CONVENED

The Board of Transportation Commissioners convened a regular meeting in a virtual session on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 10:12 AM in Los Angeles.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Item 1 – Welcome

President Eric Eisenberg called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present.

Item 2 – Roll Call

Present: Commissioners, Sheila Tejada, Donna Choi, John Ly, Cris Liban, and Eric Eisenberg; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager (AGM); and Michael Nagle, Assistant City Attorney

Absent: Jazmin Ortega

Item 3 – Minutes

Commissioner Choi moved, seconded by Commissioner Tejada to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2020. Unanimously APPROVED.
Commissioner Ly – Approved
Commissioner Choi – Moved and approved
Commissioner Tejada – Seconded and approved
Commissioner Eisenberg – Approved

Item 4 – Communications

There was no communications reported.

Item 5 - Commission Business

Commissioner Eisenberg announced the reassignment of Commissioner Tafarai Bayne to the Recreation & Parks Board of Commissioners.
Commissioner Choi expressed her appreciation for Commissioner Bayne’s service to the Transportation Board and congratulated him.

Commissioner Tejada briefly mentioned that she would be meeting with Nancy Pearlman of the Commission on the Status of Women to see how we can help in addressing the spike in domestic violence.

Commissioner Choi would like a report back on the meeting discussion with Commissioner Tejada and Nancy Pearlman.

**Item 6 – General Manager’s Report**

AGM Kim provided an update on the continued efforts by the Department in response to assist the public to combat the spread of COVID-19 as well as new programs.

- **Pedestrian push buttons:** Completed at 900 locations within high pedestrian communities.
- **Slow Streets Program:** Scheduled to launch on May 15 at two locations in Council District 11 areas (Del Rey and Sawtelle). Temporarily closing off streets from cars in order to allow people more space to walk, run, and bike with social distancing.
- **DASH transit services:** Providing free boarding, requiring passengers to wear masks to increase health safety; and working on installing plexi glass between the driver and passengers.
- **10-Minute pickup signs in front of restaurants:** Received 488 applications from restaurants; 327 were approved and some restaurants requested more than one sign; and 422 installations completed.
- **10-Minute pickup signs in front of retail locations:** Received more than 50 requests thus far.
- **Taxi Delivery Service Program:** Departments of Aging and Transportation assisting food-insecure seniors by creating a system of partnership between service providers and transportation services, particularly taxicab franchisees.

Question and answer session occurred.

AGM Kim will follow up with appropriate staff and agencies to provide responses to the following questions raised by Commissioners:

**Commissioner Eisenberg**
- Suggested to put a sticker above or directly on the pedestrian signal push button with a message “automated signal”

**Commissioner Choi**
- What is the current capacity at the Rec & Parks homeless shelters?
- What is the schedule for the Slow Streets? Will it be 24/7 and how long is the program going to run?

**Commissioner Tejeda**
- What is the status of the scooter program?
Commissioner Choi

- What safety precautions have been in place when using scooters?

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT

There was no neighborhood council comment taken.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment taken.

CONSENT ITEM

Item No 7 – Recommend Approval of the Application of Vital Care Ambulance Inc. dba Vital Care Ambulance for Two Unrestricted Private Ambulance Vehicle Permits, Also Vital Care Ambulance Inc. dba Vital Care Transport for One Unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permit

Item No. 8 – Recommend Approval of the Application of Valencia Medical Transportation Inc. for Two Unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permits

Commissioner Choi moved, seconded by Commissioner Tejada to approve Item Nos. 7 and 8. APPROVED.

Commissioner Ly – Approved
Commissioner Choi – Moved and approved
Commissioner Tejada – Seconded and approved
Commissioner Eisenberg – Approved

Commissioner Choi mentioned the Mayor’s briefing and how complimentary he was of General Manager Seleta Reynolds and all the work of LADOT during this crisis. She congratulated the Department. In addition, Commissioner Choi requested a copy of the letter going to City Council regarding the preferential parking district.

Commission Executive Assistant Jasmin San Luis will send a copy of the letter to Commissioner Choi.

Commissioner Tejeda expressed her gratitude to AGM Kim and LADOT staff for all the work during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Choi moved, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg to adjourn the meeting. APPROVED.

Commissioner Ly – Approved
Commissioner Choi – Moved and approved
Commissioner Eisenberg – Seconded and approved
Commissioner Tejeda – Approved

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.