

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2024
TO: Honorable MAYOR and Members of the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY
FROM: Members of the CULVER CITY BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: 2024 Accomplishments 01-06/2024 and Proposed Activity for the next 6 months
CC: John Nachbar, City Manager
Yanni Demitri Public Works Director / City Engineer
Andrew Maximous, Mobility & Traffic Engineering Manager

JANUARY – JUNE 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Communications to City Council

- Approved BPAC Bylaws and authorized transmittal to City Council, City Council approved 02/12/2024.
- Approved biannual report to City Council covering period July – December 2023 and authorized transmittal to City Council.
- Recommended that the City Council approve the ATP (Active Transportation Program) grant application for the Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills Project and other grant applications, as well as the grant match and reported in-person to City Council 05/28/2024.

Events & Activities

- Attended City Council meetings.
- Attended and participated in a community meeting for Complete Streets Design Guidelines Project.
- Attended and participated multiple community meetings and outreach activities for Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills Project.
- Promoted and attended EarthFest, Cyclavia, Bike-to-Work Day, and Culver Pride Ride.

Administration

- Welcomed new member Lila Bragard as Student Representative.
- Formed ad-hoc West LA College Subcommittee and assigned delegates. The Subcommittee members are authorized to join, as appropriate, meetings between Public Works staff and representatives of West LA College; attend meetings of the City Council West Los Angeles College Liaison Subcommittee; attend other related meetings;

and engage generally with members of the College and Culver City community about bike and pedestrian issues.

- Formed new Olympics Planning Subcommittee and assigned delegates. The Subcommittee members are authorized to discuss mobility-related planning for the 2028 Olympics, represent BPAC at planning meetings, receive community feedback, and make recommendations on behalf of BPAC.
- Established regular meeting schedule for 2024-25.

Review, Discussion & Advisory Feedback

- Received staff presentation regarding the mobility-related Public Works Department FY 2023-24 Work Plans and Work Plans under consideration for FY 2024-25. Received public comment. Discussed unfunded projects, project delays, grant development, and budgeting for Fox Hills projects and generally; LPIs; striping of the Centinela bike lanes; challenges with the bridge; left turn onto Bristol; Culver gap; Move Culver City; Farragut Bike Boulevard; Kelmores-Ranch-Overland intersection; use of quick build materials; dedicated bus lanes; the Olympics; bus priority project; Slow Streets program; collaborations with City of Los Angeles; restoring crosswalk at Jefferson; Rancho Higuera NTMP (Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan). Expressed prioritization of Culver Gap, direct funding for BPAC; Safe Routes to School study; Bike Boulevard; widening northbound sidewalk near Culver gap; addressing close calls; a signal at the library.
- Received staff report, received public comment, and discussed fatal traffic collision in Fox Hills on December 16, 2023 and ongoing concerns about speeding. Received an update on new safety measures being implemented or in development for Fox Hills, including traffic signal timing, crosswalk updates, speed feedback signs, speed humps, and centerline striping.
- Received multiple staff presentations, received public comment, discussed at length, and provided extensive feedback to staff regarding all aspects of the Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills project development, community outreach, and ATP (Active Transportation Program) grant application. Recommended that City Council approve grant application, other grant applications, and grant match.
- Received staff presentation and update, received public comment, discussed, and provided feedback to staff regarding Complete Streets Design Guidelines Project.
- Received staff presentation, received public comment, discussed, and provided feedback to staff regarding City's data collection of road use by cars, bikes, and pedestrians and use of such data.
- Received staff presentation, received public comment, discussed at length, and provided feedback to staff regarding Robertson Blvd Bike and Bus Lane Project and proposed concept plans.
- Received staff presentation, received public comment, discussed, and provided feedback to staff regarding Unsignalized Intersections Safety Improvement Project.
- Received other staff presentations and/or updates, including: Jackson Gate cargo bike accessibility and crime audit report for area; close calls technology; Bird micro-mobility and Metro Bike Share; additional crossing guards; new traffic study for tri-school area; renovations to a section of Ballona Creek Bike Path; rest-in-red operation at traffic

signals; Farragut Connector Project; postponement of paving of Sepulveda from Venice to southerly limits; design and construction of Ballona Creek Bike Path Landscaping Improvement Project; city-wide sidewalk survey; planned pavement projects; striping plans; quarterly improvements to bus service; increases of most heavily used bus services; pay-by-mobile pilot for parking meters in downtown area; completion of Main St bollards installation; HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) grant; mobility planning for Olympics; City staffing; installation of crosswalk at the east side of the Jefferson and Duquesne intersection; installation of bike lanes and bike signal at Centinela and Sepulveda; traffic signage; unsignalized safety improvement project; traffic signal modification at Sawtelle and the 405.

- Discussed a city-wide right-turn-on-red prohibition and received staff input regarding various considerations and implementing only on a case-by-case basis.
- Discussed past and current attempts to open Beloit Gate to Ballona Creek Bike Path and possibility of submitting a letter to City of Los Angeles.
- Members reported and discussed close call technology, self-reporting, and feasibility of developing a portal; significant changes in behavior since signage has been removed for the Slow Streets Program; CA Assembly Bill AB1909.
- Requested more information from staff regarding: slip lanes; prohibition on right-turn-on-red; CCPD Ballona Creek Bike Path data; improving surface of the Ballona Creek Bike Path; Ballona Creek Bike Path Landscaping Improvement Project; Olympics planning and funding; grants generally; bus parking on Robertson.

Community Engagement

- Provided community forum for reporting issues, proposing improvements, project input, and input on agendized and non-agendized topics.
- Received public comment on topics including: City-wide prohibition on right-turn-on-red; slip lanes; cargo bike access to Jackson Gate; increases in traffic violence; Vision Zero Plan; Complete Streets Plan; Ince/Lucerne intersection; Farragut connector curb cuts; Expo Bike Path curb cuts; bicycle registration; new CCPD Community Liaison; walk-to-school days; e-bike safety class; new bike racks at schools; park and walk zones at schools; installation of stop sign and signal at the slip lane on Robertson and Washington; Leading Pedestrian Indicators (LPIs); signing and striping in Sunkist Park; Kelmere/Ranch/Overland intersection; damage to the ramp in front of train station; bike light timing at Washington and Watseka; bollards on the Elenda parkway near La Ballona Elementary; bikeways used as right turn lane; crossing guard at Overland and Jefferson; overgrowth on the Creek creeping into the bike lane; beg button or flashing light sign at the crossing at Duquesne from Ballona Creek; markings on Kingston; support for and concerns regarding Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills Project concept plans, including importance of center turn lane on Overland, support and concerns about choice of class 4 bike lanes, and concerns about loss of parking on Overland; challenges with Overland and Virginia intersection; additional crossing guards; expansion of road use data collection and public availability of data; Complete Streets example in Netherlands; opening Beloit Gate; support for recent project accomplishments.

JULY - DECEMBER 2024 PROPOSED PLANS

Communications to City Council

- Make updates and recommendations to City Council as appropriate on topics requested by City Council and on agenda items coming before City Council.
- Make recommendations to City Council as appropriate on topics initiated by Committee.

Community Engagement

- Receive community input through public comment on mobility related topics.

Events & Activities

- Attend City sponsored mobility related events.
- Attend City Council, Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee, and mobility related community meetings.

Administration

- Dissolve FY 23-24 ad-hoc subcommittees.
- Form Ad Hoc West LA College Subcommittee, Ad-Hoc Olympics Planning Subcommittee, and Tri-School Area Safe Routes to School Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and others as needed.
- Produce biannual report to City Council covering period July – December 2024 and authorize transmittal to City Council.
- Welcome new Committee members and thank leaving members.

Review, Discussion & Advisory Feedback

- Receive updates and provide input regarding various topics, including: Move Culver City, Complete Streets Guidelines, and Better Overland/Safer Fox Hills Project.
- Receive updates and/or presentations from staff, receive public comment, and discuss proposed and active projects and mobility issues. [View Active Project List – Mobility & Traffic Engineering Division posted on Culver City website](#)
- Review and discuss impacts of new legislation, including Daylighting law.
- Review and discuss ongoing progress of plan elements and future priorities for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Plan, NTMPs, Fox Hills Master Plan, Farragut Drive Bike Blvd Plan, and the Local Road Safety Plan.
- Recommend repairs and maintenance to mobility infrastructure.
- Review and discuss mobility topics, including use of sidewalks, sidewalk maintenance, police enforcement of mobility, kiosk installation, bike parking, and micro-transit.

Reviewed on July 18, 2024 by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and changes recommended. Final draft transmitted to the City Council. Final version to be approved retro-actively at regular meeting September 19, 2024.