CONVENED

The Board of Transportation Commissioners convened a regular meeting in a virtual session on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10:04 AM in Los Angeles, CA.

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, and Eric Eisenberg; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager (AGM); and Michael Nagle, Assistant City Attorney

Late arrival: Commissioners Jazmin Ortega, John Ly, and Cris Liban

President Eisenberg proposed to delay the approval of the Minutes until there was a quorum.

Item 4 – Communications

There was no communications reported.

Item 5 - Commission Business

Commissioner Eisenberg briefly mentioned the Stephen Yagman vs City of Los Angeles Notice of Lawsuit Summons that the Commissioners received and asked if there was anything required of them.

Assistant City Attorney Michael Nagle informed the Commissioners that the City Attorney’s office was handling the matter and there was no need for the Commissioners to respond.

Item 6 – General Manager’s Report

AGM Kim stated that the GM report would be included in the Informational Item he was presenting.
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT

There was no neighborhood council comment taken.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Item 7 – Update on George Floyd Protest

AGM Jay Kim addressed the Board and informed them that the Department's main priority is to keep the employees safe. For protest events where emotions are running high and there is a potential for violent clashes, we only provide pre and post support. For example, we may tow vehicles to clear an area at the request of LAPD well before the event takes place and provide towing service after the protest event is completely over to ensure the safety of our traffic officers. In the past, our traffic officers for similar events have been harassed, threatened, and assaulted. Officers in uniform often become targets.

Also, the Special Traffic Operations (STO) crew who typically help to manage traffic for special events are not deployed for potentially volatile events for similar reasons. Also, barricades and cones used by the STO crew can be weaponized and used as projectiles.

In addition, when LAPD made a request to use LADOT transit vehicles to transport detainees, it was denied based on (1) LADOT's transit role is to serve the general public and not to transport detainees on behalf of law enforcement; (2) we did not receive a direct request from the Mayor's Office; (3) this would erode the trust we have built with the communities that we serve; and (4) this could lead to issues with bus drivers and the unions who are very sympathetic with the protest cause.

Question and answer session occurred.

Item 8 – Update on COVID-19

AGM Jay Kim addressed the Board, but did not provide a formal update. The discussion went straight to questions and answers.

Question and answer session occurred.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes (taken out of order)

Commissioner Choi moved, seconded by Commissioner Liban to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2020. Minutes was Approved. Commissioner Ortega abstained due to her absence at the meeting.
President Eisenberg took a roll call vote for the approval of the Minutes:
Commissioner Choi – approved
Commissioner Liban – approved
Commissioner Tejada – approved
Commissioner Ly – approved
Commissioner Eisenberg – approved
Commissioner Ortega – abstained

Commissioner Choi thanked Jasmin San Luis, Commission Executive Assistant, for sending the responses to her questions from the last meeting. Also, she asked Ms. San Luis if it would be possible for the Commissioners to receive the agenda first before posting for public view in the future.

President Eisenberg acknowledged that it was a great idea and agreed to implement.

**ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7**

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

President Eisenberg took a roll call vote to adjourn:
Commissioner Choi – approved
Commissioner Ortega – approved
Commissioner Ly – approved
Commissioner Tejada – approved
Commissioner Liban – approved
Commissioner Eisenberg – approved

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Approved: 7/13/2020

Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant