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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

January 15, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:07 P.M. in the Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Joel Falter, Chair
Jack Galanty, Vice Chair
Carolyn Libuser, Member
Travis Morgan, Member
Ben Parnas, Member
Greg Maron, Member (joined meeting at 6:13 PM)

Staff Present: Andrew Maximous, Mobility & Traffic Engineering
Manager
Mate Gaspar, Engineering Division Manager
Seth Contreras, Transportation & Mobility Planning
Manager
Thomas Check, Senior Traffic Engineer
Alicia Ide, Public Works Senior Management Analyst
Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst
Kate Saunders-Britton, Transportation Administrative
Secretary

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Libuser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements by Members

Member Morgan provided an update on his neighbor who had been struck in a crosswalk in Fox Hills area, was in the ICU (Intensive

Care Unit) for 5 days and in rehab for 3 months, noting that she is finally back home and recovering.

Member Parnas welcomed everyone to 2026.

Vice Chair Galanty discussed the two spots on the Ballona Creek Path where the water is still dripping and reported attending the In-N-Out community meeting.

Chair Falter discussed Metro Programming Committee consideration of Alternative 5 of the Sepulveda Corridor Project; next steps; and legislation in Sacramento limiting e-bikes to set power and speeds.

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Updates from Subcommittees/Delegates

Vice Chair Galanty reported repeated attempts to contact those in charge of the City Council Olympics Subcommittee with no response.

Chair Falter reported receipt of a message from Dan O'Brien that there would be an internal meeting on Olympic-related matters.

Member Parnas provided a report on the Ballona Creek Subcommittee; discussed lack of information from staff on drainage onto the Bike Path; potential for water originating from the regional water district; user-facing maintenance; use of the channel to flush overflow from the entire water system; difficulty stopping the flow of water as it not in Culver City's jurisdiction; finding a way to mitigate the issue or provide a grip surface on that portion of the path or rumble strips to alert users in the dark; and he clarified that the concerning area of the Bike Path was between Sepulveda and Sawtelle.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding staff agreement to research efforts to address issues; and a suggestion that sandbags could be helpful.

Chair Falter indicated that there would be more to report on the National Boulevard Subcommittee after the upcoming NTMP (Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan) meeting.

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Information Items from Staff

Alicia Ide, Senior Management Analyst, indicated that a new date for the next Mobility Subcommittee meeting was not yet available; noted that Finance and Planning would be present to discuss the Mobility Fund; encouraged BPAC Members to attend the Mobility Subcommittee meetings; and she reported changes to the budgeting process.

Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst, provided an update on the Sepulveda Connects Project; discussed public engagement; the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG); and design of bus lanes on Sepulveda and two other corridors.

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed changes to street sweeping times citywide; the GIS map available at culvercity.gov/streetsweeping; changes to signage; and Earth Day activities on Elenda April 22.

Mate Gaspar, Engineering Division Manager, reported that the governor had signed a law for private development projects requiring fees to be paid later upon issuance of the temporary Certificate of Occupancy (COO) unless a project is already established; discussed effective date; and timing for receipt of fees.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Kalani Whittington was called to speak but was not present in person or online.

David Metzler thanked staff for the work done on Elenda; discussed issues with people driving in the protected bike lane on the north side of Elenda south of Culver; and he expressed appreciation for the installation of signage in the bike lane.

Jim Shanman, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, discussed upcoming e-bike safety workshops; he indicated that they were looking for volunteers for the Bike Bus and for the Orange Vest Crew noting that people could sign up on the website; announced a Walk 'n Rollers e-bike workshop at Wombi on January 17 with signups available at walkmorebikemore.org; and he indicated that all workshops were free and meant to educate the public on riding safely and responsibly on the streets.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Chair Falter summarized correspondence received.

MOVED BY MEMBER MORGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER LIBUSER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER MARON) THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Regular Meeting on November 20, 2025

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR GALANTY, SECONDED BY MEMBER LIBUSER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER MARON), THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receive Updates Regarding FY 2025-26 Mobility-Related Projects and Projects Under Consideration for FY 2026-27

Alicia Ide, Senior Management Analyst, introduced the item; noted changes to the budget process this year; discussed additional public opportunity to engage with the budget prior to adoption; and the City Council Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for February 14.

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, reported that Public Works had been directed to prepare a five-year CIP (Capital Improvement Project) plan; discussed place holders; projects that might come online with grant funding; projects in the pipeline; he indicated that information was available about all active Public Works Mobility projects on the Mobility and Traffic Engineering website; and he provided an overview of projects.

Mate Gaspar, Engineering Division Manager, provided an update on Ballona Creek Bike Path improvements.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding details of the Ballona Bike Creek Path improvements; access to information on the Culver City website; a reminder that the BPAC had voted to attend the January 26, 2026 City Council meeting to indicate support for the various projects; status of Better Overland Phase 2; Metro prioritization of Olympics projects; ability to program money sooner if Culver City is ready sooner; updates to funding; design costs vs. construction costs; understanding the multiple phases to project execution; updates to the Committee for project input; completion of the public input part of project process; clarification that repaving as part of the eastern segment of MOVE Culver City does not include tree trimming or change to the sidewalks; and traditional project processes in Culver City.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Waymos picking up kids at schools; geofencing to limit access; competition for Waymo; consideration of a bicycle lane on Elenda; project design based on data and public input; the preview of the staff recommendation to the City Council; processes for the Tri-School area project vs. the Better Overland project; information provided in a scope of work; terminology; expectations of what can be done; clarification that there is no current plan to remove trees along Elenda nor is there any designated funding for any Tri-School area projects; potential funding from grants; the potential for continuation of the bicycle track down Elenda; feedback on possibilities; Tri-School Mobility Study data collection in October and November; width of Elenda; suggestions to open gates and other points of access; communication with the School District; and exploration of ways to pilot reopening gates.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Arts District Parking Study; looking at the frequency of Sony's use of the street; clarification that the Overland/Playa Project is another name for the Better Overland Project; the Sepulveda Corridor Study; funding; the 11111 Jefferson Project; payment upon Certificate of Occupancy (COO); status of the West Washington Project; fiber optic upgrades; traffic signal synchronization; video used for traffic detection vs. ground loops; ensuring detection is working citywide; unreliability of pedestrian detection; daylighting red curb areas; and the focus on school areas.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding converting the barrier treatment on the Elenda side of the cycle

track from plastic to concrete/asphalt protection; width of the buffer; and the ability to add sections with spacing in the barrier.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following members of the public were called to speak:

Kalani Whittington was called to speak but was not present in person or online.

David Coles was called to speak but was not present in person or online.

David Metzler suggested that the BPAC write a letter of support for providing the best proven safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists for whatever comes before the City Council to help achieve Vision Zero and make improvements to the Tri-School area as soon as possible; reminded the BPAC about the importance of representing the needs of all pedestrians and cyclists, and transit users; discussed impacted users; unrepresented constituencies; students; skewed representation by comments and email received; being truly representative of the community as a whole; Tri-School outreach; comments that come from the top six users that have dominated public comment; the need for design recommendations to be driven by engineering professionals; and safety improvements as an agreed upon goal of the City.

David Coles expressed appreciation to staff for the presentation and for the annual tradition of going over projects; was happy to see things moving forward; expressed support for the Robertson first/last mile project and wanted to see more protected bike lanes like that; discussed support for efforts on Elenda; and he questioned whether a consultant was needed for the Farragut Bike Boulevard Project as he wanted to remove obstacles that slow projects down.

Mate Gaspar, Engineering Division Manager, discussed the ongoing project of replacing uplifted sidewalks; liability; the consultant hired for the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Transition Plan; cost; maximum slope; elimination of trip hazards; general issues with not meeting the standard maximum cross-slope; the five-year CIP plan; status of curb ramps citywide; and the Ballona Creek Bicycle Path Project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the bike path project; lighting and greening; planters; spot repairs and smoothing on the path; the original plan to replace with permeable pavement; the extension project; the feasibility study

for a new bicycle ramp and pedestrian bridge over Ballona Creek from Jefferson Boulevard to Ince; coordination with Red Car; ownership of private property involved; community workshops; research into a second pedestrian bridge; eligibility of replacement for the Overland Avenue and Duquesne bridges; the City-match required; wish list projects; age of the bridges; engineering a safer exit from the Duquesne ramp; effective practices of other cities; and trucks parked north of the ramp that cause visibility issues.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding eligibility to widen Duquesne between Lucerne and Braddock; historical information on a potential project shelved due to public opposition; width of the Elenda parkway; consultation with the City Arborist regarding cutting ficus roots in order to take some of the space to provide facilities; and backlash with removal of trees.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a grant from Caltrans to develop Complete Streets Implementation Procedures; National Boulevard solutions; well-known issues with the sidewalk; undergrounding transmission poles; discontinuation of funding from Edison; difficulty of assessment districts in commercial areas; neighborhood opposition to widening the sidewalk resulting in a loss of parking; restricted parking in the neighborhoods; the importance of drainage; the Committee request at the last budget cycle; ensuring that staff is ready to proceed; use of a consultant to conduct complete surveys and analyze drainage for an extended sidewalk; including a parking utilization estimate; off-street parking; potential solutions for the intersection of Wesley and National; identification of priorities in the budget; and multiple aspects of addressing the area.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion to prioritize improvements to Ballona Creek; it as a significant piece of infrastructure in Culver City; the importance of lighting; ensuring that Ballona Creek Bike Path improvements extend the length of the path; lack of plans to extend improvements past Duquesne; lighting challenges due to the need to get permission from all of the property owners; Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) funding of greening from Higuera to Duquesne; reconstructing the bike path; age of the path; ensuring safety and accessibility; safety concerns with inconsistency of railings; pavement conditions near the school; and the need to have a wholistic conversation as a group.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding support from BHC; competing priorities in the City; the

crosswalk to nowhere on Braddock at LeBourget; observations regarding the number of pedestrians vs. the number of cyclists; support for spending money to fix sidewalks; previous feedback to the City Council about areas that are unsafe for pedestrians; support for prioritizing closing gaps and expanding networks rather than improving functional car infrastructure; a recurring theme over many years of connecting facilities to the Creek; adding a ramp down; upgrading facilities in other parts of the City when feasible; support for allocating funding to facilities that are more protected instead of using paint; improving bike facilities as part of a car-free Olympics; support for lobbying Metro for funding; and the Sepulveda Connects Project.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the changing budget process; multiple opportunities over the next 2-3 months to provide input; a request for an update on the amount of money currently in the Mobility Fund; the next Mobility meeting; projects in the pipeline; information available on the website; and program codes in the budget.

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Item A-2

Discussion of Pedestrian-Related Mobility Issues

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the crosswalk at LeBourget across Braddock; tree roots; a suggestion to take the crosswalk out; a suggestion to have a community meeting to receive community feedback regarding pedestrian concerns and this meeting serving that function; difficulty of seeing the sidewalk in detail; a request for a stop sign at Motor and Braddock; the potential for inexpensive improvements; the statistic indicating that more people get hit in a crosswalk than not in a crosswalk; a sidewalk issue off of Elenda; what is the way to provide feedback; encouraging people to walk more; and older people, people with children and strollers, and those with dogs who walk.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding people who have no choice but to step into the street to walk around congestion on the sidewalk in specific downtown areas; outdoor dining/public right of way issues; complaints received; permits; reconfiguring outdoor dining for safety; a suggestion to publicize the Culver City app to report street and sidewalk issues; word of mouth to alert people of ways to address issues in Culver City; use of the online portal or phone calls to report uplifted sidewalks; inspectors out in the field; the continuing sidewalk

replacement project; new trees going in that are not root intrusive; the need to cross the intersection of Washington and Ince in multiple phases; crowding on the median; people who do not want to wait and cross against lights; support for prioritizing allowing pedestrians to cross in one phase; outside seating at Erewhon that is moving further into the sidewalk; placement of the bike rack to close to the ADA ramp; and Code Enforcement.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding popularity of businesses; addressing issues to support popular businesses; empty storefronts; looking at better ways to stretch the space; balancing usage of the public space; making a better pedestrian environment; kiosks; support for improving the area and extending the sidewalk; the number of people who will be in the area during the Olympics; the solution to cut back the outdoor dining and stop burdening the public right of way; the need to revisit the outdoor dining permit; a suggestion to look at a diagonal crossing or scramble at the Green Valley and Buckingham intersection; the sidewalk from Elenda to the Senior Center; difficulty navigating the area in a wheelchair; the purpose of the Committee to bring items to the attention of staff; encouragement for people to attend the meetings or to share information with Committee Members; the ability of people to send email; and staff agreement to route email to the proper person to address issues.

Chair Falter invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles commented on committee process; he welcomed the focus on pedestrian issues, noting the pedestrian element of the Committee; discussed his advocacy for pedestrian issues; the misconception of a bike-focus on the BPAC; traffic calming that makes the City safer for bicycles and pedestrians; agreement that complete sidewalks be provided in every part of the City as well as crosswalks in all four directions at every intersection; the need for a sidewalk on the eastside of Cota where it crosses Jefferson; support for increased pedestrian scrambles that improve pedestrian safety; benefits of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs); elimination of slip lanes; and support for advocacy for proven measures throughout Culver City.

David Metzler expressed his support for pedestrian safety and appreciation for installation of a four-way crosswalk in Carlson Park.

Michelle Weiner thanked staff for being so proactive about crosswalks in the Lindberg Park neighborhood; discussed the

community meeting at the Farragut Cafeteria where the neighborhood got to see the proposal; plans by the School District to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists; the need for a connection from the bike lane to Ballona Creek; and the need for fixes of bike lanes on West Washington in the Centinela area.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the unsignalized intersection project; day-to-day one-off requests; the Mobility Subcommittee; courtesy consideration; and the decision of the Public Works Director to move forward with implementation.

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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

Chair Falter invited public comment.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the single-stair code change; the Connect Culver Boulevard Project; the intent behind the summary; letting the City Council know what happened during the BPAC meetings; ensuring the City Council is aware of all that was discussed that might not have come to them; and things that came up during public comment that were not on the agenda.

Member Morgan moved to approve the item and Member Libuser seconded the motion.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the Farragut Drive Bike Boulevard Project was not included as it did not occur within the time period covered; the Olympics Subcommittee; things happening in the background; and Sepulveda Connects.

MOVED BY MEMBER MORGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER LIBUSER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, (ABSENT MEMBER MARON) THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

(1) APPROVE THE BIANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JULY - DECEMBER 2025; AND,

(2) AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL.

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Items from Members/Staff

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the condition for 5757 Hannum to build out Safer Fox Hills on their frontage; the two-way cycle track; looking at what the community wants to see for the next phase; permanent improvements on Bristol and Hannum for Safer Fox Hills; In-N-Out; and the Jackson Gate.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Falter invited public comment.

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

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Committee Requests to Speak at City Council Meetings and Agenda Item Requests

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed agenda items to be discussed in the future including data collection, available tools and how they are being used; the update on bus/bike lane enforcement from Transportation; a report from the Mobility meeting regarding the Mobility Fund; further discussion about budget items; Tri-School route traffic studies; Better Fox Hills; Safer Overland; Culver Connect; BikeShare; and National Boulevard.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding data collection practices; understanding staff connections to other departments in Los Angeles and the county; concern that City Council micro-management is detrimental to making progress on projects; guidance provided through policy documents; a recommendation that Public Works staff have greater leeway in implementing approved or smaller projects; suggestion to speak up at the budget meetings; the more bureaucratic process in Culver City than is followed by surrounding cities; and increased costs due to delays in the process.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding confirmation that Chair Falter would attend the January

26 City Council meeting to express support for the Better Overland Project, including the high friction construction, the construction of Venice to Culver, and the second phase design concept.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the bike lane on the Culver City side of Overland from Venice to Washington; discussions with Sony; and lack of a bike lane on the Los Angeles side.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:26 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned to March 19, 2026.

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

APPROVED

Joel Falter
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 Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date