

**MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011**

**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 Eichman.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance  
Commissioner Schmidt 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, Kathryn Page, Brian Pendleton,  
Scott Schmidt, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:  
Luis Marquez

Staff present:  
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 April 20, 2011, Transportation Commission meeting.  
Moved: Wayland Second: Greene  
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of March 16, 2011.

Moved: Wayland Second: Page

All Ayes:

Motion passed.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Irwin Chodash, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the turn pocket at Detroit Street/Santa Monica Blvd.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Cynthia Street / Larrabee Avenue Test Traffic Circle

Staff report from Walter Davis

Commissioner Wayland confirmed the location of the bulb outs.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there were any other traffic circles at off-set intersections in West Hollywood.

Walter Davis replied that this is the first in the city.

Gary Augeri, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Jason Morgan, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Charles Cain, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Steve Ford, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Rachella Smith, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Matthew Kincaide, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Mitch Kompaniez, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Steve LeGrand, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Wayland asked about crosswalks and stop signs in the traffic circle.

Walter Davis responded that the existing stop signs will be better aligned with the crosswalks..

Commissioner Wayland stated that he is supportive of the device, although he isn't sure it will address the issues at hand.

Commissioner Eichman asked about the size of the traffic circle.

Walter Davis described the size for the preliminary study, explaining that it may change as the study continues.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there would be directional signs.

Walter Davis stated that there would be, as well as arrows on the street.

Commissioner Greene commented that he agrees with Commissioner Wayland, but is cautiously supportive as he also worries about people traveling in the wrong direction. Also, he doesn't see how eastbound traffic will be discouraged. He concluded that he is supportive if the neighborhood wants the device.

Commissioner Schmidt agreed with Commissioner Wayland and offered that another solution would be to make Sunset flow better. He added that he is also concerned with noise issues.

Commissioner Eichman agreed in general, saying that the device does help clarify right-of-way, but he is still concerned about traffic movement going north/south.

Bob Cheung stated that staff could explore expanding the bulb-outs in order to slow traffic and make it a less desirable route.

Walter Davis reminded the commission that modifications may be necessary during the test period.

Commissioner Eichman asked if four months was a long enough test period.

Walter Davis said staff would consider going to six months.

Commissioner Schmidt suggested monitoring traffic on Fridays and Saturdays at 2:00 A.M.

Walter Davis replied that all heavy times are monitored. He added that he is working on loading issues at the hotel nearby.

Bob Cheung said that staff would check with Code Enforcement regarding noise issues.

Commissioner Wayland offered that the Transportation Commission would do more if need be, if there is neighborhood consensus.

Commissioner Greene agreed with Bob Cheung that more could be done during the test phase.

Motion: Approve the installation of a test traffic circle at the Cynthia Street and Larrabee Avenue intersection.

Moved: Wayland Second: Greene

All ayes.

Motion passed.

## V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

### A. Presentation by Hollywood Electric Bikes

Presentation by Harlan Flagg

Commissioner Eichman asked how much it costs to charge a bike at home.

Harlan Flagg replied that it costs about one cent for a mile of usage.

Commissioner Pendleton asked if there were any initiatives to add new charging stations for vehicles.

Bob Cheung replied that the City did have some charging stations, but there was little to no demand for them.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if bikes were allowed to charge at available charging stations.

Commissioner Pendleton stated that it would probably be a different kind of charging station.

Harlan Flagg interjected that it would be easier, now based on a standardization of charging features.

Commissioner Wayland commented that retrofitting should be relatively easy.

Harlan Flagg stated he is willing to help staff with a charging station initiative.

Commissioner Eichman asked for a description of the average electric bicyclist.

Harlan Flagg described them as the general bike-riding public who enjoy having the extra power, especially when going uphill.

Commissioner Eichman asked if pedaling is required.

Harlan Flagg responded that the pedals and throttle work independently.

## 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. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

X. LIAISON REPORT

No report.

XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Davis

- "No Left Turn" sign at 8020 Santa Monica Boulevard (Shell Station)
- Shared loading zone at 801 Kings Road.

XII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Schmidt

- Signal Sync
- Kings Road Medians
- San Vicente crosswalk

Greene

- Left turn pocket at Detroit Street/ Santa Monica Boulevard
- Beverly Hills initiating buying land at Santa Monica Boulevard/ Doheny Drive

Wayland

- BTF update

Eichman

- Speed survey on Ogden Drive
- Pilot Program for chicanes
- Lighted crosswalks
- Interviews for Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager

XIII. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 8:10 p.m. until the next meeting on May 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Wayland Second: Greene

All ayes.

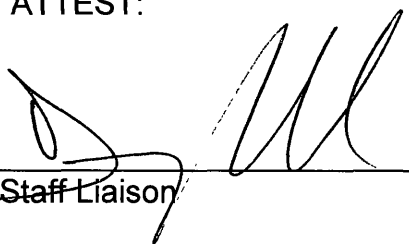
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS  
18TH DAY OF MAY 2011.

Chair

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Staff Liaison