

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Eichman called the meeting to order at 6:33.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –Commissioner Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. **SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER** - Bob Cheung swore in Tracy Steinkruger
 - D. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Alexander Bazley, Christopher Bowen, David Eichman, Tracy Steinkruger, David Warren, Dan Wentzel

Absent: Misti Cooper

Also Present:
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Antonio Castillo, Associate Planner
Joanna Hankamer, Special Projects Senior Planner
David Fenn, Associate Planner
Hany Demitri, City Engineer
Richard Garland, Principal Traffic Engineer
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III
Nicole Cobliegh, Environmental Consultant , Dudek
Carlos Velasquez, Traffic Consultant, KOA Corporation
 - E. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

SUBJECT: The Transportation Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.

ACTION: Motion by Warren to approve the August 21, 2019 Agenda, seconded by Bowen and approved.
 - F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

SUBJECT: The Transportation Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Transportation Commission meeting with the following corrections:

Page 2: identify Special meeting

Page 3: Correct spelling of Bowen's name

MOTION: Approve the corrected minutes of July 22, 2019

Motion: Wentzel Second: Bazley

Aye: Bazley, Bowen, Eichman, Wentzel

Abstain: Steinkruger, Warren

Motion Passed

G. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: The Transportation Commission elects a new Chair and Vice-Chair annually.

**Commissioner Bowen was elected Chair
and Commissioner Bazley was elected Vice-Chair**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Garzilli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about J-Pods

Dominick Garzilli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about J-Pods

Joanna Garzilli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about J-Pods

Stephanie Harker, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the crosswalk at Vista Street/Gardner Street

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No item

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Metro Rail Update

Staff report by Joanna Hankamer and David Fenn

Nick Garzilli, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about outdated transportation systems.

The Commission provided comments.

**B. 7811 Santa Monica Boulevard (The Bond Project) Draft
Environmental Impact Report Public Comment Period**

Staff report by Antonio Castillo, Nicole Cobliegh, Carlos Velasquez and Bob Cheung.

The Commission asked about current pedestrian enhancements around the site. They asked about driveways and the considerations of loading and unloading, particularly involving rideshare vehicles.

Bob Cheung described the drive-way curb design, signage and usage, but added that rideshare vehicles are a continuing dilemma.

The Commission asked about the provided parking and if there are any alternatives.

Nicole Cobligh explained the parking provided by the project and replied that an Alternatives Analysis included in the staff report.

Jennifer Kriendler, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN OPPOSITION to the proposed project

Michael Carter, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN OPPOSITION to the proposed project

Stephanie Harker, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN OPPOSITION to the proposed project

Noah Dietterich, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of the proposed project

The Commission expressed concern for pedestrians and cyclists and cumulative impacts in the area.

The Commission also showed concern for parking impacts, traffic impacts on Santa Monica Boulevard and potential issues with adherence to driveway restrictions.

C. Fountain Avenue Safety Improvements – Replace Temporary Features with Permanent Installations

Staff report by Richard Garland.

The Commission expressed satisfaction with the results, but asked staff to consider revisiting the mandatory right turn lane, extending the left turn pocket and opportunities to further enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Noah Dietterich, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR with CONCERNS with the La Brea Avenue /Fountain Avenue intersection and insufficient sidewalks.

Emily Gable, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR with CONCERNS with the La Brea Avenue /Fountain Avenue intersection and insufficient sidewalks.

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:
No Report**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
No Item**

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF:
Dimitri**

- No protected left turn for North/South movements on San Vicente

- Boulevard/Santa Monica Boulevard
- Safety Paddle removal

Cheung

- CicLAVia
- Willoughby Greenway Public Outreach Event
- Staff changes
- Staff Contact Sheet

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Eichman

- Personal Delivery Devices

Wentzel

- MetroLink Record Year for Ridership
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils
- Welcome Commissioner Steinkruger

Warren

- Thanks to Commissioner Eichman for Chairing Commission
- Congratulations to Commissioner Bowen and Commissioner Bazley
- Welcome Commissioner Steinkruger
- Number of cancelled Commission meetings
- Who leads after Chair and Vice-Chair

Bazley

- Congratulations to Commissioner Bowen
- Welcome Commissioner Steinkruger
- Thanks to Commissioner Eichman
- Excited for In-Road Flashing Lights

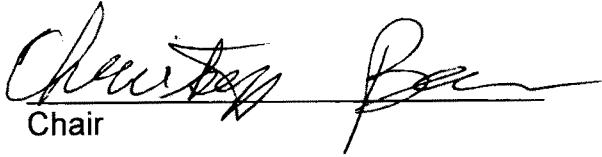
Bowen

- Thanks to Commissioner Eichman
- Congratulations Commissioner Bazley
- Welcome Commissioner Steinkruger
- Looking forward to a busy slate for upcoming meetings.

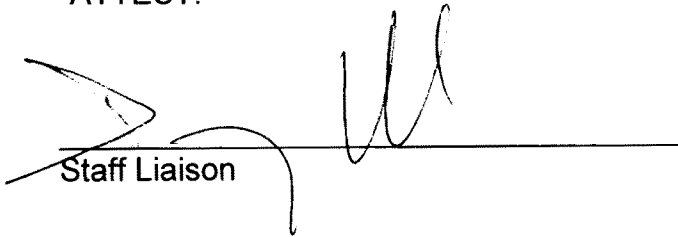
9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Comments

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The **Transportation Commission** adjourned **9:00 PM** to a regularly special meeting on **September 18, 2019** beginning at **6:30 PM** at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069


Chair

ATTEST:


Staff Liaison