

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
DECEMBER 16, 2015
7:00 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 7:00 p.m. by David Warren.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Chris Corrao 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:
Richard Bernard, Misti Cooper, William Doebler, David Eichman,
Evan Richter, David Warren, Dan Wentzel

Commissioners absent:
None

Staff present:
Bianca Siegl, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Jackie Rocco, Parking Operations Manager
Don Norte, Parking Services Officer
Chris Corrao, Associate Planner
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of December 16 2015, Transportation Commission meeting. Commissioner Eichman requested that the Transportation Commission adjourn in the memory of the victims of the San Bernardino attack on December 2; Larry Daniel Kaufman,

Michael Wentzel, Tin Nguyen, Robert Adams, Shannon Johnson, Bennetta Betbadal, Nicholas Thalasinis, Damian Meins, Yvette Velasco, Aurora Godoy, Sierra Clayborn and in memory of Brad Burlingame

Motion: Eichman Second: Doebler
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of November 18, 2015 with the following change;

Page 4: Add "the term" to Commissioner Bernard's question

Moved: Eichman Second: Richter
All Aye

Motion passed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Ben Coleman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the El Nino Town Hall

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Pilot Program To Implement A Two (2) Hour Daytime Time Limit On Edinburgh Avenue

Staff report by Don Norte

Marian Thomas Griffin, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke WITH CONCERNS REGARDING of Staff report recommendations.

JD Calsyn, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke WITH CONCERNS REGARDING of Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Eichman asked how the amendment to the Spencer Study of District 9 is connected to the item.

Don Norte explained.

Jackie Rocco stated that a parking lot would be built on the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights, along with monthly passes that should help alleviate parking issues in the area.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the restrictions could wait until after the Spencer Study is conducted.

Jackie Rocco explained the timeline and how it would affect and be affected by the study.

Don Norte explained the ratio of residential and non-residential parking.

Commissioner Cooper stated that the safety program should be included in the staff report to City Council and that employees should be given discounted rates.

Jackie Rocco agreed.

Commissioner Doebler asked when parking restrictions were implemented on Hayworth.

Don Norte said it was in 2013, approximately.

Commissioner Doebler asked if the study will delay the results of the Hayworth pilot.

Don Norte explained the delay in relation to the anticipation of the study.

Commissioner Doebler asked how the pilot has gone on Hayworth.

Jacki Rocco said feedback is positive.

Commissioner Wentzel asked for clarification of the Public Safety aspect of the item.

Jackie Rocco explained.

Commissioner Wentzel expressed his concern for the study's consideration of access to the Veterinary Clinic.

Commissioner Bernard asked about the bus card program as an option for students.

Jackie Rocco explained.

Commissioner Warren read an email from Steven Soloman and asked if the parking was studied for more than one day.

Don Norte said that it was.

Commissioner Warren asked what might change after the study of District 9.

Don Norte gave some examples.

Commissioner Warren asked when the Edinburg pilot would take effect.

Don Norte estimated it would go into effect late February or March.

Motion:

(1) Advise the City Council to approve a pilot program implementing a two (2) hour time limit from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., every day on the 1000 block of Edinburg Avenue with an exemption for vehicles displaying Preferential Parking District 9 parking passes.

(2) Direct staff to present the findings of the pilot program to the Transportation Commission after six (6) months to render a final recommendation to the City Council to introduce new legislation adopting the two (2) hour time limit permanently.

(3) Coordinate timing of the pilot program with the opening of the surface lot on Santa Monica Boulevard, if feasible.

Moved: Cooper Second: Wentzel

All Ayes

Motion passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Improvements At San Vicente/Library, Fountain/Hayworth And Fairfax/Romaine

Staff report from Bob Cheung.

Commissioner Warren asked if there would be protected bike lanes on Fairfax Avenue and Romaine Street.

Bob Cheung said he was not certain, but would check with Sharon Perlstein.

Commissioner Eichman questioned the visibility of the crosswalk at Fairfax Avenue and Romaine Street.

Bob Cheung said that staff is looking to improve visibility.

Commissioner Warren asked if there could be a pedestrian refuge in the center of the street.

Bob Cheung said that it would be too much of an impact there.

Commissioner Wentzel asked if reflective materials would be utilized.

Bob Cheung said that they are already being implemented.

Commissioner Bernard agreed 100 percent with the analysis of the Pacific Design Center/library and San Vicente.

Commissioner Doebler agreed.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the signal would be pedestrian activated.

Bob Cheung said that they would.

Commissioner Wentzel appreciated the recommendations for the crosswalk at Fountain Avenue and Hayworth Avenue.

Commissioner Eichman said that cars turning left are an issue.

Ben Coleman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke WITH CONCERNS REGARDING of Staff report recommendations.

Karen OKeefe, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke WITH CONCERNS REGARDING of Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Wentzel stated that the Sunset Boulevard and Queens Road crosswalk may need to be revisited later.

Commissioner Eichman stated that the Fairfax Avenue and Romaine Avenue crosswalk would be an ideal place for the flashing beacon.

Commissioner Warren added that he would like to see a pedestrian refuge placed there.

Commissioner Doebler commented that landscaping is an issue at the San Vicente and PDC/Library crosswalk.

Bob Cheung countered that the real issue is the curve in the street and the slope while traveling south.

Commissioner Warren asked if in pavement signs could be utilized there.

Bob Cheung replied that because of the labor intensive maintenance issues, staff is not recommending in-pavement signs anywhere.

Commissioner Warren asked if there had been any pedestrians hit in the crosswalks being considered.

Bob Cheung gave statistics.

Commissioner Warren considered removing the crosswalk at Fairfax Avenue and Hayworth Avenue along with other considerations.

Bob Cheung said that the crosswalk is heavily used, so staff is reluctant to remove it altogether, especially because of the distance between crossings at traffic signals.

Commissioner Bernard asked how mitigations would be measured.

Bob Cheung explained the six month review process.

Motion: Recommend to City Council approval crossing enhancements at San Vicente Boulevard at PDC/Library and Fountain Avenue at Hayworth Avenue with a compliance analysis before and after installation.

Moved: Bernard Second: Wentzel
All Ayes:
Motion passed.

B. Transportation Demand Management & Transit Overlay Zone Working Group Appointments

Staff report by Chris Corrao

Commissioner Warren added some background information.

Commissioner Richter was appointed as liaison with Commissioner Wentzel as an alternate.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Bike Share Update

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Bernard

- Gridlock signs are sufficient

Wentzel

- Bike Safety for Bike Share users
- Uber Hop
- Removing parking from Santa Monica Boulevard

Richter

- Chariot

Doebler

- Left turn at Beverly Boulevard/San Vicente improved

Warren

- How Left turn at Beverly Boulevard/San Vicente came about
- Bike education
- In Pavement signs effectiveness

- Traffic Relief Review

11. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC


No items

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 9:55 p.m. in the memory of the victims of the San Bernadino attack on December 2; Larry Daniel Kaufman, Michael Wentzel, Tin Nguyen, Robert Adams, Shannon Johnson, Bennetta Betbadal, Nicholas Thalasinis, Damian Meins, Yvette Velasco, Aurora Godoy, Sierra Clayborn and in memory of Brad Burlingame, until the next meeting on January 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

Moved: Eichman Second: Cooper
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison

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