



La Mesa Mobility Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: September 7, 2022
Location: City Hall - City Manager's Office Conference Room
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Calandra
Vice Chair Krulikowski
Commissioner Ortega
Commissioner Justice
Commissioner Mueller
Commissioner Nichols
Commissioner Sierra

This meeting was 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mobility Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Mobility Commission Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

Staff Present: Director of Public Works Michael Throne, Senior Management Analyst Tim Kawasaki, Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard, Heartland Fire Division Chief Bent Koch

Chair Calandra called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CHAIR CALANDRA

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2.1. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER – COMMISSIONER SIERRA

3. PRESENTATIONS

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Mobility Commission will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

None.

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

6.1. ACCESSIBLE SPACE REQUEST

REQUEST FOR BLUE CURB AT 4817 71ST STREET. REQUEST NO. 22210

Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard presented the request for a blue curb located at 4817 71st Street. He explained that if promoted by the Mobility Commission the item would be forwarded to the City Council.

Discussion among the Commission and staff followed.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the request for a blue curb at 4817 71st Street. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion, which carried 5-1, with 1 abstain.

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

NOES: Commissioner Ortega

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Sierra

ABSENT: None

6.2. REQUEST FOR A 3-TON WEIGHT LIMIT SIGN

SENECA PLACE BETWEEN JESSIE AVE AND POMONA AVE, REQUEST NO 18548

Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard presented the request for a 3-ton weight limit sign near Seneca Place between Jessie Ave and Pomona Ave. He explained that if promoted by the Mobility Commission the item would be forwarded to the City Council.

Mr. Kinnard explained that the request was a result of the ongoing issues

involving large commercial vehicles and trucks using the narrow street causing damage to the street's retaining wall.

Considerable discussion and questions among Staff and the Commission followed.

ACTION: Chair Calandra moved to approve promoting the request for a 3-ton weight limit sign with a caveat of staff using the existing 'No Parking' sign poles. Commissioner Justice seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: None

6.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2, 2022 MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2022, Mobility Commission. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which carried 4-0, with 3 commissioners abstaining.

AYES: Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Mueller, and Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:Chair Calandra, Commissioners Sierra, and Justice.

ABSENT: None

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Nichols requested to revisit a traffic issue that was presented in January. The issue concerned a section of Lake Murray Blvd. between Marengo and Dugan Ave. He stated that nothing has so far been done on the road and is a continuous issue for both drivers and cyclists.

Mr. Kinnard explained there are considerations for an upcoming study and this topic will be added to a future agenda.

Commissioner Nichols would like staff to review bike lanes located at the intersection of Baltimore Dr. and University Ave. Specifically, traveling South on

Baltimore Dr., the bike lane is too close to the intersection to make a transition to University Avenue.

Mr. Kinnard stated staff has received his request, will make note of this issue to the Engineering staff and department heads, as well as will follow up on said request.

Vice Chair Krulikowski presented an issue, concerning the Jefferson project. He stated that the trolley bells on the southside only stay on while the arms go up and down, not the entire time as they should. In being proactive to avoid future resident complaints, he suggested staff approach MTS about this issue.

Mr. Kinnard explained there is currently a request for a quiet zone in this area which has brought challenges and could affect his request. He stated staff is aware of the issue and will follow up with him in the future.

Vice Chair Krulikowski offered his assistance during the current staff shortages.

Mr. Kinnard stated they are estimated around fifty to sixty percent staffed, he will discuss this offer with the Engineering Department head and follow up with him.

Commissioner Ortega presented the issue concerning California running out of water and the state of the current urban tree canopy and asked if there was a contingency plan in place for maintenance during the drought.

Mr. Kinnard stated he will contact the Park's Department about his concern and will follow up with the Commissioner. Commissioner Ortega expressed his desire to offer his knowledge on this subject to the Park's Department.

Commissioner Justice requested red curb be painted on both sides of a pedestrian ramp located in front of 4457 4th Street.

Mr. Kinnard stated staff received the request and will work on it.

Chair Calandra announced he has retired from public service with SANDAG and currently works with the consulting firm Chen Ryan Associates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Calandra adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.