

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
DECEMBER 19, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Warren.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Larry Block 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:
David Eichman, Steven Greene, Lindsey Horvath, Scott Schmidt,
Leon Shparaga, David Warren

Commissioners absent:
Steve Wayland

Staff present:
Melissa Antol, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of December 19, 2012, Transportation Commission meeting.
Commissioner Eichman requested that the Commission adjourn in memory of the Victims at Sandy Hook Elementary School

Motion: Schmidt Second: Greene
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of October 17, 2012 with the following changes;

Page 5: Correct spelling of Misti Cooper's name

Page 8: change "on" to "one" in Commissioner Greene's statement

Page 9: fix the verbiage in Walter Davis' statement

Moved: Greene Second: Schmidt

Aye: Steven Greene, Lindsey Horvath, Scott Schmidt, Leon Shparaga, David Warren

Abstain: David Eichman

Motion passed.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Larry Block, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced himself as the liaison for the West Hollywood Disabilities Advisory Board.

Nick Garzilli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about J-Pod.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about crosswalks.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

No item

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

All-Way Stop Sign Installation At Designated Intersections

Staff report from Walter Davis

Commissioner Schmidt asked why an all stop was not being considered on DeLongpre.

Walter Davis replied that staff was looking at areas where street improvements are currently planned.

Commissioner Schmidt asked how red curbs would be affected at t-intersections.

Walter Davis said that they would be altered in accordance with code.

Melissa Antol stated that, perhaps, there were two different discussions occurring.

Commissioner Greene asked what they were.

Melissa Antol identified the discussions in relation to the item at hand.

Commissioner Greene asked if volume warrants were met.

Walter Davis said that no volume or speed warrants were met, and that installation is recommended based on sight distances.

Commissioner Greene asked if there could be a crosswalk installed, instead of an all-way stop at Willoughby/La Jolla, if parking was less of an issue.

Walter Davis replied that he could not answer that immediately.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there were many accidents reported.

Walter Davis responded that, while there were a few accidents on record, the recommendation is not based on that.

Commissioner Eichman stated that he's concerned with the differences between three-way and four-way stops. He added that he thinks they should all be installed at once, as to avoid confusion.

Commissioner Horvath asked what the policy for residential requests for stop signs is.

Walter Davis explained the process.

Commissioner Horvath asked what else, besides visibility, was examined.

Walter Davis explained the issues.

Commissioner Horvath asked if the anecdotal data is supported by studies.

Walter Davis said that it is.

Commissioner Horvath asked what the notification requirements are.

Walter Davis responded that notification is not required.

Commissioner Warren asked if the visibility evaluation is quantifiable.

Walter Davis said that it is.

Commissioner Warren stated we could be putting stops signs on every street throughout West Hollywood.

Walter Davis said that there are quite a few already.

Commissioner Warren asked what the issue at Kings/Romaine is.

Walter Davis explained.

Commissioner Warren asked how many parking spaces there would be lost.

Walter Davis replied it would be seven spaces, at most.

Commissioner Warren remarked that he would like public input, being that the City is considering removing parking in a parking-starved neighborhood.

Walter Davis said that the neighborhood is noticed on traffic calming devices, but not typically on warrant-based issues.

Commissioner Greene pointed out that the item in consideration is a safety issue, not cosmetic, so it is not appropriate to ask the neighborhood if a safety issue should be addressed.

Commissioner Horvath expressed concern for public perception of notification, based on previous experiences.

Motion: support staff recommendation subject to analysis of alternative means of achieving the same goals.

Moved: Greene Second: none

- Motion: 1. Approve stops on Willoughby, wait on 3-way stops until after a policy discussion on red-curbs.
2. Notify the public.

Moved: Schmidt Second: None

Motion: Table the item until staff evaluates whether the issue could be solved using only red curbing.

Moved: Eichman Second: None

Commissioner Horvath stated that if it is a safety issue, the Commission should take action. She stated that Commissioner Greene had a point and that she would like to see alternatives.

Motion: Table item until next available meeting.

Moved: Greene Second: Schmidt
All Ayes.

Motion passed.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items.

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

IX. LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Antol

- Dial-A-Ride Grant
- Holiday evening shuttle
- Possible changes to bus 704 route
- Bike/Ped RFP responses
- Sharrows
- Avenues Streetscape plans

Casillas

- Field Trip

XI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Schmidt

- Bikes in Paris
- All-way stops at T-intersections

Greene

- Drive-way at Sweetzer/Romaine
- 704 Route

Eichman

- CityLine to Hollywood/Highland
- Parking at broken meters
- L.A. Times article

Horvath

- Happy holidays
- Thank you

Warren

- Zip Car
- Transportation questions in Community Survey

XII. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the MTA 704 meeting
Larry Block, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Huntley/Sherwood
Nick Garzilli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about J-Pod.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

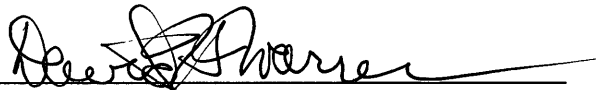
Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned in memory of the Victims at Sandy Hook Elementary School at 8:20 p.m. until the next meeting on January 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Horvath Second: Greene

All ayes.

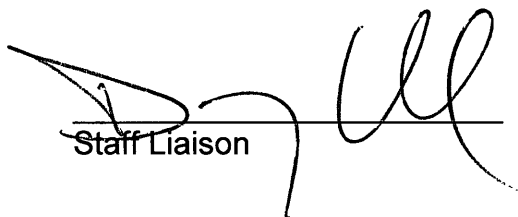
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2012.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison