



City of Culver City

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Staff Report

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(1) Presentation of Pilot Slow Streets Program Review Findings by Public Works Department Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division; (2) Public Input Regarding Findings and Changes

Meeting Date: February 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐

Attachments: [N]

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Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson, Public Works Director / City Engineer

BACKGROUND

A Slow Streets Program allows for use of a whole residential street width for walking, bicycling, scooting, skating, and any other modes of person-propelled transportation.

In October 2020, in response to community requests, the City of Culver City implemented a temporary Pilot Slow Streets Program for segments of four residential streets to support social distancing efforts during the pandemic. The Program was piloted on the following street segments:

- Farragut Dr from Duquesne Ave to Jackson Ave;
- Fox Hills neighborhood on Cambridge Way, Windsor Way, Sumner Way, and
- Kensington Way;
- McConnell Ave from south of Washington Blvd to Short Ave; and
- Rhoda Way from Ocean Dr to Dobson Way.

The Slow Street designation is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, until COVID- 19 emergency

orders are lifted by the City. Street segments were selected for the Pilot based on a number of factors, including community request and participation.

Registered community volunteers have assisted the City staff to implement the Pilot Slow Streets Program by managing the Slow Street signs and encouraging motorists to drive slowly. Volunteers also encourage all those actively using the full street width to maintain social distancing, wear a face mask, and exercise caution while using the roadway. Volunteers are identified and managed by the street communities and other local groups.

The Slow Street Program does not fully close participating streets. During the Pilot, signs were posted on street barricades at street entry and exit locations to alert drivers that the street was for local traffic only, that vehicular traffic should travel at slower speeds, and that all road users should exercise caution. Local vehicular access by residents, deliveries to the homes, Uber/Lyft drop-off/pick-up activities, etc. and City services (including emergency vehicles) continued. Slow Streets are not intended, however, for public gathering places and cannot be used for neighborhood group activities or group sports.

ATTACHMENTS

None

MEETING DISCUSSION

Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 6:00 PM

- Virtual meeting participation requires registration at <https://www.culvercity.org/City-Hall/Meetings-Agendas>
- Written comments can be submitted to public.works@culvercity.org <mailto:public.works@culvercity.org>

The Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department will report on the findings of the Pilot Slow Streets Program review. City staff will share field observations and community feedback. Staff will also report on signage production, City service and crew maintenance, and reporting.

Members of the public are invited to hear the findings and provide input regarding any needed changes.