

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

October 29, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Mayor Eriksson called the regular meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:00 p.m. in Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Göran Eriksson, Vice Mayor
Thomas Small, Council Member

Staff Present: John Nachbar, City Manager
Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer
Diana Chang, Transportation Department
Helen Chin, Management Analyst

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Agenda Items

Item A-1

**Approval of Minutes for the August 27, 2019 Mobility,
Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Meeting**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 27, 2019 MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

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Item A-2

**Discussion of the I-10/Robertson/National Area Circulation
Improvement Project (Transportation)**

Diana Chang, Transportation Department, provided background on the project; discussed the project area; unusual street configurations; the convergence of multiple modes of transportation; the intent of the project; grants; she noted that Los Angeles is the lead agency for the project; discussed the Request for Proposals (RFP); the Environmental Document Analysis; the proposed schedule; and the core project team.

Eric Spangler, Michael Baker International, discussed different project alternatives on the table and different elements of the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding right of way costs vs. construction costs; splitting congestion onto the onramps; the maximum build vs. the hybrid; existing conditions; noise levels; compliance with noise protocol; noise level calculations; the decision making body for the project; weight of decision making for Culver City; cost distribution; development potential of remaining private land; distribution of Measure M funding; other priorities; advocates for the project; alternative funding; the shift of focus to rebuilding bridges; and the need for additional funding.

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public participation.

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The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

David Metzler discussed volume vs. speed; the Expo station; placing more emphasis on bike lanes; induced demand; encouraging people to get in their cars by improving speed rather than encouraging alternative forms of transportation; traffic around Hamilton High School; and including alternative forms of transportation as part of the project.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Spangler, Mr. Metzler, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding cut through traffic; inducing demand for alternative forms of transportation; clarification that the project is not a capacity enhancing project but rather an operational improvement project; the intent of the project to address deficiencies in the system; and getting people to the Expo Line.

Further discussion ensued between Mr. Spangler, staff and Subcommittee Members regarding closing off ramps; placing additional demand on adjacent interchanges; changing behavior; addressing safety and operational efficiencies for all modes of transportation; and compatibility with current and future infrastructure.

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Item A-3

Discussion of a Geofence for Culver Steps (Community Development/Public Works/Transportation)

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, discussed suggested boundaries; the use of scooters in the Plaza; current restrictions for skateboards and bicycles; maintenance issues created by bicycles and scooters; and the aim to eliminate scooters on sidewalks and around the main plaza and the original plaza.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed identification of locations for bike share and bike racks; creating identified routes; and the natural inclination for people to take the shortest route.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the potential for confusion if a geofence is established now and a separate bike and scooter path is created later; the potential for creating a ban and then reintroducing bikes and scooters; the need for communication with the developer; the current practice of police and security stopping people riding in the area; the fire lane; defining crossings in heavy pedestrian areas; signage; the practices of other cities; clear delineation of a route; and the existing municipal code that prohibits bike riding in the plaza.

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

David Metzler expressed opposition to a geofence; noted that bicycles are referred to hazards; discussed policies in European cities; establishing a speed limit; enforcement against bad behavior vs. riding itself; studio access; the existing fire lane; accuracy of geofences; and safety issues.

Michelle Weiner, Bike Culver City, discussed priorities; the health of tiles vs. the health of people; bike lanes; geofences; enjoying public areas; the actions of other towns; the ordinance; City Council approval of the signage; and she asserted that if safe alternatives were provided, people would adhere to them.

Travis Morgan discussed the feeling of safety riding in the Plaza; the need for safe alternatives; and the mix of modalities in European cities.

Ken Mand asked that attachments be provided with the agenda so that people better understand the topics being discussed.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding providing a wide sidewalk and a wide protected bike lane; free mixing of modalities in the Plaza; clarification that anything included in the municipal code was agreed upon by the City Council but can be changed; differences between bicycles and scooters; speed of travel; courtesy; use of the geofence to control the scooters; scooter charging outside of The Arclight; the

prohibition of motorized vehicles in the area;
clarification that there is no cost to create a geofence;
activating the area; allowing bikes and scooters through
the area at a reduced speed with a geofence to regulate
speed; tire marks on tiles; determining the appropriate
speed to specify; and direction to staff to do additional
research and bring the item back to the next meeting.

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Item A-4

Review of TOD Visioning Recommendations

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the Downtown Connector; the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP); the RFP; consultant selection; the process; expected timeline; proposed mitigations; refinement of designs; concepts shared with the Community; changes to dimensions; cost estimates; implementation; and funding.

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand noted the money spent on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning; expressed concern that there was not more to report; questioned what was being done to advance the cause; requested that information be provided with the staff report; noted development coming to the City; and he expressed concern with lost opportunity and that all the momentum had been lost.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the Downtown Connector; implementation; the pilot project for micro transit; recommendations of the TOD Visioning Study; infrastructure for the mobility system; the bus signal prioritization project; increased speeds; the strategic plan to address proposals; taking concrete steps to move forward; micro-transit; coordination with LA Metro; agreement to place a micro-transit discussion item on the next agenda; priorities; direction; the Metro Sustainability Council meeting; efforts to move things forward; staff time; limited resources; a suggestion to hold a public transportation workshop in the new year;

including a mobility workshop in the General Plan Speaker series; outreach goals; fixed route service; and transportation apps.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Vice Mayor Eriksson invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Subcommittee:

Travis Morgan presented slides; discussed an upcoming bike lane project in Fox Hills; engagement; a resolution of support from homeowner associations; adding neighborhood protection; Bloomberg Philanthropies; Asphalt Art; implementation; timeframe; regular events in the downtown area; showcasing the potential of the downtown area; and benefits of asphalt art.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Morgan and Committee Members regarding size of the grant and coordination with Culver Arts.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, provided an ongoing list of action items including updates on what has been completed.

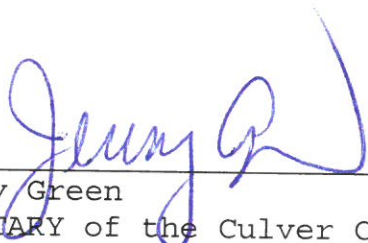
Vice Mayor Eriksson suggested that the item be discussed at the next meeting.

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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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APPROVED 4 MAR 2020



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