

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CULVER CITY
MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

May 10, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Eriksson called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic, and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Patio Conference Room at City Hall

Present: Alex Fisch, Council Member
Göran Eriksson, Council Member

Staff Present: Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer
Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Division
Manager
Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst
Ali Showkatian, Transit Operations Manager
Hector Calvinisti, Transportation Safety and Training
Coordinator
Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst
Kaitlyn Zhang, Transportation Management Analyst
Ken Bales, Transportation Management Analyst
Nestor Ducreux, Transportation Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members/Staff

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, reported that the City was being recognized nationally and had been invited to speak on MOVE Culver City at the National American Public Transportation meeting.

Council Member Fisch indicated that he would be speaking about MOVE Culver City in Paris at an international cities conference and staff offered to provide resources.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Mary Daval announced Bike to Work Day on May 19 for Bike Month noting that CC Bus was supporting the event but not a part of it.

Karim Sahli expressed disappointment that he was not permitted to participate in a hybrid meeting; discussed the recent hybrid Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting; benefits to staff and the public with a hybrid format; he indicated that he would be in Paris and would want to participate in meetings; he noted that the technology is available; stated that there was no need to require that people drive or travel to City Hall to participate; and he wanted to see City Council direction followed regarding Main Street.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Sahli, staff, and Subcommittee Members regarding City Council consideration of Main Street on May 23; plans to block the street using City buses; and concern with blocking MOVE Culver City bike lanes.

Khin Khin Gyi discussed issues with the implementation of the island at Kelmore/Ranch/Overland; bollards obstructing

sightlines; an accident in the area; pedestrian safety; cyclists riding on the sidewalk; alternate routes; and the importance of incorporating ideas from neighbors.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Council Member Eriksson reported two letters received.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Mobility, Traffic, and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of March 29, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC, AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 29, 2022.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Receive a Presentation on the MOVE Culver City - Downtown Circulator Update; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Ali Showkatian, Transit Operations Manager, provided background on himself and an update on the Downtown Circulator Pilot Program; discussed the first/last mile service;

frequency; connections; challenges; steps being taken to improve services; and next steps.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the window wrap; the importance of ensuring frequency; promotion of the shuttle; and allowing other transportation companies or companies in town with shuttles to use the lane.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Stephen Jones received clarification regarding monthly ridership numbers for the circulator; he felt that other shuttles wanting to use the mobility lane should pay to support it; discussed frequency; extending the pilot program; advertising; and he expressed appreciation for the service.

David Coles expressed support for the circulator; felt the numbers were better than he had understood them to be; proposed suggestions to encourage ridership; discussed the importance of placing a sign that says "free" on the shuttle so it is clear that the service is free to everyone; extending the route; feedback from drivers; providing service to the Fairfax Transit Hub; eliminating pass-through traffic; making choices out of convenience; and he felt that the bus lane was working to induce a mode shift.

Mary Daval wanted to ensure that any private drivers using the lane be trained by CC Bus on how to share the lane and to be respectful and safe; she discussed charging a fee for certification; and requiring payment for lane usage.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding clarification that the service is different than what public transportation is used to; managing headways; delivering consistent, reliable service; use of the public right of way; research on sharing with private entities; communication with Apple and Sony; certification; education; sharing space; facets to private use; practical issues; ridership; the fact that people are still not in the offices; anecdotal evidence; interested but fearful bike riders; people who wish the service would go further; and appreciation to staff for the report.

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Item A-2

(1) Receive a Presentation on Assembly Bill 917 (AB917) Video Surveillance Enforcement Pilot Program; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Hector Calvinisti, Transportation Safety and Training Coordinator, provided a presentation on the AB917 Video Surveillance Enforcement Pilot Program; discussed automated enforcement; enhanced experience; creating a safer environment; data collected to provide an understanding of the scale of parking violations and efficiency of the program; required reporting; collaboration with the City Attorney's Office; evaluation of unsolicited proposals; Transit Lane Enforcement; integration of technology; the project plan; average number of daily violations; and bringing all the moving parts together to enhance customer experience and create a safer environment for everyone.

Council Member Eriksson invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli expressed support for the project; discussed the testing period; situations where Uber drivers park in the bike lane; and adding bollards in the Downtown area.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the ability to collect data for bike lanes; enforcement; citations; research needed regarding adding bollards to the Downtown area; getting the data for bike lanes; demonstrating a need to the legislature; support for keeping the bus lane clear; people with mobility issues; and the importance of providing a drop off area.

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Item A-3

(1) Receive a Presentation on the Citywide Transportation

**Demand Management Study Project Status Update; and (2)
Provide Direction to Staff**

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided a status update on the Citywide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding incorporating the TOD (Transportation Oriented Development) Visioning Study into the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study; the need to update policies; collaboration with Community Development and Public Works; creation of a City-wide policy; the General Plan Update; and the value of other TDM measures for Fox Hills which is a major job center.

Council Member Eriksson invited public input.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Stephen Jones received clarification that data from Bird is used in the management of the micro-mobility program in collaboration with the operators.

Karim Sahli received clarification that the study was meant to help the City create programs and implement policy changes to ensure a paradigm shift and address the current lack of a program with employers in the City; he discussed the TOD document provided; and he wanted the City to work with employers.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the need for staff to learn from the experience of consultants and from other cities; ensuring that mistakes are not repeated; and cities that plan but do not execute.

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Item A-4

(1) Receive a Presentation on the Culver City Employee Rideshare Program; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a presentation on the Culver City Employee Rideshare Program.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding value associated with parking; parking allowances for employees; providing benefits; creating a program to incentivize walking and biking; providing a parking cash out; program volume; fines paid for not meeting goals; and costs associated with driving a car as a potent deterrent.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

No requests to speak were received.

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Item A-5

(1) Receive a Presentation on the CityBus Electrification - Parking Structure Update; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided a presentation on the Parking Garage Update related to CityBus Electrification.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding height of the garage and grade interference with the yard as a whole.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli expressed concern with the height of the project; proposed dispersing employee parking to other parts of the City; discussed design; and creating the foundation for a mobility hub at Duquesne and Jefferson.

Mary Daval expressed appreciation for the tour; discussed the importance of housing bus operators and other City employees; and she felt that workforce housing was not just for teachers.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding height concerns; money spent digging down that could be spent on items that have a material impact on people's lives; carbon emissions; the tight project timeline; and the challenge of identifying funding.

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Item A-6

(1) Receive a Presentation on the Transportation Service Key Performance Indicators; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Kaitlyn Zhang, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a presentation on Transportation Service Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and she discussed continued operations during COVID-19.

Ryan Hund, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a report on CityBus and CityShare ridership for the third quarter of fiscal year 2022.

Ken Bales, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a report on the Culver City Bus Fareless System Initiative with the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD).

Nestor Ducreux, Transportation Management Analyst, provided a report on the CityFleet Division.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the drop in boardings; recovery in public transportation; staffing issues; safety; hours; and competition with other companies.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Stephen Jones discussed headways and the need for a KPI reflecting transit rider experience.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the intent to ensure safe, reliable, comfortable service for a good distance; revenue derived through ridership; Transportation goals; and creating a consortium of like-minded agencies of similar size to compare KPIs and build off each other.

Karim Sahli expressed support for the Fareless Service Initiative.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the pilot program; an upcoming meeting with CCUSD and parents; success accomplishing the goal to double ridership; establishing new goals; building confidence and habits in children; adjusting trips to fit the needs of the students; equipment upgrades; phone passes; allowing the time necessary to establish a line; providing sustained commitment and predictability for the user; more people that will realize how convenient the service is; and support for the program.

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Item A-7

(1) Receive a Presentation on MOVE Culver City - Downtown Tactical Mobility Lane Project Status Update; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided an update on MOVE Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding accident data; the experiences of other cities; tracking impacts to greenhouse gases associated with stop and go traffic; collecting and measuring appropriate data; manual counts; economic impacts; the goal of creating a paradigm shift to get people out of their cars; staff time; spacing of traffic signals in the Downtown area; efficient placement; traffic signal cycle lanes; and challenges.

Council Member Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Stephen Jones thanked staff for the presentation; discussed use of different modes; the connection between the Culver Bike Path and Downtown; and he received clarification regarding sidewalk riding.

David Coles discussed data collection for the mobility lane; visibility and placement of bike signals; a crash by a Bike Culver City member; widening the ramps to the same width as the platforms at bus stops; dumpsters in the bike lane; and he asked about efforts to close gaps in the bike lanes between West Adams and Elenda.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding refreshing bike lane striping on Jefferson and other arterials; staff workload; and planned updates to the BPAC on the missing link between Adams and Elenda and Safe Routes to School.

Karim Sahli discussed the number of people who died on Culver City streets in the last ten years; homicides vs. traffic deaths in the City; the focus on moving as many cars through the City as possible vs. focusing on moving as many bicycles and buses through the City as possible; the importance of supporting the project; and idling cars vs. reduced numbers of cars in the City.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, indicated that the work of engineers is to support policies, not create them.

Mary Daval discussed removal of bike parking in the Downtown area for sidewalk configuration and she proposed a potential location for a bike corral.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding potential locations for bicycle parking in the City.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Eriksson invited public participation.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported no requests to speak.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the date of the next meeting; additional discussion about addressing the gap between MOVE Culver City and Adams at the next meeting; the project list for Mobility and Traffic Engineering available on the City website; and updates to be provided at the next BPAC meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:18 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to August 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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APPROVED



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