



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

January 5, 2023
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 5, 2023 / 9:01 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen (*arrived at 9:49 AM*), Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz, Chair Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Sergeant Dale Drummond, Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Sergeant David Tomlin

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from Ellen Carmona.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting of December 1, 2022.

2. A Resolution of the Traffic and Parking Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to Be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Comment: Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Traffic and Parking Commission to

continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Vice Chair Schwartz to approve the consent calendar items as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz, Chair Shalowitz

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond reviewed highlights from the end of last year for traffic enforcement and upcoming events involving road closures. Sergeant David Tomlin reviewed the new preferential permit parking program rollout. The Commission inquired about the application process and traffic notifications.

4. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Laguna Beach Transit Programs

Transportation Planner Martha Eros introduced Michael Litschi, Director of Transit & Community Services for the City of Laguna Beach. Michael reviewed Laguna Beach's transit systems with a focus on the "Laguna Local" microtransit program. The Commission asked about community survey outreach efforts, microtransit bookings, and senior programs.

5. Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report

Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Riley reviewed updates on traffic engineering activities from the last quarter of 2022, including crosswalk improvements, signal upgrades, and speed humps. The Commission asked about the proposed location of the South Beverly Drive crosswalk, the completion of the Robertson/Chalmers Crosswalk and projected speed hump sites.

The commission took a break at 10:20 AM.

The commission returned from break at 10:30 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Beverly Hills Transit Feasibility Study/Pilot Project Development Update

Transportation Planner Martha Eros reviewed recommendations from the transit feasibility study, including proposed transit circulator routes with stops and cost analysis. She also reviewed next steps for the program. The Commission asked about the proposed number of vehicles for the microtransit program, costs and payment options, and electric vehicles. There was also a discussion regarding how to encourage Beverly Hills residents to use the program and the purpose of the microtransit program.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from Steven Mayer, Peter Ostroff and Wendy Nystrom.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

7. Project Updates and Follow-Up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter reviewed project updates, including the 2023 safety campaign, bike repair stands, new bike racks, and a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Honorable Mention Award for bike friendliness.

Vice Chair Schwartz left the meeting at 11:39 AM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Ignarro asked if a temporary protected lane could be placed on Santa Monica to compare bicycle rider user with versus without a protected lane. Commissioner Geller asked if the left turn lane onto Robertson Blvd from Gregory Way could be given clearer signals on whether it is the pedestrian's turn to cross the intersection or the vehicle's turn to proceed left in order to prevent accidents.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 5, 2023 / 11:46 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023



Ron Shalowitz, Chair