

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Schmidt.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Bob Cheung 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, Luis Marquez, Kathryn Page, Scott Schmidt, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:

Steven Greene, Brian Pendleton

Staff present:

Anne McIntosh, Director of Community Development Department
Bob Cheung, Acting Transportation & Transit Manager
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Specialist
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

D. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Approve the Agenda of August 18, 2010, Transportation Commission meeting.

Moved: Marquez Second: Wayland

All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of June 16, 2010

With the following corrections;

Page 3: Correct spelling of Genesee.

Page 4: Change Santa Monica Boulevard to Fountain Avenue.

Moved: Eichman Second: Marquez

All Ayes:

Motion passed.

F. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Elected Chair: David Eichman

Elected Vice-Chair: Luis Marquez

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Randall Derrick, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the development of the building next to the post office on Fairfax Avenue.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

No items.

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Nexus Traffic Impact Study Presentation

Presentation from Brian Welch of Fehr & Peers

Commissioner Wayland asked what impacts were being linked.

Brian Welch replied that the impact definitions were based on mitigations identified within the model.

Anne McIntosh added that on a project level, the impacts must be specifically identified and the model is intended to be used with a city-wide perspective.

Commissioner Schmidt surmised that based on the presentation, a project on Norton Avenue could pay for a parking lot on Fairfax Avenue.

Brian Welch continued with the presentation.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the fees were structured the same.

Anne McIntosh confirmed that they were, adding that fees can be amended as projects develop. Currently, fees are created based on a broad analysis. With the model, that analysis can be processed and confirmed, and a developer would know their actual obligation to the City.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the analysis would be done in-house or outsourced.

Brian Welch said that it would be a mix of both.

Commissioner Eichman asked if developers would have to hire someone for a separate traffic study.

Bob Cheung replied that they are still responsible for immediate impacts.

Anne McIntosh added that, sometimes a single project will have no impact, but further down the line, another project ends up tipping the scale and does an EIR, which determines that there are immitigable impacts and the City gets no money. The model will help identify accumulative impacts.

Commissioner Marquez asked at what point in the process developers pay the fees.

Bob Cheung replied that fees would be assessed during the permitting phase.

Commissioner Marquez asked how trips are calculated.

Brian Welsh stated that staff would be able to look at trip generation rates based on net new trips for the type of land use.

Commissioner Schmidt asked how the fees are determined.

Brian Welsh said that it would be based on net new trips and adjusted yearly.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if staff is going to analyze how it will affect other areas of the General Plan, such as affordable housing.

Brian Welch replied that it would be based at the City's discretion.

Commissioner Schmidt asked at what point a fee becomes a tax.

Anne McIntosh said that there have been impact fees imposed for years at Council discretion and this model ties the process into the CEQA way of doing things.

Commissioner Wayland asked if it would result in a significant raise in fees.

Anne McIntosh said that that was still undetermined.

Commissioner Wayland commented that he is in favor of fees for mitigation, that it only seems fair.

Commissioner Marquez pointed out that the new fees would be in place of, not in addition to current fees.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that he had grave concerns going in this way as he sees money from the east side possibly funding projects on the Westside a problem. He added that he thought that basing fees on delay was more logical than on trips.

Anne McIntosh replied that, perhaps, distribution of fees could be based on proximity of the project.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Taxi and Transit- No report.
- B. Traffic Circulation & Access - No report.
- C. Parking - *Minutes of June 16, 2010 meeting*
- D. Pedestrian and Bike - No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items.

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

IX. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

X. LIAISON REPORT

No report.

XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Bicycle Task Force staff report from July 19, 2010 City Council Meeting

Commissioner Schmidt said that he felt he should have been consulted and feels perhaps there is no need for a task force. It was simply an issue of process.

Bob Cheung reported that details have been given to staff.

Commissioner Wayland commented that Councilmember Abbe Land said that the issue was to be discussed more broadly than just West Hollywood.

B. Public Safety Commission invitation

A joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission will be held September 13, 2010 in lieu of the September 15, 2010 meeting.

C. General Plan Mobility Element Update

Anne McIntosh informed the Commission that the public comment period has closed and that the subject was open for discussion

now, or commissioners could go to the September 16, 2010 Planning Commission meeting.

D. Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan Process

Walter Davis requested a process by which staff could have closure on projects, particularly unsupported projects, from the commission.

Commissioner Eichman suggested discussion of the issue with the Traffic Circulation subcommittee.

XII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Wayland

- Bicycle Task Force interest

Schmidt

- Call for applications for Bicycle Task Force
- More Bicycle Yield To Pedestrian signs?

Marquez

- Congratulations to David Eichman
- Thanks to Scott Schmidt
- Adjourn in memory of John Chase

Eichman

- Big Green Bus
- Crosswalk at Sunset Plaza Drive
 - Median very wide
 - Angled crosswalk /visibility
- 9th Annual Transportation Summit
- Subcommittee requests

XIII. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned in memory of John Chase at 8:30 p.m. until the next meeting on September 13, 2010, 7:00

p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Wayland Second: Marquez

All ayes.

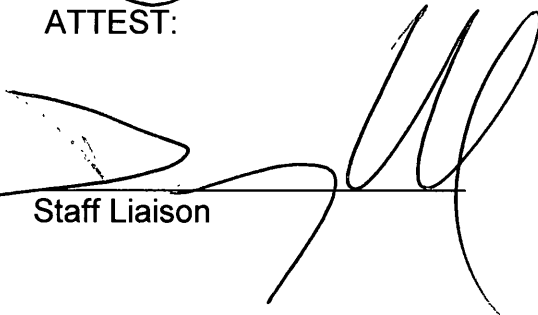
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison