

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Mobility Commission
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on January 29, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Justice, Mueller, and Ortega

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Leon Firsht, Engineering Project Manager Phil Kern, Engineering Project Manager Hamed Hashemian, Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard, Environmental Project Manager Hilary Ego, Administrative Office Assistant Carla Farr

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER JUSTICE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TRAFFIC WORK ORDER LOG (ATTACHMENT)

Mrs. Farr reported on the items on the Traffic Work Order Log that were approved since the December 2, 2020, *Traffic and* Mobility Commission meeting. (See Agenda Attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2020).

2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Mr. Kinnard gave an update on the status of traffic calming as of January 27, 2021. (See Agenda Attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 01-27-2021). He explained that there are two segments of El Paso St. (East and West) with requests for traffic calming. El Paso St. – East is awaiting neighborhood engagements, and El Paso St. – West has had Phase 1 traffic calming installed.

Discussion among the Commission followed.

3. HARBINSON AVE PRESENTATION BY RESIDENT

Mr. Firsht shared the police report from Lt. Greg Runge for a fatal accident that took place on Harbinson Ave. on New Year's Eve.

La Mesa resident Jane Peterson thanked City Staff, LMPD, and City Council for their timely response. She informed the Commission that she made Facebook post following the accident, which was heavily engaged with on social media. She would like to promote driver awareness, as well as the "3 E's" - engineering, enforcement, education to make La Mesa's streets safer. Referencing an LA Times article of the same name, she concluded that "after months stuck at home, we've all forgotten how to drive".

Vice Chair Krulikowski asked for the collision report, which Staff will provide to the Commission once available. The Commission expressed their sympathy for the neighborhood.

Ms. Peterson inquired about vacancies on the Mobility Commission. Mr. Firsht informed her that appointments will be made at the February 23, 2021 City Council meeting.

4. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION (ATTACHMENT) -POWERPOINT PRESENTATION BY HILARY EGO

Ms. Ego, Environmental Program Manager, provided a PowerPoint outlining the proposed City Council Climate Emergency Resolution. She asked that the Commission review the draft resolution and email comments to Ms. Farr by February 8, 2021.

Commissioner Ortega stated he favored the idea of engaging multiple commissions, having milestones, as well as the effort by Staff to engage the community.

Vice Chair Krulikowski requested that Staff send comments to the Commission once compiled.

5. VISION ZERO (ATTACHMENT)

- a. CIP PROJECTS**
- b. GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Firsht provided an overview of current projects and grants, with a goal to provide more details at future meetings as they connect to Vision Zero.

Mr. Kern gave background information on the La Mesa Complete Streets grant. Mrs. Farr shared a map of the project area.

Considerable discussion among Staff and the Commission followed. Staff will provide updates, as well as a copy of the grant application to Commission when available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

6. APPROVAL OF 2021 WORK PLAN

Mr. Firsht reviewed the 2021 Work Plan with the Commission, which will go before Council for approval at the February 23, 2021 City Council meeting. The Work Plan was updated to reflect three main components in addition to the regular business of the Commission:

1. NTMP
2. Vision Zero
3. Climate Action Plan – *addition*

He clarified that wording was changed slightly to convey that staff will report on items at yet to be determined dates. Chair Calandra noted that the 2021 Work Plan differed in regards to the regular business of the Commission. Mr. Firsht explained that this change was in an effort to make the Work Plan more clear and concise.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to the 2021 Mobility Commission Work Plan. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Mueller, Commissioner Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2020 TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 *Traffic and* Mobility Commission meeting with one revision to comments on Item 1C. Chair Calandra seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Mueller, Commissioner Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Vice Chair Krulikowski informed the Commission that he contacted ITE for additional continuing education opportunities and will bring this up again at the Past Presidents meeting in March.

He also noted that he attended a recent Riverside-San Bernardino ITE meeting virtually on new products, which included a "no-contact" accessible push button from Polara. Staff will look into the possibility of adding these at intersections that are on recall, such as Spring St., per his request.

The Vice Chair reported that the Subcommittee recently reviewed the speed zone survey on Murray Drive. They provided a recommendation to Staff to redo the E&TS survey on the street, in an effort to create better and more enforceable speed zoning.

Commissioner Justice volunteered to do engagement on Harbinson Avenue, noting she walks daily and notices drivers disregard the stop signs frequently. Vice Chair Krulikowski noted that stop signs do not lead to speed control, stating that those drivers likely to speed, are likely to not stop at a stop sign.

Commissioner Ortega suggested using the street as a case study.

STAFF COMMENTS

NONE

FUTURE ITEMS

Mr. Firsho briefly noted future items to go before the Commission, including the LRSP, the E&TS for Murray Drive, and the advertisement of an upcoming pedestrian and bike grant project at Massachusetts Avenue & Blackton Drive. He also informed the Commission that construction on the Citywide Fiber Project will soon be completed.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS MARCH 3, 2021.

Commissioner Mueller will lead the Invocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.