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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

July 10, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Weiner called the special meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to order at 6:09 P.M. via WebEx Meetings.

Members Present: Michelle Weiner, Vice Chair
Phillip Hernandez, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Travis Morgan, Member
Art Nomura, Member
Samantha Shanman, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

Absent: Ann Diga Jacobsen, Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer,
Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic
Engineering Manager
Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager
Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Travis Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Weiner invited public comment.

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst, read public comment submitted by:

Doug Stranger: noted a significant amount of construction taking place on the Sepulveda corridor south of Sawtelle to Centinela and noted his hope for improvements to make it more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

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Receipt and File Correspondence

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

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the June 18, 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER TWICHELL AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MONTGOMERY THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEFER THE BPAC MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2020 TO THE NEXT MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HERNANDEZ, MONTGOMERY, MORGAN, NOMURA, SHANMAN,
 TENENSAP, TWICHELL, WEINER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DIGA JACOBSEN

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Downtown-E Line Tactical Mobility Lane Pilot Project and Circulator Service; and (2) Provide Recommendation to City Council

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided background on himself; presented an overview of the Downtown-E Line Tactical Mobility Lane Pilot Project and Circulator Service; discussed the desire for mobility changes in the City; inclusion of bus dedicated lanes; the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) study; the impact of COVID-19 on transportation; City Council direction to reclaim the roadway from cars; recent protests on systemic racism; the role that mobility plays in providing opportunities to those who need it the most; creating a more equitable society; the proposal for a downtown mobility lane; the Expo Station; micro transit; creation of a downtown circulator; Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) actions; competition for street real estate; support for a shared bike/bus mobility lane; the pilot program to test out the concept; working faster; and project funding.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, presented research on where similar programs have been implemented; discussed lessons learned from research on shared bike/bus lanes; and potential severe impacts to mobility and economic vitality if bold improvements are not implemented. She also provided an overview of the preliminary concept for the Tactical Mobility Lane Pilot Project; discussed goals; and the proposed circulator service.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed next steps in the process; safety considerations; the scope and timing of the project; the closure of westbound Culver Boulevard; and the need for BPAC support for mobility lanes.

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed the Expo-Downtown Multi-Modal Connector; funding; design and construction costs; the need to pause before committing to the expenditure; the economic state of the City; the outdoor dining concept; the timeframe for review

and design of the pilot project; previously collected data; changes during the pandemic; community outreach; and implementation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding bicycle parking; extending the proposed mobility lanes to Centinela Avenue; the limited nature of pilot projects and ability to expand with a permanent project; coordination with the circulator route; identifying a 20 minute route maximum with 10 minute capability during peak hours; coordination and opportunities to expand; potential impacts on travel time and commuters; the need for expeditious implementation; taking advantage of the current climate to examine whether the program would work; concern with taking away a lane; current data; Metro projections for the area; expectations taking into account current economic and transportation conditions; the east and westbound traffic split on Culver Boulevard; outdoor dining closure in the westbound direction; creation of new traffic flow patterns; clarification that pilot programs do not have the same requirements as permanent changes do; duration of the pilot program; the need for analysis; use of delineators; training people to take different routes; preparing people for further lane reductions; proceeding quickly with caution; a suggestion to implement a shorter pilot program in order to reduce regulatory constraints; environmental challenges that could shut the pilot project down; the traffic analysis for the overall project; costs to design the Expo-Downtown Connector as recommended by the TOD Visioning Study; the conceptual design vs. the engineering design; whether the project could impact the potential for an ATP grant; other available grant funding programs, Measure M monies, implementation of originally recommended bus only lanes versus a pilot of bus/bike lanes; implementation of other projects in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; serving disadvantaged communities; connectivity; commercial corridors; connections to the Fox Hills area; feasibility of similar pilots on Sepulveda and Jefferson; limited capacity of buses during the pandemic; the open air trolley; putting forth a proposal to the City Council for a fully funded circulator service for the first year; using multiple vehicles to cut wait time; support for extending the route into the Arts District; cost estimates for implementation; management of headways; implementation costs and potential for removal costs; and appreciation to staff for their openness to other ideas.

Vice Chair Weiner invited public comment.

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst, read public comments submitted by:

Phil Klinkton: proposed continuing the tactical multi-use lane to Overland and connecting to downtown and beyond; noted the uptick in people riding their bikes; questioned when more of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan would be implemented; and asserted that now was the ideal time to make changes.

Sophie Nenner: questioned whether bus drivers would go through training to know what it is like to be passed by a bus or honked at by a bus while riding a bike. Staff responded yes and agreed to seek BPAC's input into final training.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

David Metzler discussed limitations of a pilot program vs. a permanent program; noted that there is currently no protected bike lane in the downtown area heading eastward; and he questioned whether it could be possible to do a small segment as an emergency connector to get more people in the downtown area from the east and the west.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the need for support from businesses in order to implement a change for the eastbound direction; the direct relationship to the COVID-19 issue for closure in the westbound direction and financial survival of the downtown restaurants; traffic volumes; elimination of general traffic lanes in the westbound direction; and drivers training.

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst, read a comment submitted by Member Twichell that emphasized the importance of getting the pilot project underway as soon as possible and supporting a longer bus route from La Cienega Avenue to Overland Avenue to increase the usefulness of the project. Staff responded that a cost analysis would be necessary.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, read a comment from a meeting attendee asking whether the traffic light controls would allow buses to have priority.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding implementation of the Bus Signal Priority System project; traffic patterns; scheduling; support for the pilot project; and concerns with extending the pilot project.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR WEINER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MORGAN THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PILOT PROJECT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HERNANDEZ, MONTGOMERY, MORGAN, NOMURA, SHANMAN,
 TENENSAP, TWICHELL, WEINER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DIGA JACOBSEN

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

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

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Vice Chair Weiner welcomed Member Morgan to the Committee.

Member Morgan proposed expanding the purview of the BPAC to become a mobility advisory committee and include transit related items.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee of the City Council; logistics; Committee's existing ability to discuss transit related projects; need for Committee Members use of City email; the special meeting of the Mobility Traffic

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and Parking Subcommittee on August 3rd; and upcoming Subcommittee and Council agenda items.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:06 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned.

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Alicia Ide

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

APPROVED

Michelle Weiner

VICE 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.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date