

**TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
May 15, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY ACCESSING THE ARCHIVED RECORDINGS OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/city-government/city-clerk AND SELECTING ACCESS CITY RECORDS.

Land Acknowledgment: “The West Hollywood Historic Planning Commission acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.”

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Wentzel called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Steven B. Greene, David Mason Eichman, Kimberly Winick, Jessica Harris, Vice Chair Wentzel
***Absent Commissioner Adam Darvish and Chair Adam Kroll.**

Also Present:
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner/Staff Liaison
Gabriele Gonzales, Transportation and Mobility Commission Secretary
Richard Garland, Principal Traffic Engineer
Walter Davis, Traffic Management Program Specialist

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Eichman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Greene to approve the May 15, 2024 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Winick and approved.
All Aye. Motion passes.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: The Transportation and Mobility Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Transportation and Mobility Commission meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Eichman to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and approved.

**Commissioner Harris Abstained due to absence of March meeting.*
All Aye. Motion passes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD BICYCLE COALITION, spoke on the process of transitioning to alternative modes of transportation and the importance of staff knowledge and education of the topic.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROTECTED BIKE LANES POLICY:

The Transportation and Mobility Commission will review and provide feedback on the City Council's proposed Protected Bike Lanes Policy.

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner, provided background on how the protected bike lanes policy came to the Transportation and Mobility Commission and what City Council is asking, then opened the discussion for the commissioners.

Public Comment:

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KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD BICYCLE COALITION, spoke in favor of the policy, but expressed concerns in aspects of feasibility.

Public Comment closed.

The Commission discussed the importance of protected bike lanes for safety and the feasibility of installation and maintenance.

The Commission states that any policy needs to define a protected bike lane and discuss the various types of protected bike lane options.

The Commission maintains that parking and bicycle lanes don't have to be in conflict with one another. Instead of removing parking, parking can be used as a protected lane for bicycles between the parked cars and the sidewalk.

The Commission states that the protected bike lanes should be inputted automatically with plans and discussion. Then demonstrate why the protected bike line can't be met or isn't feasible.

The Commission gave examples of streets for sharrows versus protected bike lanes.

The Commission expressed that staff should be trained in bicycle and safety infrastructure for alternate transportation.

The Commission expressed concern with the term mandatory and want to make sure that the term "where feasible" is better used since all streets are different. In which then what will make a street more bike friendly.

The Commission expressed concern that bike infrastructure is currently very piecemeal from street to street and that Community engagement is important for any infrastructure change.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS IN MULTI-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS:

The Transportation and Mobility Commission will discuss the process of acquiring signatures from multi-family buildings and neighborhoods as part of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP).

Walter Davis, Traffic Management Program Specialist, provided background on petitions for traffic calming measures and where current measures are located and opened the discussion for the commissioners.

The Commission asked for clarification of the process that is currently followed for petitions, along with clarification on signatures and vote percentages for approval.

The Commission expressed concern that signatures might be difficult for multi-family buildings.

The Commission discussed different avenues for participation in implementing traffic calming measures and when the City implements traffic calming measures itself.

The Commission comments on the different traffic calming measures possibilities.

Richard Garland speaks on the implementation of No Right Turn On Red signage at signalized intersections that have a high incident rate.

The Commission inquired about how the signage will be introduced, the timeframe enforced, and location of the signage.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Bob Cheung

- May 21, 2024 Open House for Willoughby Vista Gardner and King Street Concept Plan.
- May 16, 2024 Bike Hub at Santa Monica Boulevard and Hancock from 7am – 9am .
- Cancellation of June 19, 2024 Transportation and Mobility meeting.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS | SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Wentzel

- Spoke on Metro Service Council Meeting's and its Vermont Boulevard Project and the Olympic shuttle service
- Invited everyone to AIDS LifeCycle finish line on June 8, 2024 by Santa Monica Beach.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

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15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Transportation and Mobility Commission adjourned to a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood 90069.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Transportation and Mobility Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17th day of July 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner:

NOES: Commissioner:

ABSENT: Commissioner:

ABSTAIN: Commissioner:

Signed by:

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KIMBERLY WINICK, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Signed by:

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BOB CHEUNG, COMMISSION LIAISON