

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Mobility Commission  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting was being conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

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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 Firsht, 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. Firsht 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.