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MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

September 28, 2021
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Eriksson called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:00 p.m. via Webex.

Present: Alex Fisch, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member

Staff Present: Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic
Engineering Manager
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer
Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager
Jane Chan, Transportation Planner
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Eriksson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding agreement to meet remotely in October.

Ashley Hefner Hoang, Advance Planning Manager, provided an update on the mobility piece of the General Plan Update, and invited everyone to attend the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on October 6.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding availability of information to the public.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided an overview of the Short Range Mobility Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-2025; discussed the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) Fareless System; approval to bring community colleges into the program; and participation by West Los Angeles College (WLAC) beginning in November.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an update on the Dockless Share Micro-Mobility Pilot Program and the Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

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Order of the Agenda

Item A-4 was heard before Item A-3.

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Receive and File Correspondence

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

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Consent Calendar

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

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of August 10, 2021

THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2021.

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Item C-2

Approval of Minutes for the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of August 24, 2021

THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2021.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Receive a Presentation Regarding Coco Remotely Controlled Delivery Devices and Potential Implementation of Service in Culver City

Carl Hansen, Coco, provided a presentation on remotely controlled delivery devices and potential implementation of service in Culver City; he discussed the pilot program in Santa Monica; improved load times; delivery rate; savings for restaurants and grocers; sustainability; community benefits; safety; and merchant partnerships.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding similar services being offered; the safety record of Coco; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues; communication regarding changing road conditions; delivery radius; crossing at crosswalks; and pedestrian crossing buttons.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand announced the Artwalk and Roll Festival on October 9; discussed e-mobility solutions; and he invited Carl Hansen to display Coco at the event.

Colin Diaz, Chamber of Commerce, reported support of the concept by the businesses and discussed the importance of mobility and reducing traffic congestion.

Karim Sahli received clarification regarding timing and procedures for responding to issues with the devices; the ability of the pilot to see all around the robot; staffing; operations; maintenance; and he noted that the device is similar to a drone on wheels.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Hansen, staff and Committee Members regarding procedures for delivery to apartments and condominiums; initial concerns in the pilot jurisdictions; the overall positive response from the community; financing; savings for restaurants; successful operation in dense urban markets; addressing last mile delivery challenges; fees and charges as compared to car-based delivery companies; restaurant partnerships; the courier process; use of the cell network to communicate with the devices; advance mapping of cell coverage; route mapping; the range limit; ensuring the deliveries are kept to 30 minutes or less; the pilot training program; staff resources required for the program; charging a fee for use of the public right of way; incentivizing sustainability; phased introduction of the devices; clarification that Public Works would oversee any project; examples of regulations from other jurisdictions; and next steps for exploration.

David Coles questioned whether solar panels were used by the warehouse.

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Item P-2

- (1) Receive a Presentation Regarding Closure of Main St North of Culver Blvd on Weekends and During Farmer's Market; and**
- (2) Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff**

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Transportation Engineering Manager, provided a presentation on the closure of Main Street North of Culver Boulevard on weekends during the Farmer's Market and she requested feedback and recommendations.

Council Member Eriksson invited public participation.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Mary Daval spoke in support of Main Street Plaza; discussed densification of the City; the importance of creating public space that is not tied to businesses; equity; increasing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as beneficial to support local businesses; access; sustainability; the importance of changing habits and behavior; mobility; and the important effects of choices made on the planet.

Leah Pressman echoed comments made by the previous speaker in support of keeping Main Street closed to cars.

Karim Sahli urged the City to keep the Plaza open to pedestrians permanently; discussed reassignment of public space; the climate crisis; air quality; increasing business for the retailers; he pointed out that planters would be much cheaper than bollards; and he noted inexpensive options to close the street to cars permanently and open the Plaza to the public.

David Coles, Bike Culver City, wanted the matter brought before the full City Council for a public decision; he expressed concern that the option to keep the street open was not being presented; discussed the inclination of staff to bring cars back; maintaining outdoor dining on Main Street without cars; space for children to run around; he noted the lack of car-free spaces in Los Angeles county; and he wanted to see the space open 24/7, not just for special events.

Darrel Menthe expressed support for bollards; discussed dividing public space; the Farmer's Market; removal of street furniture; making a permanent decision; providing a flexible framework; emergency vehicle access; special events; and he thanked staff for indicating that Main Street would be open through the end of the year.

George Hewitt expressed support for keeping Main Street fully open to pedestrians and street dining, and he discussed the benefits of increased pedestrian activity and safety.

Bubba Fish noted that people did not realize that street dining space would be going away shortly; expressed support for keeping Main Street car-free 24/7; discussed other cities

that have kept space open to pedestrians; the massive loss of public space if the street is reopened; the lively and important space; access to the parking garage; and he asked that the amenity be preserved.

Michelle Weiner was pleased to hear that a car-free Main Street would be maintained through the end of the year; she urged everyone to read *The Happy City* by Charles Montgomery; discussed the value of pedestrian and bicycle spaces; connectivity; providing space for all citizens; support from businesses and the public; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; having the public weigh in on the matter; climate change; the responsibility to take action; the entrance to the parking garage; the planters; and accommodating the Farmer's Market.

Ken Mand discussed the Santa Monica Promenade; outdoor dining; use of bollards for emergency purposes; investing in programming; operating and maintaining a communal space; and maintenance.

Dylan Gottlieb expressed support for closing Main Street; discussed benefits to opening up public space; the small amount of space being considered; and solving logistical issues with the Farmer's Market.

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed previous direction to staff; the proposed bollards; planters; emergency services; increased use of the garage starting in January; creating a plan for operation; traffic circulation in the area; opening the segment to vehicular circulation; and the MOVE Culver City project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification that use of bollards does not preclude opening up the street; funding; traffic circulation; garage access; getting back to more normal operations; increased numbers of employees in office buildings; safety; the Santa Monica Promenade; K-rails; support for making the space adaptable with bollards; reclaiming safe space for families; guaranteeing open space at least every weekend if the bollards are installed; testing out the importance of Main Street as a vehicular circulator; and support for bringing the matter before the full City Council.

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(1) Receive a Presentation Regarding the Jefferson Circulator; and (2) Provide Other Direction to Staff

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced the item.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an update on the Jefferson Circulator; discussed efforts to provide high quality transit on Jefferson Boulevard; goals; the concept; funding; service options; and the requested Committee action.

Council Member Eriksson invited public participation.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli expressed support for another bus route and questioned whether a Complete Streets model would be followed.

Michelle Weiner expressed support for the idea; discussed equity; and she thanked staff for their work.

George Hewitt expressed support for the project.

Bubba Fish expressed support for the project.

Dylan Gottlieb expressed support for the project; discussed connectivity; and thinking ahead to ensure there is a separated bike and bus lane.

Mary Daval expressed excitement for the project; requested clarification regarding the circulator reference; costs; and noted benefits to providing a more complete service.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed Complete Streets; establishing high quality transit; addressing the need; supporting the efforts of the work being done by Los Angeles Metro; vehicle type; work still to be done; potential funding opportunities; and introducing the project to the Committee.

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Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding support for the project; coordinating land use and transportation; and addressing Jefferson as the highest Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) corridor for new development.

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Item P-3

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

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced the item.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an update on the MOVE Culver City program; discussed the proposed construction timeline; key dates; the communication plan; asphalt art; the Go Live event; the pre-implementation survey; and weekly Key Performance Indicator (KPI) reports.

Jane Chan, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of weekly KPI reports.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, discussed improving gateway mobility stops around the corridor; collaboration with the General Plan Update (GPU) process; access to multiple mobility services; and updating bus stop standards with mobility stop guidelines.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand discussed safety concerns.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification that the design team has the ability to make changes; identification of potential improvements; extra supplies available; and use of a tactical mobility lane in order to respond quickly to issues.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Eriksson invited public participation.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:23 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to October 26, 2021.

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Jeremy Green
SECRETARY of the Culver City Mobility, Traffic and Parking
Subcommittee, Culver City, California

APPROVED

GÖRAN ERIKSSON
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