

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
JUNE 17, 2015
7:05 P.M.**

**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER,
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, ROOMS 5 AND 6,
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Greene.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Kevin Burton 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:

William Doeblar, Amy Walia-Fazio, Steven Greene, David Warren,
Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:

Misti Cooper,

Staff present:

Bianca Siegl, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager
Don Norte, Parking Services Officer
Rod Marquez, Parking Operations Supervisor
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of June 17, 2015, Transportation Commission meeting.

Motion: Warren Second: Doeblar

All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of May 20, 2015

Moved: Warren Second: Doebler
Aye: Doebler, Walia-Fazio, Greene, Warren

Abstain: Wayland
Motion passed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Michael Wojtkielewicz, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the condition of bus stops.

Chuck Fisher, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about northbound left turns at Crescent Heights/Norton from Santa Monica Boulevard in relation to the crosswalk.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

No item

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Policy and Legislative Modifications To the City's Preferential Parking Program

Staff report by Don Norte

Commissioner Walia-Fazio asked for the definition of dwelling unit and asked if it was defined in the code.

Rod Marquez defined the term and said it was in the code.

Commissioner Doebler asked how the problems were seen in the street.

Rod Marquez explained.

Commissioner Wayland asked how 400 and 50 were determined as limits.

Rod Marquez explained the history, then the current policy.

Commissioner Wayland if anyone has ever reached the 400 permit limit.

Rod Marquez said that no one has.

Commissioner Wayland asked what would be solved if the 10 day prior limit was changed to five days.

Rod Marquez explained.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio explained the Parking Subcommittee's reasoning for determinations of limits. She expressed concern for item 5 in the staff report.

Commissioner Greene requested an explanation of the policy concerning permit use fifteen days of the month.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio asked if permits would be available for printing at home.

Rod Marquez replied that staff is looking into the idea, but it would open the program up to the counterfeiting of permits.

Commissioner Doebler asked if there has been record of a decline in residential/guest permit purchasing.

Rod Marquez said that there has been some decline.

Commissioner Warren questioned some terms in the report. He suggested alternatives, such as calling the visitor permit an event pass, instead. He asked for examples of what people who use a high number of permits use them for. He suggested a limit on the number of events a person could have and a number of passes per event.

Commissioner Greene stated that limiting permit issuance to five days prior would deter their use as a guest permit.

Commissioner Wayland disagreed with calling the one-day permit an event pass. He expressed his support for staff recommendations. He asked if there is ever an request for over 50 passes.

Rod Marquez said it is very rare.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio agreed with Commissioner Wayland and said that five days prior is good for a limit on permit issuance.

Commissioner Doebler suggested prioritizing problems for solving and expressed concern for the burden on staff to regulate the fifteen days per month policy.

Rod Marquez explained how fifteen days could be tracked.

Commissioner Warren recommended that staff identify what constitutes a day for the fifteen day policy. He also suggested that staff emphasize solutions rather than a history, when presenting the staff report to Council.

Motion:

Endorse recommended policy and legislative modifications to the City's Preferential Parking Program.

Direct staff to draft an ordinance incorporating recommended policy and legislative modifications to present to the City Council for approval.

Moved: Walia-Fazio Second: Doebler
Ayes: Doebler, Walia-Fazio, Greene, Wayland
Nays: Warren
Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on the Design For a Signalized Mid-Block Crosswalk On Santa Monica Blvd., Between Orange Grove Avenue And Ogden Drive

Staff report by Sharon Perlstein.

Commissioner Wayland asked if the signal would be pedestrian activated.

Sharon Perlstein said that it would be.

Commissioner Wayland asked if it could be synchronized with the traffic signals.

Sharon Perlstein said that it could be.

David Eichman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Wayland supported the changes and suggested that the "Use Crosswalk" sign feature arrows in both directions.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio agreed and stressed the importance of barriers.

Commissioner Greene suggested extending the left turn pocket at Fairfax/Santa Monica Boulevard and to improve lighting.

Commissioner Warren supported Commissioner Greene's suggestion for a left pocket extension.

Motion: Support the Public Works Department's recommendation for the conceptual layout of the proposed signalized mid-block crosswalk on Santa Monica Blvd between Orange Grove Avenue and Ogden Drive

Moved: Walia-Fazio Second: Doebler

All Ayes

Motion passed.

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

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

B. Westside Crosswalks

Staff report from Bob Cheung

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, said he preferred a pedestrian activated signal over flashing lights at the Palm crosswalk.

Ric Abramson, WEST HOLLYWOOD, said there needed to be more alternatives.

Bill Karpiak, RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL, said there needed to be more alternatives and expressed a need for the current design in front of the hotel.

Genevieve Morrill, Marina Del Rey, said there needed to be more alternatives and expressed a need for the current design in front of the hotel.

David Eichman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, suggested that more study.

Josh Kurpies, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concerns for moving the crosswalk at Westmount.

Bob Cheung gave a history of the process and how the item was formed.

Commissioners provided comments and suggestions.

The Commission decided;

Westmount: 2 opposed signalization, 3 for signalization, all expressed concern for relocating the crosswalk because of the heavy usage.

West Knoll: all agreed to phase in a signal if needed, but leaving as is until a signal is warranted. Contingent on if a U-turn is required by a change at the Ramada driveway.

Hancock: All in favor of signalization but no southbound left turn.

Palm: All in favor of signalization because it has the least impact, with option to removal if not an improvement.

- A. Update On Street And Sidewalk Closures During The Undergrounding Of Edison Electrical Lines On Sunset Blvd. And La Cienega Blvd. By The Development Project At 8490 And 8500 Sunset Blvd., Sunset-La Cienega Development Project.

Sharon Perlstein gave a review of plans and traffic control

- C. Preview of July agenda

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Walia-Fazio

- Thanks to Perri Sloane Goodman for How To Ride

Warren

- Traffic Relief item
- Annual Bike Count
- San Vicente traffic signal

11. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the West Hollywood Bike Coalition

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 11:20 p.m. until the next meeting on July 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

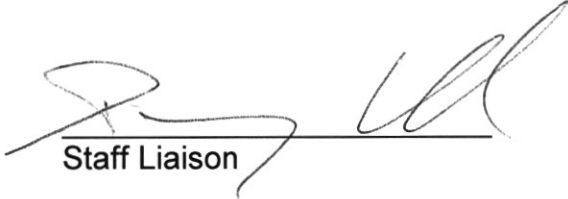
Moved: Warren Second: Wayland
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY 2015.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison

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