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MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

November 19, 2020
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Small called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:04 p.m. in Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall via Webex.

Present: Göran Eriksson, Mayor
Thomas Small, Council Member

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

Council Member Small recognized the accomplishments of the Transportation Department and announced that they had been named Transit Agency of the Year for the state of California.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, indicated that it was an honor to accept the recognition on behalf of the City; noted the sustained effort over many years; commended staff for their efforts over the past 18 months; recognized support of the City Council and the Subcommittee; discussed the collaborative effort; planning; implementation; and he asserted that they would change mobility in Culver City.

Mayor Eriksson expressed excitement at proposed changes for 2021.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Small led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Small invited public comment.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated that no public comment had been received for Items Not on the Agenda.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Presentations

Item P-1

**(1) Receive a Presentation and Discuss the Downtown Tactical Mobility Lane Project, Including a Review of the Mobility Lane Design Concepts and Estimated Implementation Costs; and
(2) Provide Direction to Staff**

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced the presentation on Move Culver City, noting that staff was seeking direction from the Subcommittee on how to move forward.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, provided background on Move Culver City; noted that the project was rooted in the Transit Oriented District (TOD) Visioning Plan; discussed intent of the project; the Council adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; the inability to widen roadways; prioritizing high occupancy and sustainable modes of transportation; leveraging transit investments; street

design; expanding roadway capacity; goals of Move Culver City; implementation of mobility lanes on Sepulveda Boulevard, Jefferson Boulevard, and the Culver Boulevard/Washington Boulevard Downtown Corridor; project phases; and the timeline.

Tony Garcia, Street Plans Consultant, provided a presentation on the project design process; discussed progress to date; data collected; community engagement; parking; moving forward post-COVID; existing bike facilities; accident injury data; spillover effects; unique conditions; COVID-19 on-street dining; impacts, benefits and drawbacks of various options; the value of travel lanes; community feedback; incorporating art into the changes; business considerations; maintaining critical parking and access; results of the community poll; section types; and he reviewed the draft proposals.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the previously identified commercial parking shortage; permit parking in the residential areas; further parking reductions; finding a balance; and options consistent with the TOD Visioning Project.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, discussed circulator service; goals; determining the proper vehicle to provide the service; the proposed route; operational costs; City Council consideration; the pilot program; extensions; integration of service into the Comprehensive Service Analysis; reallocation of services; community input; funding sources; vehicle capacity; desired vehicle characteristics; challenges; and the timeline.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed next steps; Studio Hours; the first draft of the concept plans; design development; virtual workshops; ongoing plans development; use of low-cost materials for the pilot program; use of contractors; the Invitation for Bids (IFB); City Council approval; and input from the Subcommittee.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding balancing the needs of residents and businesses; effects to Bus Line #1; potential ridership; performance challenges; adding ridership; the free service; the short distance the circulator would travel; passenger counter systems; monitoring; ensuring other services are not impacted; a suggestion that the new Subcommittee meet in January; onboarding new Council Members; scheduling;

separated bike lanes; delineators; maximum usage of bike lanes and bikes; the Arts District; optimizing usage for families and children; expanding service to Overland; suggestions for individuals and resources to consult with; the presentation on Mobility in Culver City as part of the General Pan lecture series; Envoy; the CoMotion Conference; Studio Hours; vehicle type; holding a brainstorming session to consider alternatives; the budget; the Transportation Operating Fund; adjusting service as needed to meet demand during COVID; and providing equitable service.

Council Member Small invited public input.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Coles discussed expanded outdoor dining on Culver Boulevard; the option proposed by Karim Sahli in June; opening the southside of Culver Boulevard to two-way traffic and closing down the northside of Culver Boulevard to cars; challenges with signals; concerns Culver Studios; issues with having no left turn lane for cars; access to the parking garage; and prioritization of buses and prioritized bike lanes.

Eric Shabsis, Hackman Capital, expressed appreciation for efforts to balance all concerns; discussed underlying decisions made in the past; monitoring of the pilot program; limitations of public transit; people who have to come to work by car; ensuring access; the number of cars that need to get to the Studio during peak hours; the area between Ince and the Culver garage; the need for access from the east; concern with making the pilot program permanent; and concern with going contrary to what was discussed and promised during the entitlement process.

Ken Mand thanked the consultants and staff for their efforts; noted the importance of the pilot program; discussed temporary solutions; bringing the parking lane off the curb and into the number 2 lane of traffic; the circulator project; disincentivizing cut-through traffic; and he expressed support for amplifying the project through art.

Peggy Koyanagi expressed appreciation for the work done on the project; discussed the importance of connecting the Arts District with the Downtown area; access; getting children to school; assisting the young and the elderly; the circulator;

parking in the neighborhood; cut-through traffic; she questioned why the protected bike lane ends at the Arts District; and she noted the lack of open areas for the children to learn to ride bicycles.

Michelle Weiner, Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), proposed that a presentation be made to BPAC; discussed addressing the portion of the project with the bike/bus lane in the parking lane; support for the proposed circulator bus; potential issues for Culver Studios; the importance of not placing concerns from one group over another; and she expressed support for adding in Jacob as part of the Pilot Slow Streets Program established in four residential areas.

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, indicated that she was working to schedule a Special BPAC Meeting in addition to the Studio Hours.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding appreciation for public comment; the upcoming workshops; brainstorming about available options; the Transit Oriented Development Visioning Study; and appreciation to staff and the consultants for their efforts.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Small invited public participation.

No public comment was received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 4:52 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting.

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Jeremy Green
SECRETARY of the Culver City Mobility, Traffic and Parking
Subcommittee, Culver City, California

APPROVED

Göran Eriksson,
Council Member, Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee
Culver City, California