

# City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting

Joint City Council/Parking & Public Improvements Commission

Police/Fire Conference Room

### City Council

*Mayor David J. Lesser*  
*Mayor Pro Tem Amy Howorth*  
*Councilmember Wayne Powell*  
*Councilmember Mark Burton*  
*Councilmember Tony D'Errico*

**A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

*Mayor Lesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**B. ROLL CALL**

*The following were present:*

*Mayor Lesser  
Mayor Pro Tem Howorth  
Councilmember Powell  
Councilmember Burton  
Councilmember D'Errico  
Commissioner Stabile  
Commissioner Adami  
Commissioner Fournier  
Commissioner Lipps  
Commissioner Nicholson*

**C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING**

*City Clerk Tamura confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.*

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Tom Northberg discussed the need for more crosswalks in the area, and stated he has witnessed two people being hit due to the traffic. He is willing to help raise money to make this happen.*

*Steve Devais questioned the lack of traffic signals and stop signs in the Mobility Plan, noting the importance of including signals in the plan.*

*Bruce reported that he is present to observe City Council action and will report back to his neighbors.*

*Viet Ngo alleged that the Planning Commission has tried to misuse funds and hopes that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) does not allocate any City funds to this project.*

*Mayor Lesser closed public comments.*

*Mayor Lesser thanked the members of the public for being present for this joint meeting.*

*Community Development Director Richard Thompson introduced the team of staff members that have been involved in the compilation and development of the Mobility Plan. Director Thompson stated the purpose of this joint meeting is to serve as a preliminary scoping of the General Plan, providing an opportunity for a first look at how the plan is going.*

## E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Scoping of the Mobility Plan (Community Development Director Thompson).

### **DISCUSS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS**

**Attachments:** [PowerPoint Presentation for Mobility Plan Update](#)

*Community Development Director Thompson introduced the matter and addressed prior consideration of the Bicycle Master Plan by City Council noting that it is a component of the Mobility Plan.*

*Gary Hamrick of ITeris presented the background of the Mobility Plan, public outreach, and establishment goals and policies related to mobility. He spoke regarding initiatives and directives by the State, Counties and Cities in including all modes of transportation for all people as well as a history of what the City of Manhattan Beach has done in developing a mobility plan. He addressed issues related to the Transportation Element of the General Plan including a Master Plan of Streets and Roadways. Mr. Hamrick presented the Roadway Classification Map, Traditional Roadway Plan and daily traffic volumes. He addressed multi-modal levels of service, prior public meetings, technical work performed and results and reduction in average traffic volumes. He presented details of prior meetings and public outreach, stakeholder workshops with focus groups and a list of bicycle and pedestrian projects.*

*Jeremy Klop of Fehr Peers continued with the presentation of complete street policies applicable to the City, efforts of other cities, the power of demonstration projects, funding sources, maintenance and the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan as the starting framework for the City's Mobility Plan. The latter allows the opportunity to add to the framework and determine priorities. In terms of the environment for cyclists, he stated that the City has significant grades that needed to be taken into consideration. He addressed pedestrian treatments especially on the crossing environment and developing a more systematic way to evaluate locations and link up the appropriate treatments with particular locations. Mr. Klop presented examples of locations and specific needs of each, sharrows and their appropriateness for different types of locations, facilities network, incorporation of public input, a summary of the comments received and related responses.*

*Mr. Hamrick presented specific comments received by the public and addressed bicycle systems for families, the possibility of implementing a rating system for routes, the lack of an east/west connection, traffic, hills and grades, educating cyclists and drivers, communication with schools to identify their issues related to riding bicycles, a bicycle facility along the Veterans Parkway, bicycle parking, facilitating pedestrian routes, need and demand for transit for specific groups including seniors, better public transit information and improving bus stops. Mr. Hamrick noted complex intersections and addressed improving specific crosswalks and advantages and disadvantages of roundabouts and added that goals and policies drive the plan and noted the need to modernize existing goals and policies. Mr. Hamrick presented draft recommendations and reported that detailed information will be available by the first of the year. Mr. Hamrick also provided draft recommendations as listed in the report and next steps.*

*Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a pedestrian bridge crossing over Sepulveda, criteria for choosing model cities and inclusion of beach communities, the intimidation of Sepulveda, implementing user friendly policies for pedestrians and*

*cyclists, traffic east of Sepulveda, considering north/south paths and the nature of the email comments and reclassifying them by category.*

*Ensuing discussion pertained to Veterans Parkway as a totally pedestrian area and the need to carefully consider any proposed bicycle use in the area, challenging pedestrian and bicycle issues and roundabouts, initiation of discussions regarding roundabouts, review of areas needing sidewalks and recommendations for adding same, potential locations for roundabouts and recommendations from the South Bay Bicycle Coalition versus recommendations by consultants.*

*Mr. Hamrick noted that the South Bay Bicycle Coalition plan was used as a basis in developing the City's Mobility plan. He addressed the pros and cons relative to roundabouts and noted that the City will not be pushed in one direction or another.*

*Regarding sidewalks, it was noted that the issue will be raised for discussion and that the consultant will identify areas that should have sidewalks and provide recommendations accordingly.*

*Discussion followed regarding the public outreach process, the amount of feedback received and its statistical validity and representation of a proper cross section of the City.*

*Community Development Director Thompson stated that staff tried to identify interest groups and attempted to do outreach to those groups. Staff is constantly trying to draw participants.*

*Ensuing discussion pertained to correspondence received, the living streets concept, incorporating best-practices concepts and linking health and transportation.*

*Councilmember Powell stated he would like to see coordination with neighboring cities, integration of the plan with other elements of the General Plan, incorporating senior amenities and taking into consideration other technology and transportation trends in the short and long-term.*

*Councilmember Burton suggested bringing the matter to City Council prior to another public outreach so that City Council can provide guidance and direction on this issue.*

*Community Development Director Thompson stated that staff is committed to bringing forth a presentation to City Council prior to scheduling another community meeting.*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 5:34 p.m., the November 12, 2013, Joint City Council/Park and Public Improvements Commission Adjourned Regular Meeting was adjourned to the 6:00 p.m. Adjourned Regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, in City Council Chambers.*

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**Vida Barone**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**David J. Lesser**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Liza Tamura**  
**City Clerk**