

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
JANUARY 20, 2016
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 7:08 p.m. by David Warren.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Steven Greene 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,
David Warren, Dan Wentzel

Commissioners absent:

Evan Richter,

Staff present:

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Corrao, Associate Planner
Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of January 20 2015, Transportation Commission meeting.
Motion: Eichman Second: Bernard
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of December 16, 2015 with the following changes;

Page 5: Add "there" to Bob Cheung's statement

Page 5: Remove "said" to read "Doebler agreed"

Moved: Eichman Second: Doebler

All Aye:

Motion passed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Ben Coleman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, gave a Public Safety update and spoke about issues of Uber and Lyft drivers stopping in bike lanes.

Jeffrey Waack, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about putting together a joint subcommittee.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

No item

5. NEW BUSINESS

No item

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update On The Design For Bicycle Lanes On Fairfax Avenue, Between Fountain Avenue And Willoughby Avenue

Staff report from Sharon Perlstein

Commissioner Bernard admired the renderings in the staff report and said that he liked the idea of the hatch marked sections, then asked if the impact of the loss of lane is anecdotal or quantified.

Sharon Perlstein said it's based on volume rates.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there were any studies done.

Sharon Perlstein said that there were not, as the third lane only exists in this stretch of Fairfax Avenue.

Commissioner Eichman asked if Staff felt that two lanes is safer than three, seeing as cars tend to use the third lane to speed up and surpass other cars.

Sharon Perlstein responded that having a bike lane there would provide some traffic calming.

Commissioner Eichman asked why lanes were modified to 11½ feet rather than installing a small median.

Sharon Perlstein said that there is not enough room for any median.

Commissioner Eichman said that he is still concerned that cars will be travelling very close together.

Sharon Perlstein pointed out that those lanes would be wider than the lanes on Sunset Boulevard.

Commissioner Wentzel asked if the redesign could convert the parking lane into a transit lane.

Sharon Perlstein said that it would be possible, but the loss of parking would be an issue.

Commissioner Doebler expressed support and clarified the length of the buffer.

Commissioner Eichman confirmed the right turn only lane at Santa Monica Boulevard.

Steven Greene, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Alexander Friedman, HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

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

Taylor Nichols, LOS ANGELES, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Karen O'Keefe, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Sharon Perlstein addressed Kevin Burton's comments.

Commissioner Warren asked if there was an issue with lanes approaching major intersections in general.

Sharon Perlstein said that it was specific to the situation.

Commissioner Warren asked if having green lanes was a possibility.

Sharon Perlstein said that it would be very costly.

Commissioner Warren asked about placing bumps in the pavement along the lane.

Sharon Perlstein said that it is difficult to have them because of the on-street parking.

Commissioner Warren asked if there could be a marked door zone installed.

Sharon Perlstein said that she would check on the feasibility of it.

Commissioner Warren asked about public participation in the process.

Sharon Perlstein said that there were mailings, along with previous outreach and meetings.

Commissioner Bernard expressed support, but had concerns about using traffic calming techniques to get cars onto arterials and now,

having the bike lanes calm the arterials. He desires a more holistic approach.

Commissioner Wentzel agreed with Commissioner Bernard and would like to remove all parking from arterials. He hoped for more City parking lots, green lanes and to keep a level of flexibility.

Commissioner Eichman encouraged staff to carefully consider the right turn lane.

Commissioner Cooper mentioned making plans for light rail.

Commissioner Warren asked why the block at Whole Foods is no longer an issue.

Sharon Perlstein listed the changes that were made there.

Commissioner Warren asked if safety would be improved with the addition of the bike lanes with the crosswalk at Fairfax at Romaine.

Sharon Perlstein explained the benefits and said that more analysis would be done.

Commissioner Warren asked if there was no chance for a pedestrian refuge.

Sharon Perlstein said that it would require turn restrictions.

Commissioner Warren said he does not believe the bike counts.

Sharon Perlstein said the count was done by CalTrans and described the methods used.

Commissioner Warren acknowledged Steven Greene's advocacy. He commented on the importance of public participation and a need to find a way to engage the public more.

Motion: Support the Public Works Department's recommendation for the conceptual layout of the proposed bicycle lanes on Fairfax Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Willoughby Avenue.

Moved: Eichman Second: Cooper

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**

A. **Bike Share Update**

Karen O'Keefe, WEST HOLLYWOOD, said she loves that bike share is coming to West Hollywood.

10. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

Bernard

- Holistic approach to traffic issues
- Last General Plan update

Wentzel

- Gateway and wayfinding update
- Helicopter service policy
- Homeless people on busses
- Cycling on Fountain Avenue

Eichman

- City Line X launch

Doebler

- Gridlock signs at unsignalized intersections

Warren

- Street Media update
- TDM/TOZ update
- Red Light Photo Enforcement contract
- Romaine/Fairfax accidents
- Department work plans
- Information feeds/apps
- Clarification of Public Safety Commission joint Subcommittee

11. **ITEMS FROM PUBLIC**

No items

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 9:00 p.m. until the next meeting on February 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

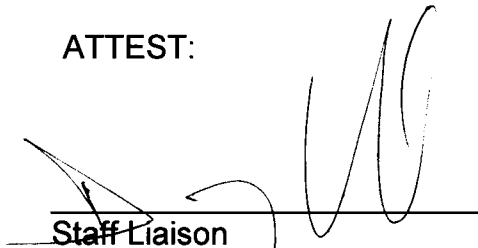
Moved: Bernard Second: Cooper
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison

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