



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A

**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Traffic and Parking Commission Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Thursday, December 12, 2017  
3:30 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: December 12, 2017 / 4:02 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice Mayor Gold, Councilmember Friedman, Traffic and Parking Commission Vice Chair Meshkaty, Traffic and Parking Commissioner Solnit, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene, Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz, Transportation Planner Martha Eros, Transportation Planning Analyst Christian Vasquez, Secretary Alison Wehrle, Iteris Consultant Michael Meyer, Iteris Consultant Deepak Kaushik

**1) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Public Comment was provided at various points during the meeting.

Speakers: Mark Elliot, Kory Klem, Sharon Ignarro, David Gingold

**2)** Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz provided the background information for the South Santa Monica Boulevard Complete Streets pilot project. Previous to the start of the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project in January 2017, South Santa Monica Boulevard had 13 metered parking spaces on the south side of the street, and 26 metered parking spaces on the north side. These 39 parking meters were bagged, with the initial intention of this change being temporary for the duration of construction. The meter bagging and road restriping has led to more efficient traffic flow for the street, leading to the question of how parking should be restored at project completion, if at all. Some business owners located on South Santa Monica Boulevard have expressed their desire to have the parking replaced, with no changes to the previous configuration.

Vice Mayor Gold requested to hear from City staff and members of the public in attendance. Topics and questions voiced by the group included the following:

- Impacts of parking removal on merchants on South Santa Monica Boulevard
- Average percentage of South Santa Monica Boulevard parking used by DP placards
- Future necessity of loading zones on the north-south streets between North and South Santa Monica Boulevards

- Feasibility of adding bike lanes on South Santa Monica Boulevard
- Prospective option to create a peak hour tow-away zone as an alternative solution
- Importance of timeliness of a selection of a strategy due to the impending completion of the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project

Vice Mayor Gold asked for financial data regarding any potential impact of parking removal on the businesses on South Santa Monica Boulevard. Councilmember Friedman stressed the importance of acquiring public comment from residents and businesses regarding the different parking options. The Committee directed staff to bring the item to the Traffic & Parking Commission.

### **3) Complete Streets**

Transportation Planner Martha Eros and Iteris Consultant Michael Meyer provided an update on the amended scope of work for the Project Advisory Group, including the group composition and role. The group is expected to meet regularly and analyze the complete streets strategies of the City. Members will include City staff across various departments, as well as agents from numerous organizations across the Los Angeles area. In addition to the suggested members/organizations listed in the staff memo, recommendations were also made to reach out to Team Beverly Hills members, the school district's PTA members, and residents who expressed interest in recent transportation projects.

Topics and questions voiced by the group included the following:

- Relation of complete streets to traffic calming
- Neighboring cities serving as interface points for bike lanes
- Importance of public outreach and ease of submission of public correspondence

Vice Mayor Gold stressed that the role of the Project Advisory Group needed to be clear, and that the public needs to be aware that even if they aren't a member of the group, they can still be part of the process. In addition, he requested that non-technical people should be able to participate as well. Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz clarified that while the complete streets plan is high-level planning, it may touch upon the topic of traffic calming. The Committee agreed that the Traffic & Parking Commission will serve as the lead for the project, and the item will be presented on the agenda monthly to allow for public comment and direction. Once the project details have been developed, the item will be presented to City Council.

### **4) Tour Bus Legislation**

The State of California enacted Assembly Bill 25 in September 2017, allowing local jurisdictions to prohibit the use of loud speakers on modified tour vehicles and adopt rules and regulations to restrict routes or streets determined to be unsafe for tour vehicles. Transportation Planner Martha Eros introduced the item to the Committee, and Dr. Gold confirmed the clear concurrence of the Committee to move the item forward to City Council.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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