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## AGENDA

### MOBILITY COMMISSION

#### A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**  
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

This meeting is being conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361.

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**State of California****ELECTIONS CODE****Section 9**

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9. (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:
- (1) Punctuation is not counted.
  - (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
  - (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
  - (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.
  - (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
  - (6) Dates shall be counted as one word.
  - (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
  - (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
  - (9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.

*(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 697, Sec. 3. (SB 1253) Effective January 1, 2015.)*

## AGENDA

OCTOBER 6, 2021

9:00 A.M.

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER ANGELES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. SANDAG 2021 REGIONAL PLAN PRESENTATION
2. CITYWIDE FIBER PROJECT PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL KINNARD
3. VISION ZERO (ATTACHMENT)
  - a. CIP PROJECTS
  - b. GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

#### NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

4. REQUEST TO REMOVE TIMED PARKING
  - a. 2 HR PARKING – 8665 LA MESA BLVD.
  - b. 1 HR PARKING – 8654-8656 LA MESA BLVD.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)

#### COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

#### STAFF COMMENTS

#### FUTURE ITEMS

#### ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS NOVEMBER 3, 2021

**VISION ZERO**  
CIP PROJECTS  
GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS

Projects	Description	Status
<b>Citywide Fiber Upgrade</b>	Upgrade fiber optic traffic signal interconnect system including installation of cable, controllers, BBS, monitoring devices, and related communication equipment to improve safety and operation via optimized traffic signal timing and coordination.	Construction complete with minor items remaining.
<b>North Spring Street Phase 2a</b>	Enhancements include pedestrian connection across I-8 with ADA ramps, high visibility cross walks, lighting and safety fencing, a class III bicycle route with sharrows markings, a pedestrian railroad crossing connecting Spring St to proposed private development, new sidewalk along Nebo Dr.	Construction complete with minor items remaining. Need to complete electrical conduit installation.
<b>North Spring Street Phase 2b</b>	New high visibility pedestrian crossing at Nebo Dr and University Ave.	In construction, 95% complete. In-pavement crosswalk scheduled for October.
<b>Massachusetts and Blackton Ped and Bike Improvements</b>	Fill a gap in the City of La Mesa Bike Network by installing a northbound Class II bicycle lane on the east side of Massachusetts Avenue between Blackton Drive and University Avenue. Additionally, this project would construct new pedestrian ramps, a crosswalk, and medians at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Blackton Drive. This project would improve access for people walking and biking, vehicular sight distance, and overall safety of the project area.	Construction started, 90% complete. Expect to be completed in October.
<b>Citywide Signal Upgrades</b>	Install pedestrian countdown signal heads, ADA-compliant pedestrian pushbuttons, and upgrade traffic signal controllers.	In design, 90% complete. Scheduled to bid late 21/early 22.
<b>El Cajon Blvd at Jessie Crossing Improvement</b>	Install a HAWK signal and curb extensions.	Design plans complete. Awaiting funding authorization from Caltrans. Specifications need to be prepared.
<b>Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements (Crossings)</b>	Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), high visibility crosswalks, and pedestrian curb ramps.	Contract awarded 6/22/21. Construction management awarded 7/13. Expect to begin construction in October.
<b>Citywide Sign Replacement, Phase II</b>	Upgrade regulatory, warnings, and school signs and posts.	Completed.
<b>Grossmont Center Drive Bridge Expansion</b>	Widen bridge to accommodate: 4'-5' wide sidewalks on each side and 5' wide shoulder on each side; 11' wide No. 2 lane in both directions; 10' wide No. 1 lane both directions; single 10' wide center medial lane. Replace outer bridge barriers and approach guard rail and repair minor spalls and cracks.	In design, 30% complete. Started 60% design.
<b>University Ave Ped and Bike</b>	Fill critical gaps in the currently adopted Regional Bike Network by providing Class II bike lanes on University Avenue from 69th Street to Harbinson Avenue and from La Mesa Boulevard to Baltimore Drive/University Avenue. Would construct new pedestrian ramps and crosswalks. Would improve access for people walking and biking, and the overall safety of the project area.	Construction complete. Notice of Completion recorded. Final Retention Invoice pending.
<b>LRSP (Local Roads Safety Plan)</b>	Develop a Local Roadway Safety Plan for use in determining future CIP projects according to Vision Zero criteria.	Final report prepared. Tentatively scheduled for approval at October/November Mobility Commission. Tentatively scheduled for approval at January City Council.
<b>Complete Streets Design Manual</b>	Evaluate the City's existing Complete Streets policies, update them as needed, and integrate them with engineering design principles in one easy-to-use, Complete Streets Integrated Design Manual. By integrating Complete Streets policies with engineering requirements, the City would ensure that Complete Streets policies would be applied to every development project.	In progress, 50% complete.
<b>Sustainable Communities - La Mesa Blvd Complete Streets, Segment 1</b>	Preparation of a Complete Streets Plan to transform La Mesa Blvd. into a vibrant, mixed-use corridor focused on active transportation and use of transit. Limits would extend on La Mesa Boulevard from 4th Street to Jackson Drive and on University Avenue from Spring Street to Memorial Drive. Implementation of the project would reduce reliance on the automobile, reduce GHG emissions and Vehicle Miles Traveled.	Contract awarded for design consultant 5/25/21. Progressing with planning level research and data collection. First outreach event held at La Mesa Farmer's Market on August 20th.
<b>Sustainable Communities - La Mesa Blvd Complete Streets, Segment 2</b>	Easterly extension of Complete Streets Plan along La Mesa Boulevard from Jackson Drive to Interstate 8, and Grossmont Center Drive northerly to Center Drive. Complete Streets Plan would provide a blueprint for integrating zero emissions transportation options with adjacent mixed-use developments, including traffic calmed roadways, improved bicycle and pedestrian routes, technology enhancements and safe, inviting transit facilities.	Applied. 6/22 recommended for \$348k in funding. Working on obtaining grant agreement. Will begin consultant selection process late 21/early 22.
<b>HSIP - Guardrails and Edgelines Upgrades</b>	Upgrade of guardrail end treatments and installing of edgelines at various locations.	4/21 Recommended for funding by Caltrans. 6/23 approved for funding by CTC. Will begin consultant selection process late 21/early 22.
<b>La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project</b>	The infrastructure projects under the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project are focused on the completion of gaps in the bike and pedestrian circulation networks along collector and arterial streets within the City of La Mesa to improve safety and access to transit, schools, parks, healthcare and other essential services. This project will construct Class 2 bike lanes, install "sharrows" on Class 3 bike routes to fill gaps in the City's bicycle circulation system, construct sidewalk infill sections, pedestrian crossings and related improvements at multiple locations/segments along arterial and collector streets.	4/21 Recommended for funding by SANDAG. 6/23 approved for funding by CTC. Will begin consultant selection process late 21/early 22.
Grants	Description	Status
<b>HSIP - Protected Left Turns</b>	Applied for grant for protected left turns at various locations and Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) at various locations.	Applied. Not funded. Will resubmit during next grant opportunity cycle (estimated Spring of 22).

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Mobility Commission  
Wednesday, September 1, 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.

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The Agenda for this meeting was posted on August 27, 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 Firsh, Engineering Project Manager Phil Kern, Engineering Project Manager Hamed Hashemian, Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard, Administrative Office Assistant Carla Farr, La Mesa Police Sergeant Purdy

**INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER ORTEGA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Angeles announced that she needed to leave the meeting early due to a scheduling conflict.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 1. VISION ZERO (ATTACHMENT)**
  - a. CIP PROJECTS**
  - b. GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Firsh 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)**

Mike Clodfelter submitted a Public Comment suggesting ways to improve visibility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

One additional Public Comment was received after the deadline. Staff stated they will reach out to the resident.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

### **2. AUTOMATING PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS CITYWIDE**

This item was brought to the Commission as Informational Item at the August Mobility Commission meeting.

Mr. Firsh informed the Commission that he reached out to other local agencies to determine if they implemented pedestrian recall during the pandemic. All seven responsive agencies did not, stating their signals were already optimized for pedestrians, as well as all users and demand. Mr. Firsh summarized the Commission's comments from the August meeting as well comments from local agencies. He informed the Commissioners that the LRSP will not be adopted until the City Council vacancy has been filled.

Considerable discussion among Staff and the Commission about automating pedestrian signals followed, including obtaining pedestrian counts, focusing on intersections with the highest demand, ADA push buttons, and making La Mesa more pedestrian friendly.

No action was taken on this item. Staff was directed to gather more information and return at a future meeting.

### **3. REQUEST FOR SUBCOMMITTEE - INTERSECTION OF BALTIMORE & UNIVERSITY BICYCLE DESIGN (ATTACHMENT)**

Staff requested that the Commission form a subcommittee for matters related to the bicycle design for the intersection of Baltimore Drive and University Avenue. Staff shared the signage and striping plan with the Commission.

Discussion among Staff and the Commission about the design followed, including striping, bicyclist safety, and bike box locations.

**ACTION:** Chair Calandra moved to approve Staff's request to form a Baltimore Drive and University Avenue Bicycle Design Subcommittee, with Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Nichols, and Commissioner Ortega serving as Subcommittee members. 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

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 Mobility Commission meeting. 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

#### **COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS**

Commissioner Ortega shared concerns with the intersection configuration at Spring St. and La Mesa Blvd. Discussion among Staff and the Commission about the design followed, including the history, future projects, and traffic violations. Chair Calandra asked the Commissioners to compile a list of the top 3 locations they felt needed additional enforcement. La Mesa Police Sergeant Purdy discussed staffing issues, enforcement details, and funding in the Traffic Division.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mrs. Farr informed the Commission that the Disabled Persons Parking Guidelines and application was updated, incorporating feedback given at the previous Commission meeting.

#### **FUTURE ITEMS**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:  
SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan presentation  
Top 3 Locations Requested for Enforcement

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS OCTOBER 6, 2021.**  
Commissioner Angeles will lead the Invocation.