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CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND  
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 18, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

**Call To Order & Roll Call**

Chair Weiner called the special meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to order at 6:06 P.M. in the Dan Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

**Members Present:** Michelle Weiner, Chair  
Art Nomura, Vice Chair  
Greg Maron, Member  
George Montgomery, Member\*  
Travis Morgan, Member  
Robyn Tenensap, Member  
Dane Twichell, Member

\*Member Montgomery joined the meeting 7:30 P.M.

**Absent:** Zirwat Chowdhury, Member

**Staff Present:** Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director  
Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility  
Planning Manager  
Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic  
Engineering Manager  
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Twichell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Items from Members/Staff**

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that permission had been given to host future meetings in a hybrid format.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, indicated that it would take several months to implement a hybrid meeting format; he discussed ensuring equity for all City bodies; differences in meeting rooms; staffing levels; and current hiring efforts.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the regular BPAC meeting on October 20; other Committees that want to meet in a hybrid format; public noticing requirements; and ensuring that technical issues do not disrupt meetings.

Member Tenensap received clarification regarding ethics training.

Member Morgan received agreement to adjourn in memory of Jackie Mosher who passed away from a traffic accident in Fox Hills in July.

Vice Chair Nomura provided an update on Project Visibility; discussed distribution of safety equipment; ordering additional supplies for distribution; volunteers; outreach; the efforts of Bike Culver City to serve people of all walks of life; and he agreed to send staff an email request expressing interest in making a presentation to the City on the program.

Chair Weiner received Committee consensus to agendize an Action Item to discuss recommending that the City Council commend Vice Chair Nomura and Bike Culver City for their efforts on the program; she thanked Public Works for installing the No Right Turn light at National and Washington and for opening Jackson Gate prior to the first day of school; reported observing that no parking was being used on the north side of Jefferson west of Duquesne on a Thursday afternoon; discussed use of the parking lane for other mobility purposes; and she requested Committee input on items to highlight in the report to the City Council.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda**

Chair Weiner invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Peter Gurka discussed the stop sign at Duquesne and Braddock; cycling in the downtown area; potholes; unused parking lanes; and the area between the bike lanes.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, discussed the process to improve streets and intersections.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Gurka, staff, and Committee Members regarding trees that block the stop sign at Braddock and Duquesne; the gap between the bike lane from Duquesne to Elenda and MOVE Culver City; and adding signage to indicate there is a stop sign ahead.

Mary Daval noted that the gear distributed by Project Visibility goes to low-income workers in the City; discussed Women On Bikes; faint lines in the bike lanes on West Washington; appreciation for information about projects included on the City website; the exit from the bike path on to Duquesne; sightlines; difficulty of turning movements; safety issues; the importance of providing better infrastructure; and appreciation to Public Works and Transportation for changes being made.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion to remove parking spaces to improve visibility, and people riding the wrong-way in the cycling lane.

Jim Shanman, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, expressed appreciation to the City for supporting continuation of the program; discussed upcoming events; outreach; appreciation for the opening of the Jackson Gate; the bike lights in MOVE Culver City; homeless situations up and down the Creek; the importance of improving safety by the pedestrian bridge; the heavily used corridor for school traffic; and appreciation for the improvements made.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Shanman, staff, and Committee Members regarding the route between Jackson Gate and the school; areas of concern; those living underneath the pedestrian bridge; fires; concern with interaction between

children and unhoused individuals who refuse services; adding volunteer patrols to provide a presence; City Council purview; a report that the School District Public Safety Officer had been stationed at the pedestrian bridge; the pedestrian bridge at Ocean; county response to the recent fire to ensure structural integrity of the bridge; the agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; shrubbery on Ocean between Westwood and Overland; the planned Senior Center Bicycle Safety Workshop; and a request for outreach to Bike Culver City and the BPAC regarding Walk and Roller events.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed the recommendation made by the Mobility Committee to the City Council.

Eric Shabsis reported taking action to address concern expressed by the Chair at the last meeting regarding exiting Culver Studios by installing signage at all exits indicating "Residential Quiet Zone, Be Respectful and Exit Slowly".

David Coles requested a change to signage to indicate that bikes are permitted at the downtown plaza; expressed concern that storefronts that have blocked their main entrance with accessibility permitted only through the rear parking lot discourage pedestrian or cycling activity; discussed other cities where such practices are banned; incentives to serve pedestrians; City regulations; and he proposed the BPAC consider the issue.

Sophie Nenner discussed examination of crash data for Braddock and Duquesne; appreciation for the Elenda Bike Lane; the need for a bike lane that goes to the school; allocating part of the street resurfacing budget to support annual goals; addressing climate change; unused parking on Overland; she expressed gratitude for the opening of Jackson Gate as well as for the leading pedestrian interval; and concern with the lack of incentive for restaurants to invest in beautiful terraces with Main Street only closed on the weekends.

Chair Weiner expressed appreciation for the map of bicycle parking in the City; discussed concern with distribution of bicycle parking in the City; and painting curbs in bike lanes red to make it clear that cars cannot park there.

Vice Chair Nomura reported being told by foot patrol police officers that they had no authority to address cars blocking the bike lanes.

Member Montgomery discussed a dangerous hole near the curb on the northeast corner of Elenda; underutilization of restaurants with the weekend only closure of Main Street; a suggestion to assign someone to oversee weekend events; the temporary barriers; taking clear counts of the Main Street intersection; and data to measure the conflict zone.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the scope of work with Sam Schwartz on the pilot project; the final report presented to the City Council in March 2023; and length of time to consider Items from Members and Staff and Public Comment.

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### **Receipt of Correspondence**

Chair Weiner read aloud correspondence submitted.

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### **Order of the Agenda**

No changes were made.

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### **Consent Calendar**

Item C-1

### **Approval of Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Special Meeting on June 16, 2022**

MOVED BY MEMBER TENENSAP AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MONTGOMERY THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: MARON, MONTGOMERY, NOMURA, TENENSAP, TWICHELL,  
WEINER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: CHOWDHURY  
ABSTAIN: MORGAN

Member Morgan indicated that he had been unable to open the attachment and therefore could not read the minutes or vote to approve them.

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**Selection of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-23**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding nominations received; willingness to serve; amount of time involved; special projects; delegation of duties; and staff reported that Member Chowdhury had indicated that she was not interested in taking on additional activity.

MOVED BY CHAIR WEINER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER TENESAP THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINT GEORGE MONTGOMERY TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND TRAVIS MORGAN TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: MARON, MORGAN, NOMURA, TENENSAP, TWICHELL, WEINER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: CHOWDHURY  
ABSTAIN: MONTGOMERY

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Item A-2

**(1) Review and Discuss Biannual Report to City Council of Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Activities; and,  
(2) Authorize Transmittal to City Council**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the well-written report.

MOVED BY MEMBER TENENSAP AND SECONDED BY MEMBER TWICHELL THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: APPROVE THE BIENNIAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: MARON, MONTGOMERY, MORGAN, NOMURA, TENENSAP,  
TWICHELL, WEINER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: CHOWDHURY

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Item A-3

**Receive Updates and Discuss Subcommittee Activities**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the West LA Subcommittee; the Bylaws Subcommittee; providing greater flexibility for the Committee; changing the name of the Committee; and consideration of a new draft document at the next meeting.

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Item A-4

**Receive an Update and Discuss the MOVE Culver City - Downtown Tactical Mobility Lane Project**

Kaitlyn Zhang, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a project update on MOVE Culver City for Diana Chang who could not be present at the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding presentation to the Committee for comment before presenting to the City Council; extending the pilot program to allow for collection and evaluation of important data; temporary use permits for parklets; Committee consensus to agendaize a discussion of the timeline; and staff agreement to provide a copy of the presentation to the Committee and to follow up at the next meeting.

Chair Weiner invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Jim Shanman, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, discussed the bike lights; he invited staff to ride the route with him to get the cyclist perspective; suggested that staff inspect wear and tear on the ramps; discussed the light at Culver and

Duquesne; cyclists coming from the Ivy Station into the Arts District going the wrong way; he questioned what would happen to the Circulator at the end of January; and asked about plans to extend MOVE into West Adams.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding ridership numbers for the Circulator; availability of data; monthly reports; increased ridership; Circulator headways; frequency; staffing; information available at [moveculvercity.com](http://moveculvercity.com); extending the bike lanes to close the gap with Culver City; enforcement; the Venice Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project; coordination; outreach; building public awareness; building bike infrastructure to connect the parallel projects; grant money; the Robertson grant; removing graphics from the bus; inability to see in as a detriment; the use of tinted windows to preserve energy use; providing a dedicated lane; clearly defined stops; the fact that if you are not standing right by the platform, the bus does not stop; a suggestion to have the bus stop briefly at each stop whether they see someone standing right there or not; concern with adding time to the route; the importance of efficiency; adding more buses to decrease length of time between buses; efforts to develop ridership habits; allowing for spontaneity; and data.

Peter Gurka discussed visibility; benefits; frequency; information available on the app; awareness that the shuttle is free; and the Circuit vs. the Circulator.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding indicating that the Circulator is free on the outside of the bus; allowing people to see inside the bus; increasing the frequency of the Circulator; and support for continuing to improve the process.

Mary Daval expressed support for indicating on the outside of the bus that the Circulator that it is free to encourage people to ride it.

David Coles discussed the importance of extending the Circulator to Fairfax noting that the Culver CityBus goes there.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding lack of resources.

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Item A-5

**Receive an Update and Discuss the Fox Hills Neighborhood Traffic Management Project and Recent Traffic Incidents**

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided background and an update on the Fox Hills Neighborhood Traffic Management Project (NTMP); discussed next steps; efforts to pursue additional funding; feedback on potential items that could be done; moving forward on the project rather than delaying it by looking at temporary measures; and he announced a community meeting scheduled for September 21 in Council Chambers.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the location of the proposed community meeting; the City hosting of the meeting using City facilities with AV equipment; providing the ability to attend the meeting virtually; feedback on Green Valley Circle from the single community meeting held; consideration of what can be accomplished on striping the streets; Class 4 protected bike lanes; changing the lane configuration; curb extensions, bulb-outs and crosswalks; application of turn restrictions to residents and non-residents; cut-through traffic; scope of work and improvements; the Overland project that connects to the Transit Center; the connection between Fox Hills and the rest of the City; City boundaries; other bike improvements around the City based on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; communication with the mall; the amount of funding secured vs. project cost; design costs; and pursuit of grant opportunities.

Chair Montgomery invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Jim Shanman proposed communication with Los Angeles to address gaps.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Shanman, staff, and Committee Members regarding presenting the plans to Los Angeles once a plan has been developed to see; getting to the western boundary of the City; connecting to Playa Vista; connectivity to the Creek or the school; the current scope of work; and the importance of filling the tiny gap.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation for the work of staff; the recent memorial for Jackie Mosher, a pedestrian killed in a crosswalk; the need for Vision Zero to be zero; concern with being heard; diminished confidence with certain comments made by staff; the community engagement meeting that is not planned to be hosted in the affected neighborhood; safety; emphasizing what is at stake to make things happen; adding signage and pavement markings; and changes to state rules for making speed limits.

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Item A-6

**Receive an Update and Discuss the Opening of the Jackson Avenue Gate to the Ballona Creek Bike Path**

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed the soft opening and reported that the bollards were still on order.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding closure of all bike path gates when rain is in the forecast for safety reasons; length of the process; providing access to the Creek; appreciation to staff for their efforts; access near Ince; the Sawtelle Gate; other access points; interaction with the county; county jurisdiction; the feeling that increased access makes the Bike Path safer; encouraging usage; communication with Mike Bonin's office; different jurisdictions; advocacy for opening additional gates; repercussions; a suggestion to keep Jackson Gate on the agenda; controversy around opening gates; City Council purview; agreement from staff to provide an inventory of access points; and Committee agreement to agendaize examination of additional access points as well as follow up on the permanent installation.

Chair Montgomery invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

David Coles reported complaints about graffiti at the Jackson Gate; proposed ensuring that the area looks better than it used to; discussed regular clean up; overflowing trash cans; and appreciation for getting the Jackson Gate opened.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding jurisdiction; the graffiti hotline; clean-up of the county sign behind the Jackson Gate; Los Angeles County Flood Control District; City maintenance of the Bike Path; trash on the neighborhood side of the fence; and staff agreement to get the area cleaned up.

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Item A-7

**Receive an Update and Discuss the Signalized and Unsignalized Intersections Safety Improvement Projects**

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided an update on safety improvement projects for signalized and unsignalized intersections.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding turning movements; issues with the signal at Green Valley Circle and Bristol; replacement of faulty loop detectors; installation of bike detectors; the timeline; helping cyclists understand how to trigger the detection system; signage; placing bicycles ahead of vehicular traffic; bike boxes; and types of detection systems.

Chair Montgomery invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Eric Shabsis discussed implementation at the intersection of Braddock and Duquesne; mitigations requested as part of the Culver Studios Project; the suggested installation of a signal at Duquesne and Braddock, and Duquesne and Lucerne; money redirected to the Mobility Fund; and he suggested trying raised crosswalks noting reticence of many traffic engineers in the city of Los Angeles due to their lack of experience with them.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding traffic backup on Braddock and Duquesne due to the four-way stop; staff support of raised crosswalks and raised bulb-outs in the appropriate locations; Ocean Boulevard at the Pedestrian Bridge; having a conversation of adjusting or adding intersections to the list; people who run stop signs; the crossing guard at Braddock; previous traffic counts; drop-off and pickup traffic at the schools; state funding;

use of an on call striping contractor; procurement policies; updates to ADA (Americans with Disabilities) requirements; and the annual sidewalk repair project.

Member Tenensap reported that the number of the Culver City Graffiti Hotline is (310) 253-5555.

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Item A-8

**Oath of Office for New and/or Re-Appointed Members of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for 2022-23**

Chair Montgomery, Vice Chair Morgan, and Member Weiner took the Oath of Office.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)**

Chair Montgomery invited public comment.

No additional requests to speak were received.

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**Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff (Continued)**

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, reported that a stop sign had been approved to create a four way stop on the way to the upper field in Culver Park.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 9:17 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned in memory of Jackie Mosher to a meeting to be held on October 20, 2022.

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

APPROVED

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George Montgomery  
CHAIR of the Culver City 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.

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Jeremy Bocchino  
CITY CLERK

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Date