

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Room 280A

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time:

October 5, 2023 / 9:02 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair

Schwartz. Chair Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Ilene

Knebel, Christian Vasquez

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.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

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 August 3, 2023

Motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Commissioner

Geller to approve the consent calendar item as presented (4/0).

AYES:

Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Chair Shalowitz

ABSTAIN:

Vice Chair Schwartz.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond gave an update on the Traffic Division's activities in September, including a DUI checkpoint and the Next Night community event. He also gave tips on safe driving during Halloween. The Commission asked Sergeant Drummond about the shaving cream/silly string/hair removal product 24-hour ban for people under the age 21 on Halloween, the definition of "unsafe turning movement" (dangerous left or right turns), and about the increase in red light photo citations.

3. Monthly Educational Speaker Series - Los Angeles Universal Basic Mobility Pilot Program

Transportation Planner Christian Vasquez introduced Shirin Sadrpour, Environment Affairs Officer at the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). She gave a presentation on the department's universal basic mobility (UBM) pilot program, which is designed to provide everyone who uses it guaranteed quality transportation and ease of access, no matter who they are or what economic class they are. The program includes transportation subsidies in the forms of prepaid debit cards, an e-bike library, a BlueLA Car Share expansion, and electric on-demand shuttles, among others. The Commission thanked her for her presentation and asked about how the program works with LADOT, the qualifications for residents to participate in the program.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. Roxbury Protected Bike Lane Transition Options

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter gave an overview on options to transition the protected bike lane on Roxbury from a pilot program to a permanent feature. A majority of residents who took the distributed survey support adding the lanes as a permanent feature. Staff is asking the Commission for their recommendation on which option. The Commission asked about any possible accidents caused by bicycles, whether delivery trucks were allowed to park in the middle of the road, the back-in parking configuration option, and the option of adding speed bumps to slow down traffic in the street. All Commissioners expressed support for keeping the bike lanes in some form but had different preferences for what the design should be.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from Jake Aftergood, Barbara

Bernstein, Mark Elliot, Armen Eskijian, Chris Eskijian, David Gingold, Janet Goldblatt, Beverly Goldner, Lori Goldman, Ken Goldman, James Goldrich, Sybil Goldrich, David Gordon, Sandy and Jerry Jolton, Karen Pasccrella, Emily Rothstein, Philip

Gomperts and John.

Public Comment: Public comment was read into the record from Alan Block and

Thomas White.

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The commission took a break at 11:15 AM.

The commission returned from the break at 11:24 AM.

5. Clifton-Le Doux Corridor Mobility Study

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter gave an update on the Clifton-Le Doux mobility study, including a draft conceptual design for the traffic calming devices as part of a six-month installation demonstration program.

Motion:

MOVED by Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Geller

to present the demonstration program to City Council for their

approval (5/0).

AYES:

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

Chair Shalowitz

NOFS:

None

CARRIED

Public Speaker:

Public comment was heard from Mark Elliot.

Public Comment:

Public comment was read into the record from Matthew

Wunderlich and Bernie Kamine.

6. Project Updates and Follow-Up Items

Transportation Planning Analyst Christian Vasquez presented updates on various projects by the transportation team, including safety awareness.

7. Legislative Updates

City Engineer Daren Grilley gave an update on legislative bills in the California State House.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Vice Chair Schwartz commented on October being "Transportation Month." She reported on the drop off and pick up experience at Beverly Hills High School and gave her suggestions for increased safety.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

October 5, 2023 / 11:39 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY of NOVEMBER, 2023

Ron Shalowitz, Chair