

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

February 2, 2023 9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time:

February 2, 2023 / 9:01 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair

Schwartz, Chair Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Sergeant Dale Drummond, Cole Duffy, 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:

None.

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 January 5, 2023.

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 (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz,

Chair Shalowitz

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond reviewed monthly traffic reports for the year of 2022. Lieutenant Robert Maycott reviewed the new preferential permit parking program rollout and provided updates on workshops with the public to increase registration numbers. The Commission asked about the overall traffic report numbers from 2022 and commented on the permit parking program's website.

4. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Seattle DOT Safe System Approach/Vision Zero Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced Allison Schwartz, the Vision Zero Program Coordinator for the Seattle Department of Transportation. Ms. Schwartz reviewed Seattle's Safe System Approach to end traffic deaths/injuries by 2030 and the various actions undertaken to meet that goal. The Commission asked how Seattle addresses congestion from reducing the number of lanes.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5. Beverly/Cañon/Lomitas Intersection Improvements

Assistant Director/City Engineer Daren Grilley and Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided an overview on proposed conceptual design options for infrastructure improvements at the Beverly/Cañon/Lomitas intersection to increase driver and pedestrian safety. The Commission discussed the options and decided to recommend the third option, which would turn the intersection into a roundabout.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Vice Chair

Schwartz to recommend construction of a roundabout in the

intersection to City Council (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz,

Chair Shalowitz

NOES: None

CARRIED

The commission took a break at 10:17 AM.

The commission returned from break at 10:24 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Proposed Locations for New Pedestrian Crossings

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter reviewed proposed pedestrian crossing locations for the Commission to consider. She introduced CivicSpark Fellow Elizabeth Morris who reviewed the criteria for evaluating and ranking the priority of proposed locations. The Commission discussed the weighting factors used for certain criteria and discussed additional locations they suggested considering for possible new pedestrian crossings.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

7. Project Updates and Follow-Up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter reviewed updates on the Minimum Grid Bikeway sign installation process, the Clifton Way-Le Doux Road Corridor Mobility Study, and the 2023 Safety Transportation Campaign. Transportation Planner Martha Eros provided an update on public feedback from the Pilot Route Survey. The Commission asked how to raise public awareness of the pilot route program.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Afra-Maghen asked if there are plans for adding an app to inform visitors about open parking spots in the City's parking structures. Assistant Director Grilley said that the technology is available with parking space information displayed at each garage and implementing an app is on the list of planned projects. Commissioner Geller asked if the crossing time for La Cienega and Gregory Way for the north side and south side was different and, if so, what is the purpose. Assistant Director Grilley advised he would follow up.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

February 2, 2023 / 11:07 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY of MARCH, 2023

Ron Shalowitz, Chair