

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
AUGUST 17, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by William Doebler

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
David Warren 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, William Doebler, David Eichman, Evan Richter,
David Warren, Dan Wentzel

Commissioners absent:
Misti Cooper

Staff present:
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Specialist
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of August 17, 2016, Transportation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Eichman moved to adjourn in memory of Yellow Taxi driver, Asfawosen Alemseged.

Motion: Eichman Second: Warren
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

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

*Page 4: Change Sunset to Hollywood in in Wentzel's statement.
Add "Connect Red Line to Sunset" to Wentzel's statement.
Change "Party Line" to "Pick Up Line"*

Page 5: Change "Party Line" to "Pick Up Line"

*Page 8: Add "in response to Tiffany Robinson's response to
Commissioner Doeblor." to Bernard's comment.
Identify Commissioner Doeblor as asking about data, not
Warren.*

Page 9: Clarify Wentzel wants holistic study of Fountain Avenue

Moved: Warren Second: Eichman
All Aye:

Motion passed.

2. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items

3. PUBLIC HEARING

No item

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Peak Hour Right Turn Only Regulation For the North and South
Approaches at the Fountain Avenue/ Havenhurst Drive Intersection

Staff report by Walter Davis

Commissioner Eichman confirmed that stop signs are the only
treatments there and confirmed the direction of travel of traffic at
peak hours. He asked if it is a good idea to have restrictions at
both times rather than restricting northbound traffic in the morning
and southbound traffic in the evening.

Walter Davis said that they are about even in necessity.

Commissioner Bernard asked what is the difference from 2009 to now, aside from traffic apps encouraging the movements.

Walter Davis said that there was nothing obvious creating a difference.

Commissioner Bernard expressed concerns for the unexplored differences between the two periods.

Walter Davis responded that volumes are similar and the only real difference is the "Keep Clear" markings.

Commissioner Bernard asked why the marking was added in only one direction.

Walter Davis said that it was done to open up visibility, which was an issue with traffic approaching Crescent Heights.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there were any documented accidents after the installation of the "Keep Clear" markings.

Walter Davis said that there were four or five reported.

Commissioner Bernard replied that the markings surely aren't the solution.

Bob Cheung commented that a factor of change could be the heavy construction on Sunset Boulevard.

Commissioner Bernard replied that later, if there is a decline in accidents, it could be because of less construction, not necessarily the markings.

Commissioner Wentzel said it feels as if the measure absolves motorists and that Fountain Avenue needs to be slowed down. While he supports Staff's recommendation, he worries about pedestrians crossing there.

Walter Davis responded that analysis based on Sheriffs' reports indicate some violations of speed limit, but a crosswalk is not warranted there. He recommended that pedestrians use the signalized intersection for crossing.

Commissioner Wentzel asked if the parking space that will be lost could be replaced.

Walter Davis said that he is working with the Parking Division to try to recover the space.

Commissioner Warren suggested trimming the trees as soon as possible for visibility. He asked if the neighborhood was noticed about the impending changes.

Walter Davis replied that noticing would occur at the Council level.

Commissioner Warren said that it is his preference that noticing occur at the Commission level so that the Commission could hear what the neighborhood has to say, despite the fact that the issue of safety supersedes their desires. He suggested that Waze be notified of the new restrictions. He stressed the importance of replacing the lost parking space and suggested staff stay informed of the new development going up on Sunset between Crescent Heights and Havenhurst.

Bob Cheung said that the City has officially opposed the new development and that the developer has made changes regarding Havenhurst and the use of physical barriers to discourage traffic.

Commissioner Doebler expressed concern for residential notification and suggested removing the parking space and improving sight distance at the intersection regardless of the outcome of the turn restriction item.

Walter Davis explained.

Motion: Recommend to the City Council the test implementation of 6 A.M. to 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. "Right Turn Only" regulation for the north and south approaches of the Fountain Avenue and Havenhurst Drive intersection.

Moved: Eichman Second: Warren
All Ayes
Motion passed.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Bernard gave a summary of the July 26, 2016 Parking Subcommittee meeting.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No item

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Cheung

- Bike Share Update

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Richter

- Uber Presentation

Bernard

- Request for information on impact of Measure M

Wentzel

- Street Media update

Doebler

- WeHo Pedals soft launch
- DUI Checkpoints
- Waze introducing active driver input
- Request for information on lot at Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights

9. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

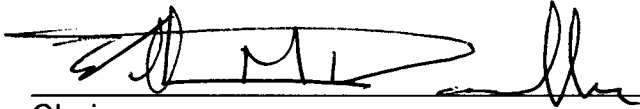
No items

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned in memory of Yellow taxi driver, Asfawosen Alemseged at 8:25p.m. until the next meeting on September 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

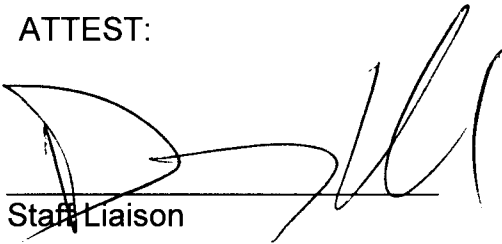
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison

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