

# GPAC Meeting #11

Dear GPAC Members,

On Thursday, November 12th, 2020, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, the City of Culver City will hold our 11th GPAC meeting and cover Transportation and Mobility.

**Transportation and Mobility** issues and opportunities to cover include:

- Key legislation
- Implementation of Complete Streets
- Transit speed and reliability
- Intersection of mobility and urban design
- Transportation's impacts on public health and safety
- Actions to reduce vehicle trips and greenhouse gas emissions

This memo provides background information and poses some questions for you to consider before the meeting.

The project team will give a short overview of existing conditions analysis synthesizing key issues and opportunities to lead into a larger discussion about best practices in transportation that relate to the guiding principles of the General Plan Update (GPU). The majority of time will be spent in GPAC discussion.

## Transportation

A city's transportation network is critical to its role of providing essential services and supporting economic vitality, livability, and equity. The design of the transportation network in step with land use policy are key determinants of outcomes directly related to community health, public safety, sustainability, climate action, urban design, and infrastructure. A primary guiding principle of this GPU is to address mobility in a way that builds more active and shared modes of getting to, from, and through Culver City by providing more reliable, safe, affordable, and connected transportation and mobility options. At this GPAC meeting, Carley Markovitz and Zachary Zabel of Nelson\Nygaard (the GPU's multimodal transportation planning firm) will briefly summarize existing mobility in Culver City and lead discussion about ideas for the future.

The General Plan's Circulation Element was originally adopted in 1995 and many goals, policies, and objectives are still reflective of that time. Minor amendments were made to establish policies governing development along Ballona Creek in 2004. California Code requires that any revisions of circulation elements must plan for a *"balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the land use context of the general plan. Users are defined in statute as "bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors."*

The purpose of the Mobility Element is to set a vision for mobility around revitalizing the local street system and reduce vehicular travel as part of the GPU. This will translate established mobility goals and visions into viable policies and actions. The element will be supported by a framework that identifies opportunities to innovate the City's approach to the transportation system in areas like Vision Zero, emerging mobility, transportation demand management, and performance metrics. The element will closely consider the Land Use Element to ensure the City's transportation network and mobility policies support anticipated growth in a safe and equitable manner.

As we begin to discuss existing and future transportation policy in the city, please consider the following high-level questions:

- What are the most critical outcomes related to transportation and mobility for the General Plan?
- What does equitable transportation mean to you?
- How important is it to you that future mobility is designed around jobs and housing growth in the City?
- Where should the City guide new transportation investment to support the mobility needs of current and future residents?
- What types of transportation trends and mobility options should the City be prepared to accommodate in the future? Where?

The Transportation and Mobility Existing Conditions Report will be posted on the GPU project website at [www.PictureCulverCity.com](http://www.PictureCulverCity.com) once it is available.

Should you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to reach out. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM sharp. Please plan for the meeting to end around 9 PM.

- The General Plan Team