



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

February 20, 2018
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on February 20, 2018 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Montgomery presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Commissioner:	Rose Casey
		Commissioner:	Sandy Moody
		Commissioner:	Carrie O'Malley
		Vice Chair:	Steve Greenberg
		Chair:	Ken Montgomery

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Palm, a resident of Paseo Westpark, provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke in favor of overnight parking restrictions, referencing issues with parking and a lack of cleanliness from the surrounding area. He requested parking restrictions between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m., citing support from a majority of residents in the neighborhood.

Amanda Lin, a resident of Paseo Westpark, spoke in favor of parking restrictions, stating her concerns with safety related to the abundance of non-residents in the area. She also expressed concerns with parking on both sides of the street, and how it results in lack of space for two-way traffic and emergency vehicle access.

Byron Luoma, from the Paseo Westpark Home Owners Association, spoke regarding overflow of parking in the Vienne area, caused by residents of nearby apartments. He supports the 2 to 6 a.m. parking restrictions for the Vienne area to alleviate overcrowding.

Shahzeen Siganporia, a resident of Westpark on Villanova, spoke regarding the Paseo Westpark parking issues, in favor of parking restrictions from 2 to 6 a.m. There were concerns with the neighborhood looking like a Park & Ride; disruptive noises, safety concerns, lack of cleanliness, and decrease in property values and overall quality of life.

Staff will prepare a report and present possible solutions to the Transportation Commission; scheduled for March 20, 2018.

REORGANIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

- 1) Mark Linsenmayer, Director of Transportation, declared nominations open for chairperson and called for the Commission vote.

ACTION: Moved by Chair Montgomery and seconded by Commissioner O'Malley to nominate Vice-Chair Greenberg as the new Commission chair. There was a second motion by Commissioner Moody to nominate Commissioner Casey, with no second. The original motion to elect Vice-Chair Greenberg as the new chair was unanimously carried.

- 2) Newly-elected Chair Greenberg declared nominations open for vice-chairperson and called for the Commission vote.

ACTION: Moved by Chair Greenberg, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, and unanimously carried to nominate Commissioner O'Malley as the new vice-chair.

PRESENTATIONS

1. UPDATE OF CITYWIDE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

Mark Linsenmayer, Director of Transportation, presented the item. Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer, was also available for questions.

Commission discussion included: 1) single mode transportation as a weakness, specifically bicycle commuting; 2) interpretation of Cost versus Mobility chart; 3) statewide increase of vehicle ownership rate and the need to turn to alternate forms of transportation; 4) the need for public relations, outreach, and a plan to inform the public of City projects - possibly considering there be a report to Council, recommending there be a monthly

interview/report on ICTV; and 5) the Jamboree Widening Project and reasons for why the suggestion for a joint session with City Council has not yet been addressed. Considering congestion is a growing issue, staff is working on solutions for recommendation as a first step.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice-Chair O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery and unanimously carried by all members to:

- 1) Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on January 16, 2018 as amended:

6. **ISHUTTLE INTERIM VEHICLE PROCUREMENT TO ADDRESS CAPACITY SHORTAGE**

ACTION:

- 2) Recommend City Council authorize the Director of Transportation to execute Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU), as necessary, to facilitate interim transit services with OCTA to operate the acquired vehicles, and have the MOU return to the Commission for review.
- 2) Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on February 6, 2018.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

3. TRIP GENERATION AND UNIT COMPARISON EVALUATION FOR THE ZONE CHANGE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9-6 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITHIN PLANNING AREA 6 (PORTOLA SPRINGS)

Karen Urman, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the item and answered questions. Sun-Sun Murillo, Supervising Transportation Analyst, and the applicant were also available to answer questions.

Commission discussion included: 1) clarification that there are no major traffic impacts with this zone change.

Public Comment:

Pete Pirzadeh, from Pirzadeh & Associates, representing the Irvine Company, spoke to indicate his availability for additional questions.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Vice-Chair O'Malley, motion carried 5-0 to:

Review and provide input to the Planning Commission on the Trip Generation and Unit Comparison evaluation for the Planning Area 6 Zone Change application.

4. SPECTRUM TERRACE OFFICE CAMPUS (PLANNING AREA 17) HILLSIDE MASTER PLAN INFORMATIONAL TRAFFIC EVALUATION

Farideh Lyons, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the item and answered questions. Sun-Sun Murillo, Supervising Transportation Analyst, was also available to answer questions.

Commission discussion included: 1) explanation regarding how the Intersection Capacity Utilization method (ICU) works on a roundabout; 2) traffic impact of roundabouts; 3) funding for driveway and traffic signals; 4) Planning Commission approval in 2001, prior to approval of Los Olivos development - all subsequent developments have included square footage, therefore there have been no changes; the traffic study appears to have all aspects programmed in; 5) concern of large office complex traffic impact on Quail Hill; 6) building height; 7) possible downsizing of project; 8) plan to include services or amenities to accommodate tenant needs, that may also attract traffic from external visitors; 9) bicycle parking for employees in each space; 10) visitor parking for the public; 11) a million square foot open space agreement voted on by the City in 1988, which is difficult to undo now; 12) comparison of existing traffic with updated models using average daily traffic in thousands; and 13) observation that every project report claims no expected adverse impact on traffic, however, while this may be the case when studies are siloed, there is a great impact on overall traffic; there was a response with a list of projects focused on traffic improvement.

Public Comment:

John Boslet from the Irvine Company confirmed the accuracy of the evaluation and was available for questions.

ACTION: Moved by Vice-Chair O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, to:

Approve the Hillside Master Plan Informational Traffic Evaluation prepared for the Spectrum Terrace (Spectrum 9) Office Campus in Planning Area (PA) 17 (Quail Hill) and include the historic average daily traffic (ADT) projections slide in future presentations.

Moved by Chair Greenberg for a substitute motion to have the item further studied; motion had no second, the original motion was reinstated and carried 4-1 (Chair Greenberg voted no).

5. BICYCLE PARKING AT THE GREAT PARK

Scott Smith, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented the item and answered questions.

Commission discussion included: 1) inconvenient location of bike racks; generally far from amenities, requiring excessive walking, and located too close to trash receptacles; 2) the style of the recommended bike racks and issues for users; 3) U-shaped designs are preferred and can accommodate all types of bikes with improved security; 4) recommendation to change standards and design, and the cost difference; 5) current bicycle parking facilities do not encourage usage of amenities to bicyclists; and 6) trust in staff to use professional expertise to identify appropriate locations that do not interfere with other amenities.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Chair Greenberg, motion carried 5-0 to:

Request City staff and the Community Services Commission review the Great Park bicycle parking plan and return to the Transportation Commission, identifying locations closer to attraction entrances.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Vice-Chair O'Malley, accepted by Commissioner Montgomery as the maker of the motion, and unanimously carried to:

Request City staff and the Community Services Commission review the Great Park bicycle parking plan and return to the Transportation Commission, identifying locations closer to attraction entrances; recommendation for the preferred model for bike racks to be the "Inverted-U".

6. ROADWAY ALIGNMENT FOR EXTENSION OF BOSQUE AVENUE

Scott Smith, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented the item and answered questions. Tom Perez, Capital Improvement Projects Administrator, was also available to answer questions.

Commission discussion included: 1) confirmation that the new proposal would eliminate the cul-de-sac; 2) justification for the initial phased approach; 3) status of bids and which is the most cost-effective for the City; 4) issue with timing, considering the ice facility is expected to be ready in September; 5) clarification of the option to proceed with the cul-de-sac, keeping in mind the goal to keep traffic moving and pedestrians safe; 6) the possibility for a pedestrian bridge and important characteristics of the bridge; 7) identification of potential pedestrian crossings and how to safely control the flow of pedestrians; 8) too many stop signs are not ideal; 9) suggestion for raised table for pedestrian crossing; 10) plans are not yet finalized; 11) visibility, noting that lighting will be addressed in the final plan; 12) the goal to minimize crossing time over pavement; 13) specific crosswalk locations to be

determined with regard to safety; 14) cost of the change order (not fully known yet) – so far \$150,000 for pavement and curbs, not including lighting and additional design elements; 15) looking to fast track design; and 16) plans for bicycle lanes.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Commissioner Moody, motion carried 5-0 to:

Recommend that the City Council approve the “knuckle design” as the preferred roadway alignment for the extension of Bosque Avenue and authorize staff to execute a construction contract change order to facilitate its construction as part of the Orange County Great Park Western Sector Roadways, Capital Improvement Projects 311613, 311616 and 361612.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Vice-Chair O’Malley, accepted by Commissioner Casey as the maker of the motion, and unanimously carried to:

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Additional PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chair Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. to a regular Transportation Commission meeting on March 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.



STEVE GREENBERG
CHAIR



MARK LINSENMAYER
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION



DEBORAH KELLY
RECORDING SECRETARY

3/6/18
DATE APPROVED