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

February 22, 2022
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 3:01 p.m. via Webex.

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

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Eriksson, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members/Staff

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided an update on SB 922 noting that staff was analyzing and monitoring the Bill in coordination with the City Manager's office and other relevant departments.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the next meeting date.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli questioned where the money was for the Farragut Bike Project.

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed unsecured sources of funding; drawing money from different areas; reassignment of monies; funding availability; concept plans; progressing funding for the design; and utilizing the upcoming capital improvement and budget process to secure funding.

Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Jackson Gate opening; discussed resident pushback on plans for a soft opening; new plans to put all safety measures in place before opening the gate; the estimated timeframe for opening; the need for a City Council determination that the gate is exempt from CEQA (the California Environmental Quality Act); and protecting the City from liability.

Council Member Eriksson noted that money had been removed from Capital Improvement Projects at the start of the pandemic and the Farragut Bike Project was likely affected.

Michelle Weiner, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Chair, thanked the City Council for allowing the Main Street discussion to come before the BPAC, and she asked about moving the barrier between Little Culver and Elenda to provide street space.

Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director, indicated that if it was safe and feasible to move the barrier, it would be done quickly.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that City Council consideration of Main Street was tentatively scheduled for March 28, 2022.

David Coles felt that the public deserved a fuller accounting of where money had gone for mobility projects.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding Capital Improvement information on the City website; formalizing projects and programs; and reliance on earmarked funding.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst reported that no correspondence had been submitted in time for the meeting.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receive a Presentation on Higuera Bridge Replacement Project and Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity to Higuera Street Project

Sammy Romo, Public Works Senior Civil Engineer, provided a presentation on the Higuera Bridge Replacement Project and Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity to the Higuera Street Project.

Council Member Fisch discussed providing safe access underneath the bridge; primary access for the Arts

neighborhood; the schedule; and potential delays.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand discussed potential mitigation efforts; closure of the bike path to the Arts District; concern that children will have to ride to school down Jefferson Boulevard; concern that the contractor has taken zero safety precautions; money allocated in the budget for construction management; and finding the money to do what it takes to ensure safety.

Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director, discussed mitigating the effects of the process; the intent to detour riders to the Jefferson bike lanes; safety concerns voiced about using Jefferson; designing a safe tunnel; costs; and he indicated that ensuring safe and convenient access for cyclists is a priority.

David Coles discussed the dangerous bike lanes on Jefferson and organizing a staff ride to illuminate conditions.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding lack of room to install K-rails to provide maximum protection for cyclists; costs; implementation of the tunnel idea as quickly as possible; inevitable disruption from construction; increased communication to let people know what to expect; funding allocation; a suggestion to move the barrier to allow people in and out of the park to access the open part of the bike path along National; and restoration of access as soon as possible.

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Item A-2

Receive a Presentation on the Ballona Creek Bike Path Sustainability, Safety, and Accessibility Enhancements Project

Diana Szymanski, Public Works Associate Engineer, provided a presentation on Greening the Greenway: Ballona Creek Bike/Ped Path Sustainability, Safety and Accessibility Enhancement Project; discussed scope of work; improvements on the bike path from Duquesne to National; consultants hired; the

project timeline; and providing accessibility during closure due to construction.

Council Member Fisch received clarification regarding correcting drainage design and installation of imperviable pavement.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand expressed appreciation for staff response to the previous project; discussed addressing logistics during design; necessary controls to minimize disruption; sequencing; work hours; and different efficiencies to help the contractor get the work done as soon as possible.

David Coles expressed excitement about the project; discussed native plants; landscaping to help the Ballona Creek ecosystem; financing; and the Ballona Creek Extension Project.

Karim Sahli questioned whether the public would be allowed to have any input into the design and he expressed concern that he did not see involvement by Ballona Creek Renaissance.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding native plantings in the project; secured funding for the project; public outreach meetings in the design phase; the grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Authority; figuring out detour aspects; identifying money for the segment from Duquesne to the High School; and appreciation for the presentation.

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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 additional public comment had been received.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Council Member Fisch indicated that he was looking forward to the invitation for the bike ride.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 3:59 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to March 22, 2022.

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APPROVED

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