

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY TRAFFIC AND
PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

January 8, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Small called the meeting of the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Room at City Hall.

Present: Thomas Small, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager
Diana Chang, Transportation Department
Helen Chin, Management Analyst
Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian
Coordinator

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Erin Ragland discussed traffic in her neighborhood; difficulty crossing Braddock and Elenda to walk her child to school; commuter cut-through traffic; she expressed concern with the dangerous situation for pedestrians and bicycles; reported accidents and near misses; she asked for

a neighborhood study; discussed the Culver Boulevard Realignment Project; spillover traffic; and she suggested curb extensions, brightly colored cross walks, stop signs down Elenda between Braddock and Culver, more speedbumps and school signs, forced right turns at Braddock and Sepulveda, and cul de sacing certain streets to prevent cut-through traffic.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Ragland, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding acknowledgement of increased traffic on Braddock; creating a roundabout; eliminating through traffic; and addressing the issues as part of Item A-4, the Discussion of the City's Response to Impacts of Impending Development.

Andrew Tu reiterated concerns with issues on Braddock; expressed concern with new development and worsening traffic; discussed cars that do not stop at stop signs; concern that it is a matter of time before there is a serious accident; and the need for a study of traffic flows on Braddock to identify ways to alleviate the situation.

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

Approval of Minutes for the October 10, 2018 Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Meeting

THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2018.

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Item A-2

Discussion of Possible Name Change for Traffic and Parking Subcommittee

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the suggestion to change the name at the previous meeting; procedures for changing the name; and agreement to

propose changing the name to the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee.

- Staff agreement to agendaize consideration of the name change for the next City Council meeting

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Item A-3

Signalized Intersections and Suggested Names for Adoption

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding criteria and logic for choosing names; helping identify location; emergency situations; picking names that make sense with the location; using a corporate name; asking the company to pay for the signage; clarification that one side of the Sony Studios driveway off of Overland would be called Sony Driveway West and the other would remain Palm Court; potential consequences of using commemorative names; limited sign size; concern with potential confusion with the naming of Madison Plaza; clarification that there has been no communication with the property owners yet; naming opportunities; bringing the matter before the City Council; renaming Washington Place, Louis Armstrong Boulevard; ensuring that a valuable asset is not lost; compliance; suggested names to start the discussion; the number of locations to be named; and staff agreement to approach the property owners before the matter goes before the City Council.

- Staff agreement to speak with property owners to gain feedback before moving forward

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Item A-4

Discussion of the City's Response to Impacts of Impending Development (Including Employment) on Traffic and Public Transportation in Downtown and the TOD

Mayor Small noted that the City Council had been considering the issue for long time; he discussed

understanding the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning Process as an important first step; work to coordinate with all departments in the City; successful public outreach; the focus on the east side of town; visible impacts in the first quarter of 2019; focusing on the entire City at the same time; and he referred to a map showing new developments in the downtown area and the number of parking spaces they would provide.

Barry Kurtz, Traffic Consultant, provided background on himself; discussed the review of projects in the TOD area; traffic impacts of new developments; responsibility to mitigate impacts; various mitigation measures that developers utilize; cumulative impacts of development in the City; Traffic Counts; measuring traffic generated by each project; the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Handbook; he provided examples of new projects and planned mitigation measures; discussed Transportation Demand Management (TDM) improvements; reducing reliance on automobiles; addressing the demand side of traffic; Senate Bill 743; the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT); revised guidelines to comply with SB 743; the Level of Service (LOS) analysis; the contract with Fehr & Peers to create a TDM Forecast Model and revised CEQA Transportation Process; measuring the number of trips entering and exiting the City and the number of trips that begin and end in Culver City; planning for new development and transportation improvements; continued focus on alternate means of transportation; reducing reliance on the automobile; multiple bicycle projects in the City; integrating new technology into the transportation system; e-bikes and e-scooters; and secondary impacts.

Council Member Eriksson discussed pass through traffic in the City; gridlock and concern that employers will look elsewhere; keeping traffic flowing; an observation that the mitigations do not help facilitate additional cars; concern with worsening problems as more cars come through; facilitating movement in the City; the situation in Santa Monica; staying ahead of the problem; addressing the issue holistically; additional jobs being added in the City; the lack of housing in the City; light rail capacity; examining Culver City within the surrounding areas; and potential coordination with the Westside Councils of Governments.

Discussion ensued between Subcommittee Members and staff regarding the model currently underway as a valuable tool that examines the entire City and all modes of transportation; the model vs. traffic counts being taken; future conditions; congestion pricing; rising costs of gasoline and parking; backlash; the need for a regional approach; the TOD Visioning Process; slowing down traffic to force commuter traffic to choose other routes; the Great Streets Program in Los Angeles; Road Diets; the Downtown TOD Connector for the Bike Path; the need for alternative modes of transportation; the on-demand micro transit pilot program; instituting a system of peripheral parking for employees at the perimeter of the City; reducing individual car trips in the City; resident concerns; identifying long and short-term solutions; the importance of communication; the current General Plan Update process; the need for alternatives to single occupancy vehicles; and the need for changes made by the public.

Art Ida, Transportation Director, discussed connectivity; the Regional Public Transportation Improvement Program; creating seamless transactions; fare payments; trip planning; and the number of different transit providers in LA county.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the gondola system in Mexico City; better integration and communication; collaboration; coordination; focusing on different areas in the City; effects of slowing down traffic on the region; pushback from surrounding areas; communication; and staff workload.

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Item A-5

Washington Boulevard Stormwater Urban Runoff Diversion Project

Lee Torres, Senior Civil Engineer, provided a presentation on the Washington Boulevard Stormwater Urban Runoff Diversion Project, discussed the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); the state mandated permit; waste discharge requirements; receiving waters; Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs); participation in the Marina Del Rey Watershed Group and the Ballona Creek Watershed Group; the required plan to comply with TMDLs and

the permit; the Enhanced Watershed Management Program Plan (EWMP); projects and strategies to accomplish compliance; the sub-drainage area that drains to Marina Del Rey Harbor; drainage patterns for the project area; the first flush of runoff; diverting captured runoff to a sanitary sewer system; diversion vs. filtration; funding; the Stormwater Parcel Tax; the county grant; and the public/private partnership with Costco.

Katie Burrell, CWE, provided a presentation on the project and provided a schematic; discussed capturing stormwater and dry weather runoff; pre-treatment of flows; the storage system; treatment; new piping to be installed; the underground storage system; project elements; concurrent construction; the raised medians; captured runoff for irrigation; and trenchless installation.

Vik Bapna, CWE, discussed traffic and parking impacts during construction; street configuration; the temporary elimination of 72 parking spaces; local access issues; congestion; bus stops; changeable message signs; alternate routes; advance notification; detours; signage; analyzing potential impacts; mitigation measures; coordination with businesses in the area and the City of Los Angeles; signal timing; and public outreach.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Subcommittee members regarding door to door notification to adjacent businesses; the public meeting; outreach; length of the construction period; project phasing; the moratorium; length of time that the lane would be closed; scheduling; increased construction impacts with simultaneous projects; lane reductions during the project; safety; the tentative schedule; adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project; raised medians and restoration work in front of the Costco driveway; detours; phasing; efficiency; encouraging drivers to take alternate routes; support for the project; overall budget; Measure CW funding; the shortfall; bids; the Costco contribution; benefits to a particular area; development of future project ideas around Ballona Creek; unavoidable parking and traffic impacts; Community Discussions in Fox Hills; increased contact with concerned parties; person to person contact with those businesses that will lose parking spaces and be impacted by the traffic; outreach to local schools; deliveries for Costco; and improving water quality at the beach and the environment.

- Staff to engage in extensive public outreach to surrounding businesses

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Item A-6

Scooter Share Update

Diana Chang, Transportation Department, provided a status update on the Scooter Share Trial Program; discussed compliance with requirements; the need for complete data from Bird; average daily deployment; education and outreach; traffic safety incidents; red light camera citations; public comment submitted to the City; fluctuations in deployment numbers; overall number of scooters per day; total number of scooter trips since the launch of the program; internal trips; average trip length; the declining number of daily trips for Bird vs. the stable number of daily trips for Lime; daily utilization rates; incorrect parking; sidewalk riding; operator responsiveness for Bird vs. Lime; Assembly Bill 2989; options available to the City; the target launch date; expiration of the Interim Operating Agreement (IOA); launch of the permanent program; and the staff recommendation to extend the IOA until the permanent program launches.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the need to receive information in advance to allow a chance for consideration of the complicated options; declining usage; the initial hype; lessons learned; safety; feedback regarding a desire for larger wheels; uneven surfaces; the lack of bike lanes to ride in; adaptability; a suggestion to roll the agreement over for another month and digest information; other operators wanting to participate in Culver City; the feeling that the program is not as successful as had been hoped; use of scooters in the downtown area and near the train station; balancing the number of vehicles deployed vs. utilization rates; the concentration of deployment along arterials; gathering utilization information from Santa Monica; the lack of infrastructure to support mobility in Culver City; and agreement to bring the item back next month.

* staff to bring information back on utilization in Santa Monica

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Item A-7

Discussion of How Local Jurisdictions Have Addressed Cut-Through Traffic from Waze

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, provided background on the item; discussed GPS navigation with crowd source data; alternative routing to avoid traffic; actions of other cities to address issues of cut-through traffic; agreements with mapping applications for data exchange; safety concerns; liability; the Department of Transportation (DOT) study of impacts of mapping applications in Los Angeles; the changes to Baxter Street in Silver Lake to address traffic being routed that way; DOT as the lead agency to negotiate data sharing with app companies; data availability; the report provided by DOT to the Transportation Committee; outcomes; the determination that Los Angeles cannot restrict, control or designate public streets to local drivers and cannot control output by mapping applications; data from Los Angeles vs. user input; prioritization; monitoring data for correction; use of digital authority by DOT to open and close streets; continued study of impacted street segments; additional research on input of data by users; working to avoid further negative impacts to neighborhoods; adjusting the algorithm based on information; current inability to regulate navigation apps by the City of Los Angeles; experiences in other parts of the country; signage; enforcement; phantom wrecks and traffic jams reported by users; consequences and implications of cut-through routing; a lawsuit filed in Leonia for closing of public roads; revenue drops for local businesses due to re-routing; roads overseen by a network of local entities; inequitable economic and social impacts; the California Vehicle Code regarding access; and potential transit solutions.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the work being done with Rancho Higuera; the inability to restrict public streets; concern with inconveniencing residents; and finding a balanced approach.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding continuing to monitor state law and how the

systems develop; and monitoring the actions of the city of Los Angeles.

- staff to continue monitoring state law
- staff to continue monitoring the actions of the city of Los Angeles

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Item A-8

Experience Elena Survey Results

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided an update on Experience Elenda; discussed attendance; demographics; outreach; survey feedback; results; important issues raised; resolution of sightline issues; claustrophobia concerns with less space and the intent to slow cars down with street narrowing; insufficient time to determine whether patterns have been affected; retaining a dedicated right turn lane onto Elenda from Culver Boulevard; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) analysis of bike usage before and during the demonstration; intersection design; limitations with a temporary installation; two-way bike lanes; parking; protected bicycle lanes; and next steps including the school drop-off zone demonstration, the community open house, RFP and construction bids, and applications for Caltrans funding.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding location of the school drop off zone; resolution of most issues with design and further implementation; success with slowing down traffic by narrowing the street but negative impact of claustrophobia for some users; and before and after data.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Mayor Small asked that staff investigate reported feedback on signage obscured by plants on Irving Street, and parking and signage at Frost Auditorium.

Council Member Eriksson reported being appointed to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee for the National League of Cities; discussed gaining buy-in from other cities around the country; and taking a national approach to issues with Waze.

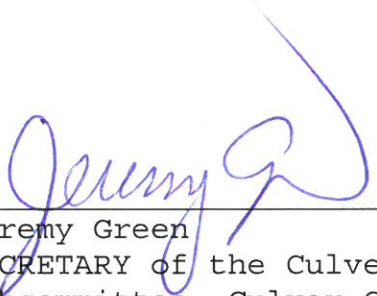
Mayor Small congratulated Council Member Eriksson on his appointment and thanked him for his efforts on the Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:06 p.m., the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting.

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APPROVED



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Culver City, California