

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Mobility Commission
Wednesday, May 5, 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 April 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, Mueller, Nichols, and Ortega

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice

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

AS COMMISSIONER JUSTICE WAS ABSENT, NO INVOCATION WAS GIVEN

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CHAIR CALANDRA

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Firsht informed the Commission that the AB-43 item was removed from the agenda due to Staff availability. Both the Chair and Vice Chair showed interest in revisiting the item or an alternative in the future.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. HARBINSON AVENUE COLLISION REPORT

Police Captain Sweeney gave an overview of the fatal collision that occurred on December 31st, 2020. Sensitive information was redacted from the report.

Considerable discussion followed, including a request for previous intersection data, additional enforcement, sidewalks, as well as crosswalk and edgeline striping considerations.

Vice Chair Krulikowski noted that the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is considering an increase in width to 6" to edgeline striping to improve safety. He is concerned that this width has been reserved for Bike Lanes.

2. MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE AND BLACKTON DRIVE TECHNICAL MEMO

Mr. Manganiello with STC Traffic, Inc. shared a PowerPoint Presentation which provided background information on the draft Massachusetts Avenue and Blackton Drive Technical Memo.

Chair Calandra noted the timing of the data collection. He suggested that volume counts be taken after the Massachusetts Avenue and Blackton Drive Pedestrian and Bike Improvements project is completed.

Vice Chair Krulikowski shared his concerns with the some of the intersection traffic control alternatives, including a proposed all way stop, chicanes, or roundabout installation. He suggested the possibility of combining some of the recommended alternatives.

Discussion regarding intersection challenges, existing conditions, and traffic control alternatives followed.

3. SR-125/94 DIRECT CONNECTOR PROJECT UPDATE (ATTACHMENT)

Mr. Kern provided an update on a proposed Caltrans interchange improvement project, including project scope, issues, construction cost, and timeline.

Considerable questions and discussion among the Commission followed.

4. 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.

Since the previous meeting, SANDAG's Transportation Committee and the Board of Directors recommended the City receive funding for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections project. He noted it will go for approval before the California Traffic Commission in June.

Considerable discussion among Staff and the Commission about the projects followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

5. MOBILITY VZ/CAP CIP

Mr. Firsht presented a list of projects compiled from the draft LRSP, which listed the top ten projects in three categories: signalized intersections, unsignalized intersections and roadway segments. He also shared the draft CIP list for FY22-26, which contained both funded and unfunded projects.

Staff recommended moving forward with the scoring for future project prioritization.

Commissioner Ortega praised Staff for the work being done. He suggested that Staff post work being done by the City to the website for the public to view.

Considerable discussion among Staff and the Commission about scoring, funding, Staff capacity, and progress tracking followed.

ACTION: Chair Calandra moved to approve a motion to bring forward the top ten projects in the three categories identified in the draft LRSP as a priority to City Council. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 6-0, with 1 absent.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice

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

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Mobility Commission meeting. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 6-0, with 1 absent.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Vice Chair Krulikowski reported on a proposed increase to edgeline striping requirements in the National MUTCD for improved safety.

He also suggested having Zoubir Ouadah present on the MUTCD and update on the California Manual at a future meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

NONE

FUTURE ITEMS

Mr. Firsht reminded the Commission that Staff will continue to bring CIP project updates to future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS JUNE 2, 2021.

Vice Chair Krulikowski will lead the Invocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.