City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, March 26, 2026

4:00 PM

Amended Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers and Zoom

Parking and Public Improvements Commission

Chair Joe Marcy
Vice Chair Gita O'Neill
Commissioner Stefan Kampe
Commissioner Allen Kirschenbaum
Commissioner Bob DaGiau

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Marcy called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kirschenbaum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Roll Call led by Administrative Analyst Priscilla Colindres.

Present: 5 - Chair Joe Marcy, Vice Chair Gita O'Neill, Stefan Kampe, Allen Kirschenbaum and Bob DaGiau

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Marcy asked whether the Commission had any changes to the agenda. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by order of the Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Marcy, Vice Chair O'Neill, Commissioner Kampe, Commissioner Kirschenbaum and Commissioner DaGiau

Nay: 0

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Kampe, seconded by Commissioner DaGiau, to approve the Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Marcy, Vice Chair O'Neill, Commissioner Kampe, Commissioner Kirschenbaum and Commissioner DaGiau

Nay: 0

1. Parking and Public Improvements Commission Minutes: PPIC 26-0012
This Item Contains Minutes of the Following Meeting(s):
a) Parking and Public Improvements Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2026
APPROVE

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Chair Marcy opened the floor to public comments.
The following individuals spoke:

Heather de Roos
Jim Savela
Ray Joseph
Ty Kostan (Zoom)
Eileen Neill (Zoom)
Seeing no further requests to speak, Chair Marcy closed the floor to public comments.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Consideration of Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Measures along Sepulveda Boulevard PPIC 26-0013

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

City Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet provided the staff presentation.

Commissioner Kirschenbaum asked whether the point-to-point cameras could be utilized to issue speeding citations. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet noted that the City of Manhattan Beach could request support from local legislators to include the City in upcoming State-Wide pilot program for speed-camera enforcement.Traffic Lieutenant Kelly Benjamin added that she has already submitted a request for the City to be considered for either the next pilot program or the subsequent phase of the study.

Commissioner DaGiau asked whether enforcement along Sepulveda Boulevard is the exclusive responsibility of the municipalities it passes through. Traffic Lieutenant Benjamin clarified that enforcement is not exclusive to those municipalities. She noted that while the City occasionally receives assistance from the CHP, it primarily relies on local partner agencies for supplemental enforcement.Traffic Lieutenant Benjamin also explained that, as a law enforcement officer, she is authorized to enforce laws anywhere in California, including traffic violations. Manhattan Beach law enforcement maintains primary responsibility for enforcement on the portions of Sepulveda Boulevard within city limits.

Commissioner Kirschenbaum referenced a recent fatality that occurred in the third lane of Sepulveda Boulevard and asked if the City could request that Caltrans reduce the speed limit specifically for that lane, noting that it is often adjacent to driveways and used for turning movements. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that such lane-specific speed reductions are typically applied on freeways in high-slope or rural areas, and he is not aware of this practice being used in urban settings.

Traffic Lieutenant Benjamin added that lowering the speed limit for the third lane could allow e-bikes to lawfully operate there. She referenced an existing law requiring drivers to travel at a safe speed regardless of posted limits, especially when traffic in Lanes 1 and 2 is congested. Commissioner Kirschenbaum stated he was not familiar with this law. Traffic Lieutenant Benjamin acknowledged his comment and emphasized that law enforcement works to educate the public on traffic-related regulations.

Commissioner Kirschenbaum asked about a recommendation in the Engineering and Traffic Survey setting the speed-limit in the City of El Segundo between Rosecrans Avenue and El Segundo Boulevard. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet clarified that the survey was conducted by Caltrans staff and that the recommendation reflects Caltrans' intent to apply every legally permissible reduction.

Commissioner Kampe highlighted the discussion on point-to-point cameras and agreed that the City should request inclusion in the pilot program. He also suggested that staff include in future reports any additional costs associated with enhanced enforcement measures, such as staff overtime or equipment needs.

Commissioner Kampe further recommended that staff consider how a proposed residential development on Sepulveda Boulevard may influence future traffic patterns. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that staff evaluates all traffic activity comprehensively, regardless of specific developments.

Commissioner Kampe requested clarification regarding the number of reported bicycle incidents along Sepulveda Boulevard. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that bicycle collisions do occur throughout the city, though their concentrations vary by location and many are not reported.

Commissioner Kampe asked about the time of day when the fatal and injury collisions occurred. Traffic Lieutenant Benjamin reported that two of the fatal crashes happened at night and one occurred in the early morning hours. When asked whether any of the incidents took place during rush hour, Traffic Lieutenant Benjamin noted that the early-morning crash would be considered the beginning of rush-hour conditions.

Commissioner Kampe requested clarification on the terms "in process" and "TBD" in the Potential Safety Countermeasures section of the presentation. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that "under construction" indicates an approved and active project, "in process" means staff is working toward implementation, and "TBD" signifies that no decision has been made and staff is seeking Commission input.

Commissioner Kampe asked when the traffic studies for the Skechers and Gelson's areas would be presented to the Commission. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet stated that both studies are expected to come forward in late summer, within a couple of months of each other.

Commissioner Kampe asked whether the City could prevent rideshare vehicles from turning onto Valley Drive where no signal is present. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that while the City can request that transportation companies avoid routing drivers in certain directions, it cannot prohibit them from legally permitted movements.

Vice Chair O'Neill expressed support for directing staff to further study the referenced traffic issues, including speed and pedestrian-crossing concerns. She encouraged collaboration between City Council and residents to advocate for State Representative support of the Commission's recommendations.

Vice Chair O'Neill suggested that the City endorse AB 645, which would authorize the use of administrative citations for speed enforcement.

She also recommended that staff request the State to limit activation of the timed signals on Sepulveda Boulevard to daytime hours, approximately 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 or 6:00 p.m., when higher travel speeds are more common.

Vice Chair O'Neill emphasized the need to address pedestrian crossings on Sepulveda Boulevard and expressed support for the pedestrian over crossing proposed by Skechers. She also recommended that the State assist with installing physical barriers, such as fencing or landscaping, to discourage unsafe mid block crossings. Additionally, she suggested installing enhanced lighting at crosswalks to improve driver visibility.

Vice Chair O'Neill acknowledged the increase in enforcement staffing and noted that real-world examples of collisions can help students understand the consequences of reckless driving. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet referenced his experience participating in "Operation Prom Night," a program that simulates a collision to educate students about the dangers of impaired driving. Vice Chair O'Neill agreed and encouraged staff to develop safer crossing options for students.

City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet informed the Commission that a proposal for an on-demand point-to-point micro transit system would be presented to City Council in the upcoming weeks. Vice Chair O'Neill and Commissioner Kampe expressed support for the safety benefits of the proposed micro transit system.

Commissioner DaGiau asked for clarification regarding the proposed Skechers pedestrian bridge and whether it would be limited to Skechers employees. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the bridge is currently only a conceptual idea, but it would be intended for public use.

Commissioner DaGiau suggested adding traffic markings or signage to make drivers more aware of the change in lane alignment at North Sepulveda Boulevard and Marine Avenue. City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that the issue identified is considered a maintenance matter and can be addressed. He added that when the area is repaved, he can recommend the addition of directional lines.

Chair Marcy opened the floor to public comments.

The following individuals spoke:
Heather de Roos
Denise Wandel
Ray Joseph
Jim Savela
Ty Kostan (Zoom)
Marsha M. (Zoom)

Seeing no further requests to speak, Chair Marcy closed the floor to public comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirschenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Kampe, to accept the staff recommendations with the added direction to encourage "Operation Prom Night," to evaluate changes to the turn lane configuration, to review light sequencing on Sepulveda Boulevard, to encourage City Council to work with the State on implementing AB 645, and to consider placement of a pedestrian bridge. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Marcy, Vice Chair O'Neill, Commissioner Kampe, Commissioner Kirschenbaum and Commissioner DaGiau

Nay: 0

H. OTHER ITEMS

City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet reported that two items are scheduled for City Council consideration on April 7, 2026. The first item is the commission's recommendation for approval of the City Parking Management Study Report, and the second is the consideration of a potential local on-demand micro transit service.

Commissioner Kampe expressed concern regarding the number of parking spaces currently planned for Project Pulse and requested clarification on how City Council determines the recommended number of spaces.

City Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the City Council considers a wide range of information when making decisions. He also noted that the Project Pulse item will be returned to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission for further review and a formal recommendation to City Council.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 PM Chair Marcy adjourned the meeting to the April 23, 2026, Parking and Public Improvements Commission Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Priscilla Colindres
Recording Secretary

Erik Zandvliet
Traffic Engineer

Joe Marcy
Chair

Masa Alkire, AICP
Community Development Director