



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

March 2, 2023
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 2, 2023 / 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen (arrived at 9:07 AM), Ignarro,
Vice Chair Schwartz

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Shalowitz

Staff Present: Edgar Arroyo, Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Sergeant Dale
Drummond, Cole Duffy, Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Kevin Riley,
Genevieve Row

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 read into the record from Dena and Irv
Schechter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Consideration of Minutes (Approved after TAB 3)**
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.

Tab 2 was pulled due to the Governor's emergency order expiring on February 28, 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, Vice Chair Schwartz

ABSENT: Chair Shalowitz

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond reviewed the monthly traffic report for January 2023 including an update from the distracted driving enforcement detail held on February 3rd, and upcoming road closures for the LA Marathon. A DUI checkpoint will be held on St. Patrick's Day. The Commission asked about how to address distracted driving and its causes and the upcoming LA Marathon's route through Beverly Hills.

4. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Metro Microtransit Overview

Transportation Planner Martha Eros introduced Service Operations Superintendent Rani Narula-Woods, who gave a presentation on LA Metro's microtransit program and how the new on-demand service has grown over the two years of its pilot period to cover five service areas across the county for \$1 per ride. The Commission asked about lessons learned, how data is used to adapt service, and about rider pick up and drop off locations.

5. Planning Quarterly Update

Senior Planner Edgar Arroyo reviewed the Planning Quarterly Report and gave project updates on major projects throughout the city including One Beverly Hills and Cheval Blanc. He also announced that a meeting of the Open BH Code Changes and Fees Ad Hoc Committee Liaison will be held on March 14, 2023, to discuss potential changes to fees for the city's permanent open air dining program. The Commission asked about the status of the One Beverly Hills project involving sidewalks and bike lanes along Merv Griffin Way.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Parking Operation Update

Parking Services Manager Genevieve Row provided an update on parking operations, including the Parking Access Revenue Control Systems (PARCS) Upgrade Project and its implementation phases. She reviewed the upgrades to on-street parking meters, as well as pending projects (Parking Operator RFP, Mobile Pay, and EV Charging). The Commission asked about the timeline of the upcoming mobile pay project, how to measure parking

meter availability, and how to encourage people to use the first two hours free parking lots to reduce street congestion.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Recent Changes to State Speed Limit Setting Laws

Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Riley presented updates on the recent changes to speed setting laws due to AB 43 and AB 1938. These laws provide greater flexibility in setting and reducing speed limits in relation to the 85th percentile, which is the standard unit of measurement in deciding speed limits. The goal of these laws is to improve safety for all transportation modes, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Legislation becomes enforceable either on June 24, 2024, or when Judicial Council develops an online tool to adjudicate traffic infraction violations. The Commission asked about the challenge of increasing safety despite increasing car size, how to successfully argue against speed surveys being contested in traffic court and keeping roads safe during sudden weather shifts.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

8. Project Updates and Follow-Up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided an update on the Clifton-Le Doux Mobility Study. Feasible traffic calming devices will be on display at the Farmer's Market during the inaugural Festival Beverly Hills on March 12 from 8 AM to 1 PM for public feedback. A demonstration of the traffic calming devices will be held at the Clifton Way/Le Doux intersection on March 25 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Transportation Planner Martha Eros provided an update on the transit feasibility study. A demonstration of the proposed fixed route transit circulator service will be held on March 2 from 9 AM to 4 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Afra-Maghen asked about including a future agenda item to follow up on the recent discussion of new crosswalks. Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter responded that the item would be brought back to the Commission following additional research of new locations proposed by Commissioners and the public.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Assistant Director/City Engineer Daren Grilley announced that the Coldwater Cañon water main replacement project is now underway. Signs are up to encourage regional traffic to choose alternate routes due to the impact and duration of the project, which will take more than a year to complete due to water main replacement and the repaving of the road. The roadway will also be restriped in the upcoming weeks to implement the new channelization plan reviewed previously by the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 2, 2023 / 10:38 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY of APRIL, 2023



Ron Shalowitz, Chair