

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:33.
  - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Christopher Bowen, Alexander Gurfinkel, Adam Kroll, David Warren, Dan Wentzel, Anne-Marie Williams

**Absent:** Alexander Bazley

**Also Present:**  
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner  
Doug Vu, Senior Planner  
Emily Wong, Gibson Transportation  
Aduke Thelwell, Serve Robotics  
Andy Perry, Serve Robotics  
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III
  - D. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ACTION: Motion by Warren to approve the October 20, 2021 Agenda, seconded by Bowen and approved.**
  - E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*SUBJECT: The Transportation Commission is requested to approve the corrected minutes of prior Transportation Commission meeting.*

**ACTION: Approve the minutes of August 18, 2021 Motion by Warren, seconded by Kroll and approved.**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT :**

**Patrick Blood**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke as the liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board regarding the placement of e-bikes and scooters on sidewalks being a hazard to those with disabilities.

**Mojen Jenkins**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced herself as the liaison from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

**David Eichman**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke as the Senior Advisory Board Liaison regarding the possible need for pedestrian signage at points where pedestrians tend to cross where there are no crosswalks and the need for a No U-Turn sign at La Cienega Boulevard and Holloway Drive.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
**No item**

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 8850 Sunset Boulevard Draft Environmental Impact Report Public Comment Period.**

The Commission received a report from Doug Vu, ASLA, Senior Planner and Emily Wong of Gibson Transportation who prepared the Traffic Impact Study and provided feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

**Susan Milrod**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that the building seemed too large and spoke about possible traffic impacts.

**Nick Shaffer**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that there was too much overdevelopment happening and stated that Larrabee Street is too narrow to accommodate the traffic after the hotel is built.

**Todd M.**, SANTA MONICA, suggested that Ride Share options stopped being treated as a positive alternative to parking needs, because they actually have a bad negative on traffic and added that Harrat Street will need much improvement after the hotel is built.

**David Goldschmid**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that Larrabee Street may be too narrow to accommodate the traffic after the hotel is built.

**Don Tinling**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that there is not enough parking planned for the proposed hotel and asked if there was a Ride Share Zone planned somewhere on the property.

The Commission explained their experience with the transit services available at the site.

The Commission pointed out that there is Permit Parking on Larrabee. They also discussed pedestrian crossing at Sunset and Harratt. Additionally, they discussed commercial vehicles on Larrabee Street.

Mr. Vu indicated that staff is taking the questions and comments, and the City's responses will become part of the Draft EIR.

The Commission suggested including information on construction time, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, as well as Scooter and E-Bike charging. They also commented on the use of greenery at the site.

The Commission urged the City to study, understand and present the options of egress on Larrabee Street. They also discussed the various challenges with traffic flow at Sunset and Larrabee, specifically queuing and safety issues.

Commissioner Bowen disclosed that he lives within 500 feet of the project for the record.

The definition of FAR was defined by Mr. Vu as “floor area ratio” in response to an inquiry from Chair Williams.

Chair Williams thanked the public and her fellow Commissioners for providing comment on the DEIR.

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**No reports**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Personal Delivery Devices – Pilot Program**

Senior Transportation Planner Bob Cheung introduced Aduke Thelwell and Andy Perry of Serve Robotics who presented the item.

**Erik Rodriguez**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendation.

**Cody Penwell**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendation.

**Genevieve Morrill**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendation.

**Marco Barron**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendation.

**Sol Yamini**, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendation.

The Commission asked about consultation with the Senior Advisory Board and Disabilities Advisory Board.

The Commission expressed appreciation for the identification of needed cut outs at intersection sidewalks because of the pilot program.

**ACTION:** Recommend to the City Council to extend the program by another year and allow other vendors to participate.

**Motion:** Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gurfinkel  
All Aye

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

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**A. Liaison Assignments**

Chair Williams chose to be the liaison to the Disabilities Advisory Board

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

**Kroll**

- Scooter and E-Bike Enforcement
- Potential Crosswalk locations

**Wentzel**

- Pick-Up Line route

**Williams**

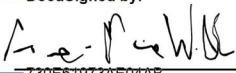
- Thanks to public for their comments

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** The **Transportation Commission** adjourned at **8:34 PM** to a regularly scheduled meeting on **November 17, 2021** beginning at **6:30 PM via teleconference**

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS  
17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

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Chair

ATTEST:

  
Staff Liaison