

**MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MAY 18, 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 7:00 p.m. by David Warren.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance  
David Eichman 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:  
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner  
Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator  
David Guigni, Social Services Manager  
Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer  
Tiffany Robinson, Senior Planner (Bike Share)  
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of May 18, 2016, Transportation Commission meeting.

Motion: Doebler      Second: Eichman  
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of April 20, 2016  
with the following corrections;

*Page 4: correct "student" to read "low income".*

*Page 5: correct "Bernard" to read "Richter"*

*Page 6: correct Doebler's third item to read "Balancing interests of  
different user groups on Santa Monica Boulevard."*

Moved: Richter                      Second: Bernard  
Aye: Bernard, Cooper, Doebler, Eichman, Richter, Warren  
Abstain: Wentzel  
Motion passed.

2. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items

3. PUBLIC HEARING

No item

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Purchase of Transit Vehicles

Staff report from Perri Sloane Goodman

Commissioner Richter asked about ridership.

Perri Sloane Goodman said the vehicles are not usually full.

Commissioner Richter asked the reason for propane fueled vehicles.

Perri Sloane Goodman said that natural gas is hard to find and the  
gas tanks would be too large to store.

Commissioner Richter asked if there are any electric or hybrid  
vehicles available.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that they are available, but they are too limited in service before having to recharge.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the General Fund would be used.

Perri Sloan Goodman said it would not be used.

Commissioner Eichman asked about the change of artwork.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that the broader demographic may require change.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the Commission would have input on the new graphics.

Perri Sloan Goodman said that they could.

Commissioner Wentzel asked what the ridership for CityLine X is.

Perri Sloane Goodman said that it averages about 16 riders, but various riders are not going the full route, depending on their needs.

Commissioner Wentzel asked about the addition of bike racks.

Perri Sloan Goodman said they had been requested.

Commissioner Bernard asked how out of boundary destinations are determined.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that those destinations are part of Dial-A-Ride, not CityLine.

Commissioner Doebler asked what some complaints of the vans were.

Perri Sloane Goodman listed some issues from riders.

Commissioner Warren asked about the indirect use of the General Fund.

Perri Sloane Goodman explained the use and trading of various fund sources.

Commissioner Warren asked about the timing of purchases and contracts before the Transit Review.

Perri Slone Goodman explained.

David Giugni explained further.

Commissioner Warren recommended discussing branding now and asked about exploring incorporating a ride-share model.

Perri Sloane Goodman said that Staff is already looking into it.

Commissioner Bernard asked about funds from Prop A and Prop C.

Sharon Perlstein explained differences and their uses.

Commissioner Bernard mentioned a new, upcoming measure.

## 5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update on the Design For New Traffic Signals at the Intersections of Santa Monica Blvd./Palm Avenue; Santa Monica Blvd./Hancock Avenue; Santa Monica Blvd./Westmount Drive; And Santa Monica Blvd./West Knoll Drive.

Staff report from Sharon Perlstein

Regarding Palm Avenue:

Commissioner Eichman asked if the signal would be flashing.

Sharon Perlstein said that there would be a red ball.

Commissioner Bernard asked if the signals would be synchronized.

Sharon Perlstein said that they would be and explained how the timing is revised throughout the day.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there would be any bus stops affected.

Sharon Perlstein said that there was no stop there.

Commissioner Doebler expressed concern for pedestrians attempting to cross at retired crosswalks.

Sharon Perlstein explained how signage would be utilized.

Commissioner Cooper commented that these changes would make pedestrians feel safer, but may not allow traffic to flow as desired.

Sharon Perlstein explained the City is striving for a balance between the two.

Commissioner Warren asked why current proposals are different from the original proposals from a few years ago.

Sharon Perlstein explained.

Bob Cheung explained further.

Commissioner Warren reminded Staff of the original proposals.

Bob Cheung further explained why staff went with other options.

Commissioner Bernard asked if Staff is concerned that the change would increase traffic from Sunset.

Sharon Perlstein said no, but Staff would continue to monitor the area.

Regarding Westmount:

Commissioner Wentzel expressed concern about cutting the U-turn area short.

Sharon Perlstein acknowledged his concern and said it requires further observation.

Commissioner Bernard mentioned the angle of the crosswalk.

Sharon Perlstein explained what changing the angle could do.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there would be any loss of parking on Westmount.

Sharon Perlstein said that she did not think there would be.

Commissioner Doebler asked if U-Turns would be allowed at Westmount.

Sharon Perlstein said no.

Commissioner Doebler asked how the Ramada would be affected.

Sharon Perlstein said there are no problems there.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there would be any loss of parking on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Sharon Perlstein said there would not be.

Commissioner Bernard commented that there is not enough pedestrian crossing time at Westbourne.

Sharon Perlstein said that Staff is still working on that.

Commissioner Bernard asked how long implementation would take.

Sharon Perlstein said it would take a few weeks pending the development's schedule and it would be scheduled to happen as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there is any mitigation for bicyclists when traffic is down to one lane.

Sharon Perlstein said that traffic would not be shifted into the bike lane.

Commissioner Cooper expressed concern for the left turn into the Ramada.

Sharon Perlstein explained.

Commissioner Warren asked what the lighting situation would be after the reconfiguration is done.

Sharon Perlstein explained.

Commissioner Warren asked if there could be a test installation before committing to the permanent turn pockets.

Sharon Perlstein explained that it would be impractical.

Regarding West Knoll:

Commissioner Bernard asked if there was any implication of traffic stacking into the intersection.

Sharon Perlstein said the existing turn pocket is only moving about 100 feet, so it shouldn't be much different.

Commissioner Warren confirmed that it would only be possible to go right out of West Knoll and asked if there was any possibility of an attempted left turn from there.

Sharon Perlstein said it really wouldn't be possible.

Commissioner Warren asked why the crosswalk is treated as a midblock crossing and not signalized.

Sharon Perlstein said the phase for West Knoll would cause a significant delay for east/west traffic.

Commissioner Eichman asked if it is possible to see the pedestrian signal from West Knoll.

Sharon Perlstein said it may be possible.

Commissioner Bernard asked if the turn in to the development is part of the development mitigation.

Bob Cheung said that is pre-existing.

Commissioner Bernard asked how it would be funded.

Sharon Perlstein explained.

Commissioner Bernard said the new measure could possibly cover costs.

Commissioner Doebler asked where the trees in the median would go.

Sharon Perlstein said that is still to be determined.

Commissioner Wentzel suggested coordinating with the Street Media Design Subcommittee.

Motion: Support the Public Works Department's recommendation for the conceptual layout of the proposed new traffic signals at the intersections of Santa Monica Blvd./Palm Avenue; Santa Monica Blvd./Hancock Avenue; Santa Monica Blvd./Westmount Drive; and Santa Monica Blvd./West Knoll Drive

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

## 7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Robinson

- Bike Share Branding Update
- Bike To Work Day/Week

Cheung

- Fairfax Bike Lane
- In-Road Warning Lights
- City Hall Garage Opening
- WeHo ACTs

## 8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Cooper

- Go Human Campaign

Doebler

- New Crosswalk Treatments at Robertson/Santa Monica

Wentzel

- Expo-Line
- AIDS LifeCycle

Warren

- Request for Summary of Eastside Working Group Mobility Discussion.
- Request for Funding Workshop
- Budget Survey
- Uber/Lyft Issues Discussion with Representatives



9. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items

10. ADJOURNMENT

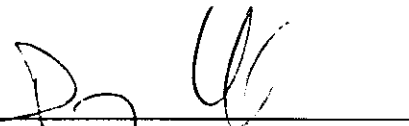
Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 9:20 p.m. until the next meeting on June 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2016.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison

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