



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Traffic and Parking Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

5:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: October 17, 2018 / 5:31 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gold, Councilmember Friedman, Traffic and Parking Commission Chair Meshkaty, Traffic and Parking Commission Vice Chair Jay Solnit, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene, Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz, Assistant Director of Community Services Pamela Shinault, Lieutenant Renato Moreno, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Sergeant Gregg Mader, Transportation Planner Martha Eros, Senior Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Lev, Traffic Control Officer Andrew Kozik, Traffic Control Officer Julio Penado, Transportation Planning Analyst Christian Vasquez, Secretary Alison Wehrle

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Public Comment was provided at various points during the meeting.

Speakers: AJ Willmer; Debra Judelson, MD

2) SENIOR TAXI PROGRAM

Transportation Planner Martha Eros introduced the background information for the review of the senior taxi program. Keolis Transit America, Inc. notified the City of cancellation of a former agreement for services scheduled through June 20 2019. A possible service provider, Ambiance, Inc., is being considered for an on-demand program to replace the taxi coupon program, offering transportation services within a 10-mile radius. Councilmember Friedman requested additional flexibility for specific medical needs.

Topics and questions voiced by the group included the following:

- Inquiry into funding and subsidy sources
- Tracking of usage with possible larger service area of Ambiance
- Availability of 24/7 dispatch and multi-lingual services

The Committee suggested that staff move forward with the current plan to present the item to the City Council at the November 6, 2018 Study Session meeting, followed by the award of contract at the November 20, 2018 City Council Formal Meeting.

3) TROLLEY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Transportation Planner Martha Eros introduced the background information for a request from Vice Mayor Mirisch that staff research the possibility of operating the City Trolley as a school bus service for high school transit. A fixed route was proposed along Charleville Boulevard and/or Gregory Way. Staff noted that the Trolley would require general public access/boarding, designated stops, and would require licenses and inspections similar to school buses. The estimated operating cost of one Trolley is calculated to be \$94,327, and \$157,156 for two Trolleys.

Topics and questions voiced by the group included the following:

- Need for one or two Trolleys; one trolley maximum in order to have a back-up vehicle
- Safety concerns of having a fixed school bus route open to the general public
- Role of School District in providing school bus service

Traffic and Parking Commission Chair Nooshin Meshkaty inquired into other options the School District can consider, such as Uber Pool for students; it was noted that passengers must be 18 years of age or older to ride Uber or Lyft. The Committee suggested that staff not move forward with the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

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