

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CULVER CITY
STANDING MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CULVER CITY
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CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Fish called the special hybrid meeting of the Standing Mobility Subcommittee to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

Present: Freddy Puza, Vice Mayor
 Bubba Fish, Council Member

Staff Present: Mark Muenzer, Planning and Development Director
 Emily Stadnicki, Current Planning Manager,
 Planning & Development
 Seth Contreras, Transportation and Mobility
 Planning Manager
 Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer
 Gabriel Barreras, Senior Planning Engineer
 Police Dept Captain Andrew Bellante
 Police Dept Lieutenant Eden Robertson
 John Tropeano, Police Dept Executive Officer
 Alicia Ide, Public Works Senior Management
 Analyst
 Kate Saunders-Britton, Transportation
 Administrative Secretary

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fish the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements from Members

None.

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Information Items from Staff

Seth Contreras, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided an update on community engagement efforts for the Comprehensive Mobility Services Plan (CMSP); discussed Culver City Your Way outreach; improving mobility services to best meet the needs of Culver City and surrounding communities; the opportunity to present what has been learned and report back to illustrate how feedback is being used to shape the Culver City bus network and mobility services; key outcomes; providing innovative mobility options; refining findings and recommendations; plans for a report back to the community in early 2026; Sepulveda Connects; the project advisory committee; reimagining Sepulveda Boulevard; guiding principles previously approved by the City Council; continued efforts; the timeline; and next steps.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that the first community meeting for the Tri-School Traffic Study had taken place the week prior.

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Receive and File Correspondence

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR PUZA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE STANDING MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Fish invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Coles congratulated Vice Mayor Puza and Council Member Fish as they would be Mayor and Vice Mayor soon; discussed bike lane enforcement cameras; La Ballona Elementary School; lack of improvement since the program went into effect; safety concerns; issues with TAP card readers on CCBus; loss of revenue and data; concern with undercounting how many people are using CCBus; bus operator training; and lost opportunity.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Standing Mobility Subcommittee Special Meeting of August 20, 2025

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR PUZA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE STANDING MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2025.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Receipt and Discussion of Presentation on Parking Maximums and Case Studies; and (2) Direction to Staff

Gabriel Barreras, Senior Planning Engineer, provided a presentation on parking maximums; discussed concept and goals; policy considerations; data limitations; alternative strategies; and case studies from various jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding criteria for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for additional parking spaces; overlays; use of transportation consulting firms for parking utilization studies; data analysis; demand; development to support the policy; clarification that studies are not a prerequisite to the policies but data is helpful; and policies implemented in other cities.

Council Member Fish invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Coles expressed enthusiasm for parking maximums; discussed state policy upzoning areas near transit hubs; the opportunity to lead; Ivy Station; the ability to tailor the program case by case; and he hoped Culver City would be bold in their leadership.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the August Housing Pipeline Report; average parking per bedroom; previous minimums; typical development in the region; appreciation for the public comment and the report; Culver City as sitting in the middle range of examples given; previous consideration of parking maximums; preventing expensive underuse; climate goals;

the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); encouraging walkability, transit use, redevelopment, economic development, and housing affordability; appreciation for options provided; implications for Culver City to consider; financing; the need for housing, not just policy; objectives; making a data-driven decision; support for a study; and financing.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding eagerness to move forward; the relationship to sustainability; impacts to transit ridership; proof that transit ridership is tied to how easy it is to drive; making Culver City more walkable and transit-friendly; the needed investment from the community; parking structures downtown; negative impacts to the community; data from the housing pipeline; the Specific Plan model; the Parking Utilization Study; the baseline city-wide policy; feedback received on the Fox Hills and Hayden Specific Plans; Planning Commission consideration of height alternatives; the importance of data; looking at different areas of Culver City; public outreach in 2022; the process to commission the study; inclusion in next year's work plan; former minimums; nuance in policy considerations; looking at exceeding parking maximums on a case by case basis; the most recent parking utilization study; parking inventory taken as part of Sepulveda Connects; outreach to obtain feedback as part of any changes; length of time for the process; the majority of projects in the pipeline not being affected by the proposed changes; the potentially contentious issue; conducting background studies; best practices; looking at making a mid-year budget request; inclusion of faith-based institutions in the outreach process; Joint Use Parking entitlements; other options; providing incentives with limits; land use; stacked parking; expedited permitting; alternative policies; standalone policy; investment in infrastructure; state and regional funding; recommendations; the RFP for the Utilization Study; data to guide future steps; guidance as to areas to focus on and timeline; and identification of where parking is not being utilized with a Parking Study.

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Item A-2

(1) Receipt and Discussion of Presentation on the Police Department's Automated Red-Light Traffic Enforcement Program and Discussion of California Senate Bill (SB) 720 that establishes the "Safer Street Program"; and (2) Direction to Staff as Appropriate

Andrew Bellante, Culver City Police Department (CCPD) Captain, introduced the item.

Eden Robertson, CCPD Lieutenant, provided a presentation on the automated red-light traffic enforcement program and discussed California Senate Bill (SB) 720 and establishment of the Safer Street Program.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding fine amounts; maximum fine amount; city-specific programs; sufficient traffic calming projects in the pipeline to make use of funding within the necessary timeframe; ensuring that money is not being lost; revenue; future projections; potential costs associated with implementation; the Impact Report; program management; jurisdiction; clarification that there is no deadline to join the program; portion of revenue that goes to Culver City; moving violations vs. civil infractions; annual number of tickets; a suggestion for escalation of fees for repeat offenders; and the current system.

Council Member Fish invited public input.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Damien Kevitt, Streets Are For Everyone, indicated helping write the legislation being considered; expressed appreciation for the presentation; discussed reasons behind SB 720; privacy issues with requiring a photo of the driver's face; concerns with sharing of data by law enforcement; objections in other cities to high costs; affects to insurance rates; ways to reduce fines; difficulty for some people to go to court; concern with fines going to the General Fund rather than toward road safety; the large amount of people who do not pay the tickets; issues with the current system; ability for cities to set their own data sharing policies; privacy; ticket cost; equity; enforcement; spending for safety improvements; making it harder to avoid payment; and points on a record as effective deterrents.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Levitt and Subcommittee Members regarding AB (Assembly Bill) 645; money sent back to the state after three years; providing an incentive for cities to spend the money; and the inability of cities to reduce current spending and backfill.

Marc Vukceovich, Streets for All, indicated that he had worked on the drafting and crafting of SB 720 and AB 645; discussed the aim for a higher level of compliance with the payment of the violation; current revenue levels vs. what they should be; people who go to court to fight the tickets; the known loophole; support for taking points off the violators driver's license; safety; clarification

that new speed. cameras would have to conform to the SB 720 framework; sponsorship of SB 720; and he recommended that Culver City be the first city to support the program.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Vukevich, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding penalties for non-payment, and infrastructure treatments and definitions of what qualifies as traffic calming projects included in the text of the bill.

Travis Morgan discussed the important safety issue and he expressed support for expanding the program in Culver City.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding appreciation for the work done on the project and the program; traffic violence in LA county; effectiveness of the program; the statement from the Chief of Police that the program is the second most prolific in the country; fine amount; percentage received by Culver City; tickets that clog up the court system; the opportunity area; money that could be generated; the speed camera program; putting money toward traffic calming to make the cameras obsolete; allowing law enforcement to focus on solving crime; moving the program out of law enforcement and into Transportation; concern that the money would go into the General Fund; the structural deficit; money allocated to the School District; the Mobility Fund; use of General Fund dollars to fund Public Works and traffic calming projects; ensuring money goes toward mobility projects that are identified as necessary; creation of safer streets; support for climate goals; enhancing privacy; mechanisms to lower the fines; and equity and privacy provisions.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding appreciation for the impactful presentation on red light cameras as part of the Civilian's Police Academy; gratitude for those who worked on the item; the current red light camera program; the focus on safety rather than on severe penalties; support for privacy and reducing the burden on low income individuals; use of funds for traffic calming purposes; next steps; involvement of the Transportation Department; the current procedure; clarification needed regarding staffing; costs; impact reports; the 12 intersections; timing; a suggestion to gauge City Council interest before moving forward; staff research; consultation with the City Attorney's Office for guidance; meeting the regulations of the bill; and Subcommittee agreement to recommend the item to the full City Council review.

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Item A-3

- (1) Receive an Update and Discuss the Safer Fox Hills Project; and**
- (2) Direct Staff as Appropriate**

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, provided an update on the Safer Fox Hills project; discussed history of the project; phased implementation based on available funding; targeted areas; planned improvements; funding; delays; and City Council approval

Council Member Fish invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Travis Morgan expressed appreciation noting that he had never seen a Traffic Engineer during his many years of advocacy for Fox Hills until Thomas Check started working on the project; expressed support for doing whatever possible to accelerate the project and get it built; reported that his neighbor was recently struck and nearly killed in the crosswalk of the intersection of Buckingham and Green Valley Circle; and he discussed the urgency of installing traffic calming measures.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding appreciation for the work of Thomas Check; support for accelerating the process; the equity issue; delays; the need for mobility infrastructure to support housing going into the area; support for the installation of high visibility crosswalks at pivotal intersections; and the proposed schedule.

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Item A-4

- (1) Receive an Update and Discuss the Better Overland Project; and**
- (2) Direct Staff as Appropriate**

Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer, discussed Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Better Overland project; areas covered; available funding; requirements to spend red light camera money on projects in the city within three years before the money goes to the state Active Transportation Program; planned improvements; receipt of the Metro Active Transport/Transit First/Last Mile Cycle One Grant; next steps and the timeline for moving forward; plans to have Phase Two be fully built out; anticipated costs; and funding pursuits.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding traffic calming measures that qualify under the red light camera

program; items that have been delayed by not being able to be placed on City Council agendas; controversy with the Better Overland project; concern with use of non-compliant green paint on city streets; Grace Lutheran Church; the importance of listening to the community; level of community outreach; incorporation of community input; Windsor Fountains; increased costs; scope related to grant criteria; City Council direction on the design alternatives vetted by the community for the project section of Culver Blvd to the Ballona Creek; and award of the design contract for Phase Two.

Council Member Fish invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Travis Morgan expressed enthusiasm for the project and appreciation for the data-driven staff efforts and community outreach.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

Council Member Fish invited public participation.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Travis Morgan discussed efforts to raise money; proposed implementation of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) by West Hollywood; discussed potential impacts to adjacent property; use of funds for broadly defined infrastructure; the extension on the length of the EIFD; he suggested that the City look into an EIFD for the E line and for the Sepulveda Corridor Heavy Rail extension coming through Culver City; discussed a letter from the previous Mobility Subcommittee in support of a version of the Sepulveda line with three Culver City stops going along Overland; potential money generated by an EIFD; and steering the line through Culver City rather than Playa Vista.

Eric Shabsis discussed safety issues for cyclists as a result of bus and bike lane improvements along Venice Boulevard to Culver City; lack of visibility; the distance between the end of the street and cars turning onto Venice; parked cars; buses; and cyclists who should feel safe.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding jurisdiction and plans of LA DOT (Los Angeles Department of Transit) to extend the route.

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Items from Members/Staff

Vice Mayor Puza noted funding opportunities available from South Coast Air Quality Management and he received clarification that consideration of the EIFD would need to go before the City Council for direction.

Council Member Fish questioned why Culver City had not applied for funding opportunities for Open Streets Cycle 6 and 7 and he proposed looking at doing something between FIFA and the Olympics.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding project type; burden on staff resources with one day events; the need for City Council direction; and guiding work plan priorities.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed previously requested items including Town Plaza mobility signage managed by Economic Development Division; the update requested on late fees with ABLE (Automated Bus Lane Enforcement); moving parking enforcement and animal control out of the Police Department; parking meter fee increases; public parking lot fees that are under the jurisdiction of Economic Development; consideration of what the Mobility Fund can be used for at the next meeting; Ohmio; Circuit; the request that Mobility come back with potential options for a feasibility study for National and Wesley; the grant received for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan (BPAP); parking inventory as part of the parking maximums discussion; and the focus on the Mobility Fund and robot delivery regulations.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding public parking fees that are under the jurisdiction of Economic Development; the BPAP grant from Caltrans to continue Complete Streets design standards; inclusion in the budget cycle; and the RFP (Request for Proposals).

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding departments and divisions involved in the Wesley/National feasibility study; acknowledgement of staff workload; a suggestion to provide staff with guidance on next year's work plan; the process used by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; submission of division work plans; staff agreement to provide a list of active and proposed projects to Subcommittee Members; the Transportation Department recommendation to wait on Lease-A-Bike; the TDM (Transit Demand Management) study; items for the January agenda; signage; the process; consultation with other departments; compliance issues with the green paint; direction from the Mobility

Subcommittee for City Council consideration; Consent Items vs. Action Items; public comment; purview over agenda structure; the request for Public Works to review and determine whether there is a compliance issue with the green paint in bike lanes; the new tax included in other revenue strategies; clarity with Subcommittee priorities; updates coming back to the Subcommittee; time necessary for staff preparation; and date for the next meeting.

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Adjournment

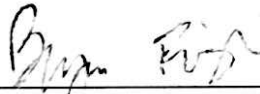
There being no further business, at 8:40 p.m., the Standing Mobility Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to January 29, 2026.

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