; progress made in the last five years; the partnership between Metro and Lyft; revisions at Kelmores/Ranch/Overland; efforts to revise how pedestrian signals work; and he offered to provide a list of intersections for LPIs.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding testing larger intersections for LPIs; success with presenting the Fox Hills Neighborhood as disadvantaged for grant

applications; current striping of the Centinela bike lanes; additional protections on Centinela; challenges with the bridge; the left turn onto Bristol; priorities; the Culver gap; reapplication for Fox Hills funding; improvements that will be implemented before the end of the fiscal year; Phase 2 as contingent on City Council approval; status of the Farragut Bike Boulevard; money available for design but not for construction; Kelmore/Ranch/Overland; community input; use of quick build materials; the need for additional community input for the next phase; appreciation for the work of staff; work being done by Los Angeles; dedicated bus lanes; the Olympics; the bus priority project; efforts to put in bike facilities that are not included in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan (BPAP); the Slow Streets program; changes going on in the City of Los Angeles; efforts in Culver City to improve safety; the list of things to be done; delayed projects; traffic signal timing to slow down traffic; identification of issues to be addressed; and restoring the crosswalk at Jefferson.

Member Dorothy Sadd discussed close call technology; self-reporting; encouraging people to report incidents; other cities tracking close call data; mapping close calls; and lack of reporting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Charleston Moves; examination of data to determine general trends; origin of the concept; use of bike cameras to record close calls and provide data; existing portals; people reporting on Facebook; adding a drop down option for close calls; other groups that go through the police department; current reporting options for items that are assigned to staff to address vs. adding an option to provide data; adapting the system to provide a place to report to provide data; costs and staff time to create a new portal; potential for implementation in the future; other cities with bike committees who started and manage reporting portals; police department involvement if there are repeat offenders or accidents; and use of data to apply for grants.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Member priorities; funding the Culver Boulevard gap; direct funding for the BPAP; Safe Routes to School; initiating a study including community engagement to find ways to improve; the Bike Boulevard; the connector; cameras; grants; appreciation to staff for their efforts; projects that are in process; a request to widen the northbound sidewalk near the Culver Boulevard gap from Elenda to the Senior Center; the importance of the Farragut Bike Boulevard because it connects to so many schools; significant changes in behavior with the Slow Streets Program now that the

signage has been removed; close calls; the signal at the library; finalizing the work plan; aspirational requests in the work plan; projects that have received many requests; staff requests for funding; multi-year projects; funding; phasing; CIPs; and rollover funding.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Member priorities; overlapping Member priorities for connectivity; length of time the Rancho Higuera NTMP (Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan) has been in process; encouragement to attend City Council Work Plan Presentation and Budget Presentation meetings to support items in the mid-year budget request; having a voice in the process; the potential for the City Council to ask for items that were not previously requested; and staff agreed to provide an email with dates of upcoming meetings.

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Item A-3

(1) Review and Discuss the Biannual Report to City Council of Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Activities; and (2) Authorize Transmittal to City Council

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that the report was a chance for the Commission to review and ensure that nothing was forgotten; discussed community engagement; public comment topics; and highlighting the role that the Committee plays.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a typographical error; appreciation to staff for their efforts; communication to the City Council; concern with wording; including staff in the statement regarding initiation of items; sources; differentiation; subcommittees; determining vs. initiating; initiation of action items; including review and communication of updates on mobility-related grants, Olympics-related funding, and close call technology advances under Review, Discussion, and Advisory Feedback; a suggestion to agendize the Culver Boulevard gap project; and regular updates from staff.

MOVED BY CHAIR MORGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER SADD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

(1) APPROVE THE BIANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JULY - DECEMBER OF 2023 WITH AGREED UPON CHANGES; AND,

(2) AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL.

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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 and Report to City Council

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding upcoming agenda items with the following items agreed upon (in addition to those agreed upon at prior meetings):

- Olympic funding (unanimous)
- Mobility grants (Falter, Galanty, Montgomery, Morgan, Sadd, Twitchell)
- Culver Boulevard gap update (unanimous)
- Formation of a West LA College subcommittee or appoint liaisons to the City Council/West LA Subcommittee meetings (Falter, Galanty, Montgomery, Morgan, Sadd, Twitchell)
- Elimination of Slip Lanes (Maron, Montgomery, Sadd, Twichell, Weiner)
- Update on the Jackson Gate (unanimous)

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Committee Requests to Speak at Upcoming City Council Meetings

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding reminding the City Council that Phase 2 of the Fox Hills project has not yet been funded before the mid-year budget cycle; attending the budget meeting; the vote to fund Phase 1; conveying appreciation for items in the work plan; upcoming City Council meetings; scheduling; and full Committee consensus was achieved to speak at an upcoming the City Council meeting.

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


None.

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Adjournment


There being no further business, at 9:34 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned to April 18, 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