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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY MOBILITY,
TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 29, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Fisch called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:03 p.m.

Present: Alex Fisch, Council Member
Göran Eriksson, Council Member

Staff Present: Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director
Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic
Engineering Manager
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer
Mike Tobin, Deputy Director of
Transportation
Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility
Planning Manager
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members/Staff

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that the next meeting would be held in person at a location to be determined.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the desire for regular meetings every other month, and agreement to meet on May 10, 2022.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Coles shared a photo of deteriorated road conditions on bike lanes heading west on Jefferson Boulevard requesting improvements, and he discussed holding a bike ride with staff and the City Council.

Karim Sahli expressed concern with returning to in-person meetings with no hybrid option, both for staff and attendees, and he requested online access and participation for all Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

Mary Duval asked about the partial closure on Main Street voted on by the City Council on March 28, 2022; the project timeline for installation of bollards; methods and type of data to be collected; and she discussed conferences attended by community members.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding planning for the Main Street project, and clarification that meeting format is a City Council topic.

Michelle Weiner requested improvements to dangerous bike conditions at the intersection of Girard and Washington Boulevard in both directions, and received agreement from staff to investigate the matter.

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David Metzler discussed gridlock of downtown traffic before the pandemic, and new traffic challenges due to the MOVE Culver City installation and restaurant car service.

Council Member Fisch indicated that staff would consider all topics raised in public comments.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar Items

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of January 25, 2022

THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2022.

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Item C-2

Approval of Minutes of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of February 22, 2022

THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Receive a Presentation on CityRide Senior Mobility Services; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided a presentation on CityRide Senior Mobility Services.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding no-show charges and collaboration with the taxi company.

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Michelle Weiner discussed other parts of the world where seniors get special outings in open bicycle-type vehicles; the importance of fresh air; the pandemic; and she proposed consideration of a similar program as an add on.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding support for the use of a taxi service; costs; getting bids from other taxi companies; returning to the Senior Center to gauge priorities; group trips; Los Angeles County Access Services as meeting requirements for paratransit; user feedback; length of time to get through the application process; quality of service; support for Culver City services from focus groups; using existing knowledge; mandatory service; reallocating money to expand options for seniors to encourage mobility and movement; outreach; stakeholder engagement; improving service by using cabs; support for retention of the program; absolute trips; support for public/private partnerships; doing an RFP (Request for Proposals); creating performance metrics; rating service via an app; kindness; curb to curb walking; diligence shown by drivers; polling about group trips; programs in other parts of the world; making use of Uber and Lyft; increasing availability at rush hour; and use of ID cards.

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(1) Receive a Presentation on MOVE Culver City - Downtown Tactical Mobility Lane Project Status Update; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided a status update on the MOVE Culver City Downtown Tactical Mobility Lane project; discussed key performance measure data; the mobility lane; lack of data to show trends in key performance measures; troubleshooting data issues; design adjustments to improve the efficiency of mobility lanes; performance monitoring; quarterly KPI (Key Performance Indicator) reports; community requests; monthly reports; the data dashboard on the website; the mid-year and final evaluations; the Downtown Study; the pilot period for the Downtown Corridor; informing the long-term Downtown study discussions; major efforts since project launch; signal synchronization; re-design to simplify signal operations; replacement of local fire lane separators; asphalt art condition assessments; severe damage due to water accumulation issues; alternative paint choices; completed construction punch list items; installation of delivery/loading zones; future approved adjustments; restriping; and installation of additional signage at the entrance of mobility lanes.

Joe Iacobucci, Sam Schwartz Consultants, discussed what was being monitored and why; data sources; key performance monitoring reports on the City website; points of focus; reallocation of right of way to more sustainable modes; the testing period; ensuring the ability to validate the data; review of monthly reports to understand trends; measurement of pedestrian volume at key intersections; the baseline; transit data; comparisons with the previous year data; on-time performance measures; bicycle data using manual counts vs. automated counts for transit; the outdoor dining program; trips within the Culver City boundary; vehicle travel time throughout the corridor; historical data; pre-pandemic and pre-launch travel times; vehicle volume; vehicle data at four intersections; and summary results for transit, active transportation, and vehicles.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification on the definition of active transportation; actionable data; the Main Street discussion; parking data; appreciation for the useful information; plans

to obtain data from the three City parking structures; and obtaining data from the Culver Steps.

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli expressed appreciation for the detailed presentation and for providing the report online; indicated that anything that is not a car is considered active transportation; discussed the practice of letting bicycles and pedestrians go first in the city of Montreal; metrics on the corridors; pass-through traffic; support for gathering parking data; the small increase in vehicle travel time; the need for a protected Class 4 bike lane; the connection to Elenda and Adams; the difficulty of left turns in MOVE Culver City while biking; and he suggested experimenting with one protected intersection like the Dutch are doing, noting that he had submitted a report explaining about protected intersections.

David Coles echoed comments from Karim Sahli regarding closing gaps in the bike lanes between West Adams and Elenda; he expressed appreciation for the presentation; discussed his family's use of the MOVE Culver City project; the dedicated bus lane; encouraging mode share; high gasoline prices; the lingering issue of blocked bus lanes; installation of cameras on the buses; concern with the route for the #1 bus; and he asked that the City immediately address the dangerous situation with the simultaneous bike and bus signal on Watsica.

Stephen Jones thanked staff for the presentation; discussed lack of pre-pandemic vehicle volume data; demonstrating the reduction in Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT); reliability of buses downstream from the project; system-wide on-time performance; and examining the route with the highest ridership.

Mary Daval asked about the manual count of the bicycle trips; discussed bike signals; timing of the signalization; the bike signal at the intersection of Ince and Washington; efforts to use infrastructure as it is set up to be used; placement of signals at cyclist eye-level; the ability for cyclists to follow the bike signal or the pedestrian signal; she questioned who has the right to use the bus lane; and she

indicated that education was necessary.

Eric Shabsis asked about the pre-pandemic dataset; discussed increased pedestrians and traffic in the future; and the difficulty of gaging how much is from MOVE Culver vs. what is from what was not captured from the pre-pandemic dataset.

David Metzler expressed appreciation for the staff presentation; discussed comparisons to other parts of town; trends; cut-through traffic; entry and exit data for the parking lot; and the hope that cut-through traffic would be decreased.

Vivian Cermeno expressed support for MOVE Culver City noting that she had gotten rid of her car and wished things could be accelerated; she discussed bike signals that do not work; providing information about how bike signals work on the website; timeliness for the Circulator and CC1; the Transit app; she indicated feeling unsafe when turning right on Ince and Washington; and she reported observing that parking at Culver Steps is always full except early in the morning.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, he asked for patience as the City works out the bugs for the first/last mile service; discussed operational issues; vehicle issues; the labor shortage; the Metro app vs. the next CCBus app; a grant received to place pads and signage at bus stops; the pilot program; vehicles with the right to use the bus lane; use of cameras; AB 917; and he indicated that the mistake with Route 1 staying on Washington Boulevard would be corrected immediately.

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, discussed the three month design process for the tactical project; the monitoring stage; major adjustments made; improvements to efficiency; appreciation for the feedback from the public; protected bike lanes and intersections; the final evaluation and recommendations; closing the gap between West Adams and Culver City; and collaboration between Public Works and Transportation.

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed evaluation of bike signals; protection vs. time delay factors; height; placement requirements; and appreciation for the feedback on the need to improve processes to ensure that detection methods are reliable.

Joe Iacobucci, Sam Schwartz Consultants, discussed data sets; methodologies for the six-month report; measuring VMT; accessing cellphone data; collection of bike data; industry standard calculations; pre-pandemic datasets for vehicles; pre-project launch data from 2021; balancing infill development that has happened; return to work data; real-time monitoring; and identifying different trends over time.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding learning from trends over many months; understanding and responding to concerns; the goal to be as reliable as possible; collecting, interpreting, and presenting data; social science data; identifying trends; insights; whether data changes opinions; and connecting to West Adams if possible.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Fisch invited public participation.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli reported that Bike Culver City Member Phil Olsen, who is a staunch supporter of the program, had an accident biking on one of the ramps; he noted that the ramps are not highly visible; questioned why the ramps do not run the full length of the platform; and he stated that if an experienced cyclist and ardent supporter has to go to the hospital, there is a problem.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:13 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to April 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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Alicia Ide
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APPROVED

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