

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2023

TO: Honorable MAYOR VERA and Members of the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY

FROM: Members of the CULVER CITY BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 2023 Accomplishments to date and Proposed Activity/Upcoming Agenda Items for the next 6 months

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On July 20, 2023, the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) approved the transmittal of the following information to the City Council:

January – June 2023 Accomplishments

Communications to City Council

- Recommended that City Council keep Main St closed 100% and not keep it open to traffic on a part-time basis 02/16/2023.
- Recommended that City Council fully adopt the Move Culver City Project as implemented in the pilot without changes 02/16/2023.
- Recommended that City Council continued with the plan to keep Melvil St closed to traffic and make it into a park 02/16/2023.
- Produced biannual report covering period July – December 2022 and authorized transmittal to City Council.

Review, Discussion & Advisory Feedback

- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed fiscal year 2023-24 proposed work plans for Public Works Mobility and Traffic Engineering Division, including details of highlighted projects proposed or in progress, funding availability, timelines, project priorities, and new project ideas.

- Received update from Metro representative, received public comment, and discussed Metro's reimagining of its bikeshare program. Also discussed lack of bikeshare at Culver City Metro station, how Metro's new bikeshare project will interact with Culver City programs, previous locations identified in Culver City, and bus/bike transfers.
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed proposed stop control at the intersections of Elenda St and both Garfield Ave and Franklin Ave. *Voted to support the staff recommended improvements.*
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed proposed Safe Routes to School Signing and Striping Project.
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed redesigned improvements at intersection of Ince and Lucerne.
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed projects to install safety improvements at select signalized and unsignalized intersections.
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed Washington Blvd Class II Bike Lane Project.
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed Move Culver City pilot, including: performance measures, outcomes reported, and data collection; proposed changes to project such as removal of protected bike lane and extension of project; likely impacts of changes to Venice Blvd; importance of protected bike lanes; and need for mobility interconnectivity within city and between Culver City and other jurisdictions. *Voted to recommend to Council adoption of Move Culver City as implemented in the pilot without changes.*
- Received presentation by staff, received public comment, and discussed proposed expansion of phase two of Move Culver City on Sepulveda.
- Received update by staff, received public comment, and discussed progress of Fox Hills Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and Bike Lanes Project.
- Received update by staff, received public comment, and discussed progress of safety improvement projects along Overland Ave, including high friction asphalt, library crossing, and bike lanes.
- Received public comment and discussed closures of Main St and Melvil St, including: lack of data regarding use of Main St, need to activate Main St, and delay in establishing a park on Melvil St. *Voted to recommend to City Council 100% closure of both streets.*
- Received updates by staff, received public comment, and discussed bus related topics, including: Move Culver City circulator service, Dial-a-Ride, private use of bus lanes, illegal parking in bus lanes, bus lane enforcement program with cameras, bus driver training, and large employer mobility incentives.
- Received updates by staff, received public comment, and discussed other active mobility projects being managed by Public Works Department (see full project listing on City's website [Active Project List – Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division](#)).

Community Engagement

Provided community forum for reporting issues, proposing improvements, and providing input on agendized and non-agendized topics, such as: improving pedestrian safety measures at

various intersections; disability access along Venice Blvd; needed sidewalk repairs; holding meetings in alternate locations to engage communities; concerns about proposed Elenda St improvements; opening Ince gate to Ballona Creek Bike Path; Move Culver City; use of crossing guards; Safe Routes to School projects; pedestrian fatality; interconnectivity of Culver City bike lanes and with Los Angeles infrastructure; better protection for bike lanes; safer access to El Rincon Elementary; planning for bicycle and pedestrian improvements for the Olympics; use of environmentally responsible materials; maintenance of bus platforms; use of developer fees; maintenance of bike lanes; and accessibility of pedestrian and bike signal buttons.

Events & Activities Attended by Members

- Received City Council proclamation designating May 2023 as National Bike Month.
- Participated in Community Meeting regarding plans for the Ballona Creek Bikeway Project.
- Participated in Community Meeting regarding proposed stop control at the intersections of Elenda St and both Garfield Ave and Franklin Ave.
- Attended City Council meetings.

Administration

- Created and appointed members to ad-hoc subcommittee through June 2023 for West LA College to meet regularly with representatives of West LA College in order to discuss mobility challenges in and around and to and from the West LA College campus and promote cooperation.
- Created and appointed members to ad-hoc subcommittee through June 2023 for Elenda Safety, with the objective to begin discussions with residents, parents, students, community members, Culver City School District administration, and City staff regarding safety concerns and mobility challenges on Elenda St between Farragut to Culver Blvd and around the three adjacent schools.
- Reviewed and discussed in detail draft bylaws submitted by staff and subcommittee, topics including: types and requirements of committee seats, length of terms, meeting schedule, and agendas. *Approved new draft version for review by City Attorney and City Clerk.*
- Received report from representative of Equity and Human Relations Advisory committee regarding new Civil Discourse Guidelines.
- Worked to promote recruitment for Committee seats being vacated.
- Set a regular meeting schedule.
- Attended required ethics training as required.

July – December 2023 Proposed Plans

Communications to City Council

- Make recommendations to City Council as appropriate on topics requested by City Council and on agenda items coming before City Council.
- Make recommendations to City Council as appropriate on topics initiated by Committee.

- Approve and submit bylaws for Council consideration and approval.

Review, Discussion & Advisory Feedback

- Receive updates and/or presentations from staff, receive public comment, and discuss proposed and ongoing projects and mobility issues, including: intersection improvements along Ince; opening Ince Gate to Ballona Creek Bike Path; adding signals and pedestrian crossing at various intersections; sidewalk status and repair plans; status of BPAP objectives; how to reduce impacts on pedestrians at crosswalks in high traffic areas and for right/left turns; Metro bikeshare; bus electrification progress; micro-mobility and shuttle services, and future phases of Move Culver City.
- Receive regular updates from staff, receive public comment, and discuss other active mobility projects: [View Active Project List – Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division posted on Culver City website.](#)
- Receive presentation from staff and discuss mobility project budgets, including: how mobility project funding is prioritized; how developer fees are used; how recent downtown projects were funded; and how Committee can provide input into City work plans and budget process, particularly regarding project priorities.
- Review and discuss impacts of new legislation.
- Review and discuss new and upcoming development projects and construction and resulting bicycle and pedestrian impacts.
- Review and discuss ongoing progress of plan elements and future priorities for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Plan, NTMPs, Fox Hills Master Plan, Farragut Drive Bike Blvd Plan, and the Local Road Safety Plan.
- Recommend repairs and maintenance and potential projects and activities throughout City to improve mobility, and especially safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Community Engagement

Receive community input through public comment on mobility related topics.

Events & Activities

Plan and implement celebration event with Bike Culver City and other community groups to mark the opening of new bike access ramp to Ballona Creek Bike Path at the re-opened Higuera Street Bridge.

Administration

- Form ad-hoc subcommittees as needed.
- Produce biannual report to City Council covering period January – June 2023 and authorize transmittal to City Council.
- Welcome three new BPAC members and thank leaving members.
- Attend City Council, Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee, and community meetings.