

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Mobility Commission
Wednesday, March 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 February 26, 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 Angeles, Justice, Mueller, Nichols, and Ortega

ABSENT: None

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

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER MUELLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Commission and Staff introduced themselves to the new Commissioners. Commissioners Angeles and Nichols briefly described their backgrounds and experiences to the Commission.

2. OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION (ATTACHMENTS)

Mr. Firsht reviewed the Commission overview handouts attached to the agenda packet to provide background information on Commission, including the history, authority, and work plan.

3. VISION ZERO (ATTACHMENT)

a. CIP PROJECTS

i. MASSACHUSETTS AVE AND BLACKTON DRIVE

i. LA MESA BOULEVARD COMPLETE STREETS SEGMENT I

b. GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS

i. LA MESA BOULEVARD COMPLETE STREETS SEGMENT II

ii. ATP

Mr. Firsh provided an updated Vision Zero spreadsheet; outlining the current CIP projects, grants, and applications with more detail, including descriptions and statuses, and construction delays due to Covid-19. Staff will provide the updated attachment to the Commission via email.

Mr. Kern gave detailed background information on current grants, including the Sustainable Communities - La Mesa Blvd Complete Streets, Segments I and II, Massachusetts Avenue and Blackton Drive Pedestrian and Bike Improvements, and ATP.

Considerable discussion among Staff and the Commission about the projects followed, including funding, development issues, reverse angled parking, and the long term plan for the areas.

Staff will provide updates on the grants, as well as a copy of the grant applications to Commission when available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2020 Mobility Commission meeting with changes he provided to staff prior to the meeting and the correction of one typographical error. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 5-0, with 2 abstained.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Angeles, Commissioner Nichols

ABSENT: None

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Vice Chair Krulikowski recalled that at the previous Commission meeting, he suggested an additional ITE training class, however as the Past President's meeting will take place on March 4, 2021, so he has not been able to forward that request. He also asked if the Commissioners who took part in the previous ITE class on traffic engineering for public officials found it beneficial; they agreed that it was. The Vice Chair will ask again at the Past President's meeting to see if the rest of the Commission could partake in an upcoming class.

Vice Chair Krulikowski noted that the Mobility Commission Subcommittee has been reviewing the Engineering and Traffic Survey for Murray Drive. He recently found that the State of California adopted a new manual, with some minor changes, for the setting of speed limits in the state. He suggested it be shared in the class or with the Commission in the future.

Commissioner Justice asked Staff about the removal process in front of a business. Mr. Firsht directed her to contact the Engineering main line regarding her request.

Chair Calandra asked about updated Brown Act requirements with the addition of new Commission members. Mr. Firsht answered the Chair, but directed him to the City Clerk's Office for confirmation.

Chair Calandra also informed the Commission that their Work Plan was brought to the February 23, 2021 City Council meeting, where Councilmember Parent had comments on the CIP and Vision Zero workflow. Mr. Firsht informed the Chair that the Assistant City Manager will be coordinating with Councilmember Parent to revise the wording on the Work Plan. The update will be provided at the next meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Firsht informed the Commission that Ms. Ego will attend a future Mobility Commission meeting with CAP updates.

Mrs. Farr shared the City's website, showing the GIS Interactive Maps and road moratorium maps, as Mr. Firsht reviewed them with the Commission.

FUTURE ITEMS

Mr. Firsht briefly noted future items to go before the Commission, including the LRSP and the E&TS for Murray Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS APRIL 7, 2021.

Chair Calandra announced that with the addition of two new Commissioners, the Invocation reading will reset alphabetically at the next meeting, where he will lead the Invocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.