In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

October 6, 2022
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Date/Time: October 6, 2022 / 9:01 AM

ROLL CALL
Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Vice Chair
Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Schwartz
Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Sergeant Dale Drummond, Martha Eros,
Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Kevin Riley

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 Speakers: Public comment was heard from Ellen Carmona, Matthew Grubman, and Kory Klem.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved with an amendment; TAB 7 will be taken after TAB 3.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

2. A Resolution of the 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 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 Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Geller to approve the consent calendar items as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro
NOES: None
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Police Department Report
Sergeant Dale Drummond reviewed the Police Department report for the month of September as well as the Police Department’s assistance of the filming of a Netflix production in the city and preparations for Halloween. There was a discussion regarding AB 2147 which removes jaywalking from criminal status and will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

4. Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report
Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Riley reported on relevant traffic/engineering projects from July to September 2022 including the Crosswalk Upgrade Project, the Citywide Signal Upgrade Project and speed hump installations. There was a discussion regarding requests for speed humps.

5. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Evaluation of the “Idaho Stop” Laws in Other States
Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced Dr. David Hurwitz, Professor of Transportation Engineering at Oregon State University, who reviewed a study on the historical and safety impact of bicyclists and motorcyclists treating stop signs as yield signs at intersections. There was a discussion regarding the results of the study.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from Kory Klem.

The commission took a break at 10:40 AM.
The commission returned from break at 10:45 AM.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Beverly Hills Transit Feasibility Study
Transportation Planner Martha Eros presented a transit service plan to improve connectivity in the city. Peter Cassellini from Kittleson & Associates was introduced to review final recommendations and responses to the public transit survey. There was a discussion regarding the survey results and the suggested recommended future route. The Commissioners supported the staff recommendation to develop a pilot project consisting of fixed route circulator and microtransit. Route details will be prepared in the coming weeks and additional public outreach will be conducted before bringing back for Traffic and Parking Commission review in December.

Public Comment: An email comment from Peter Ostroff was read into the record.
Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from Kory Klem and David Gingold.
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7. State Legislative Update (Item Taken Out of Order, After TAB 3)
Policy and Management Analyst Cindy Owens reviewed legislation the City of Beverly Hills took a position on in 2022 that concerned the Traffic and Parking Commission.

Commissioner Afra-Maghen left the meeting at 12:19 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

8. 2022 Conflict of Interest Code
Assistant Director / City Engineer Daren Grilley presented the conflict of interest code for the Traffic and Parking Commission, which must be reviewed annually.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Geller to approve the conflict of interest code as presented (3/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro
NOES: None

CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

9. Project Update and Follow-up Items
Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter had no presentation. The Commission expressed their interest in the Community Visioning Workshop, taking place on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION
Chair Ignarro indicated the next Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting will take place on November 3, 2022, starting at 8:00 AM.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT
Date / Time: October 6, 2022 / 12:22 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

Sharon Ignarro, M.D., Chair