

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Mobility Commission
Wednesday, August 4, 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 July 30, 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, Engineering Project Manager Hamed Hashemian, Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard, Administrative Office Assistant Carla Farr, Division Chief Koch, Sergeant Purdy

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER NICHOLS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Krulikowski asked if Informational Item 2 could be moved to an Action Item. Mr. Firsht asked that the item stay as informational, informing the Commission that the item would be brought to a future Commission meeting for action. Vice Chair Krulikowski also asked if Action Items 4a, 4b and 5 could be combined, because he had general comments on the policy. Mr. Firsht asked that the Commission take action on the items individually.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. UNIVERSITY PED AND BIKE PROJECT UPDATE BY HAMED HASHEMIAN

Mr. Hashemian shared an overview of the University Ped and Bike Project, including a map of the project area. He showed drone video footage which provided an aerial view of the project pre- and post-construction.

Discussion regarding intersection changes, conflict striping, and project costs followed.

2. DISCUSSION ON AUTOMATING PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS CITYWIDE

Mr. Firshst reminded the Commission that seven locations were set to ped recall as requested by City Council during the pandemic. The July 27, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting included a Council Initiated Item to consider directing staff to return the signal timing of the traffic signals that were reprogrammed to automatically display the pedestrian crossing signals back to their pre-pandemic status. At the meeting, a Councilmember requested that the City consider implementing ped recall citywide rather than return to pre-pandemic conditions and directed staff to return for continued discussion during the approval of the LRSP.

Considerable discussion among Staff and the Commission about the advantages and disadvantages of ped recall followed. Mr. Firshst stated that their comments would be summarized and brought to the next Commission meeting for action.

3. VISION ZERO (ATTACHMENT)
a. CIP PROJECTS
b. GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS

Mr. Firshst provided an updated Vision Zero spreadsheet; outlining the current CIP projects, grants, and applications with more detail, including descriptions and status. Discussion among Staff and the Commission about the projects followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

4. BLUE CURB REQUESTS (ATTACHMENTS)

Staff provided the application and site evaluation form for both requests to the Commission for their review. Some sensitive information was redacted. Discussion on the City’s disabled persons parking policy, the locations of the requests, and parking availability followed.

a. 4865 PINE ST

Staff received a request for, and recommends approval of, installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 4865 Pine St.

ACTION: Chair Calandra made a motion to approve installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 4865 Pine St. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Angeles, Justice, Mueller, Nichols, and Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

b. 8291 UNIVERSITY AVE

Staff received a request for, and recommends approval of, installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 8291 University Ave.

ACTION: Commissioner Justice made a motion to approve installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 8291 University Ave., with the condition that the parkway must be improved with a stable surface. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Angeles, Justice, Mueller, Nichols, and Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

5. BLUE CURB APPEAL – 4599 3RD STREET (ATTACHMENT)

Staff provided the Commission with completed application and site evaluation form for the request, which was previously denied at staff level. Staff informed the Commission that the applicant, who wished to appeal staff's decision, was not present. Discussion on site visits and parking availability during special events followed.

ACTION: Chair Calandra made a motion to approve the appeal and move forward with installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 4599 3rd St., with the condition that the parkway must be improved with a stable surface. Commissioner Justice seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Angeles, Justice, Mueller, Nichols, and Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7, 2021 MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2021 Mobility Commission meeting. Chair Calandra seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Angeles, Justice, Mueller, Nichols, and Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Vice Chair Krulikowski requested that staff update the blue curb application to specify a requirement for permanent rather than temporary placards.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Kern reminded the Commission that the City plans to hold a La Mesa Blvd. Complete Streets project information booth at the August 20, 2021 Farmer's Market.

FUTURE ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: LRSP

ACTION ITEM: PED INDICATION SUMMARY

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

Commissioner Ortega will lead the Invocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.