

**MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
APRIL 17, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL,
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Warren.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Abbe Land led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Reminder to Speak Clearly Into Microphone and to Turn Off All Cellular Phones and Pagers

The Commissioners and public were reminded to speak clearly into their microphones to accommodate the public record tapes and the hearing-impaired.

C. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Sam Borelli, Robert Burke, Chris Clarkin, Norma Kemper, Marcy Norton, Ruth Williams, David Eichman, Steven Greene, Lindsey Horvath, Scott Schmidt, Leon Shparaga, David Warren, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:

Desiree Sol

Staff present:

Melissa Antol, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Specialist
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Corrao, Associate Planner
Georgia Sheridan, Assistant Planner
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III
Matt Benjamin, Consultant

Jeremy Klop, Consultant
Leslie Scott, Consultant

- D. Approval of the Agenda of April 17, 2013, Transportation Commission meeting as amended:
Move Approval of Minutes to the end of meeting
Permanently add Items From Commission to follow Items From Public
Remove Item 8. B
Adjourn in memory of Linda Marie Clarkin, Brett Shaad and Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell & Lu Lingzi, who were killed in the Boston Marathon Bombing.
Motion: Eichman Second: Wayland
All ayes.

Motion passed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Mayor Abbe Land, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the upcoming year.

4. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Norton

- Thank you for the joint meeting

Kemper

- Thank you for the joint meeting

Clarkin

- Thank you for the joint meeting

Burke

- Thank you for the joint meeting

Borelli

- CERT Training

Williams

- Thank you for the joint meeting

5. PUBLIC HEARING

No item

6. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

No item

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bike/Ped Plan Update

Staff report from Georgia Sheridan and team from Fehr & Peers, Matt Benjamin, Jeremy Klop, Leslie Scott.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City's decision to hire Fehr & Peers.

Commissioner Kemper suggested that the audits be done at different times of day and weekends to get a comprehensive understanding of bike and pedestrian issues.

Matt Benjamin explained that the scope includes up to four audits ; the team will consider the timing of the audits to get a clear understanding of the City's bike and pedestrian issues..

Sam Borelli agreed and gave anecdotal support for audits performed during early morning and sun down hours. He added advice about different areas for community engagement.

Commissioner Schmidt commended the group for the ambitious plan, and feels that pedestrians are often under-represented. He suggested several different ways of getting more data on pedestrians including researching how signal synch in Los Angeles affects pedestrians and bicyclists. He also suggested investigating a red light at the cross walk

at Santa Monica Boulevard and Westmount. He added that he would like to see an emphasis on a bike share program.

Commissioner Wayland thanked Staff, acknowledged the challenge of working with limited space and commented on possible issues with Fountain Avenue and parking.

Jeremy Klop spoke about the Travel Demand Model and addressed Commissioner Wayland's concerns.

Commissioner Burke emphasized that inter-city cooperation is important.

Commissioner Kemper suggested sharing pedestrian accident reports.

Commissioner Greene commented that dusk is a critical time to examine. He pointed out that the east side's differences from the west side should be considered. He suggested extending outreach and improving relations with Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. In addition, he expressed concern with West Hollywood's ability to get funding based on image.

Commissioner Clarkin stated that this is an opportunity to bridge boulevards (Sunset and Santa Monica).

Commissioner Eichman emphasized bike sharing as a priority and suggested gauging interest in West Hollywood moving forward with its own program. He suggested gauging the public's reaction to bikes on sidewalks, especially among seniors, and see how it is working. He encouraged business outreach utilizing the Chamber of Commerce and the BID.

Matt Benjamin confirmed that bike share is a specific task within the scope.

Commissioner Warren pointed out that it is important to remember that this is an update and is pleased that a frank and practical approach is being taken to improve on work that has already been done. He stated that the most important thing to come out of it would be an action list. He commented on designating quieter streets for bicyclists and emphasized the need for getting real bike count numbers. He listed possible issues with colored bike lanes or physical separators, use of narrow "Yield" signs in the street and utilizing results of the flashing pedestrian light study.

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: Items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion are considered at this time.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Antol

- Stephanie DeWolfe
- La Brea Streetscape plan
- Transportation Enhancement Fee item

11. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Schmidt

- Revisit LRMP Work Plan

Greene

- Unpleasant median at Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights

Eichman

- Sharrow feed back

Warren

- Left turn on to Bonner
- Social Services survey results
- Public Safety Commission comments on the Avenues Streetscape Plan
- Joint Subcommittee with the Public Safety Commission; Eichman and Horvath to serve

Wayland

- Attending the East Side PAC Meeting

12. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Sherry Stark, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Bonner in the Avenue Streetscape Plan.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about protected left turns on Fountain Avenue.

13. CALL TO ORDER (Continued)

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of March 20, 2013 with the following changes:

Page 6: change "sacrifices" to "compromises".

Page 7: identify right turn lane as "westbound"

Page 8: correct Warren's statement about traffic queuing into the intersection.

Moved: Wayland Second: Horvath
All Aye

Motion passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

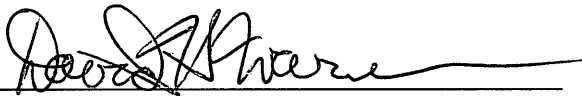
Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 9:20 p.m. in memory of Linda Marie Clarkin, Brett Shaad and Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell and Lu Lingzi until the next meeting on May 15, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Eichman Second: Schmidt

All ayes.

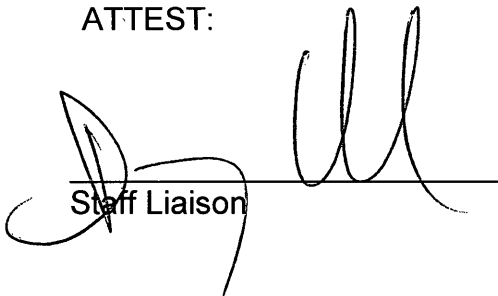
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
15TH DAY OF MAY 2013.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison