

**TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
August 21, 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 Transportation and Mobility 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** – Chair Winick called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Adam Darvish, Steven B. Greene, David Mason Eichman, Adam Kroll, Dan Wentzel, Vice Chair Jessica Harris, Chair Kimberly Winick

Also Present:
Paige Portwood, Associate Planner
David Fenn, Senior Planner
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner/Staff Liaison
Gabriele Gonzales, Transportation and Mobility Commission Secretary
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Kroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: The Transportation and Mobility Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.

ACTION: Staff requested to amend the agenda, and have Item 10 go before Item 9. Motion by Commissioner Darvish to approve the amended August 21, 2024 Agenda, seconded by Chair 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: Staff amended the minutes. Motion by Commissioner Darvish to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes as amended, seconded by Chair Winick, and approved. All Aye. Motion passes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

9. Moved to after Item 10.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BICYCLE GIVEAWAY PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Paige Portwood, Associate Planner, and Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner provided the Transportation and Mobility Commission with an update on the Bicycle Giveaway Pilot Program.

The Commission inquired how a bike lending library would be implemented and how bike storage would be accommodated.

The Commission discussed looking into Bike Metro, Metro Best, LA County Bicycle Coalition for other possible program strategies.

The Commission discussed possibilities for contracted agencies versus a City operated program and the allocated budget for the current pilot program.

The Commission, Paige Portwood and Bob Cheung discussed suggested collaborations with Metro Best, LA County Bicycle Coalition, WeHo Bicycle Coalition, Walk 'n Rollers, Bicycle Kitchen for the program and bicycle safety and education.

The Commission requested clarification on how a rebate voucher and grant programs would work.

The Commission requested clarification on what will happen to the returned bicycles from the current pilot program once the program is concluded, and how liability is addressed.

ACTION: Motion to approve the amended staff recommendation that the City conclude the current Bike Giveaway Pilot Program and explore alternative bike programs and collaborations with Metro and community based organizations.

Moved by Commissioner Kroll and Second by Chair Winick
All Aye. Motion passes.

No Public Comment.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POTENTIAL CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ENDORSEMENT OF THE STC4ALL COALITION:

**Commissioner Greene recused himself for the rest of the Transportation and Mobility Commission meeting.*

David Fenn, Senior Planner, gave a brief summary to consider the request from the Sepulveda Transit Corridor for All (STC4All) advocacy coalition and make a recommendation to the City Council on whether the City of West Hollywood should join.

The Commission and David Fenn discussed the options of the different alternatives for the Sepulveda transit corridor, along with the membership of the coalition and those in potential opposition and implications related to the City's many existing asks of Metro and the possibility of waiting for the other more directly impacted jurisdictions to weigh in first

The Commission debated the possibilities of joining the Coalition versus not joining and sending a letter to Metro separately Concerns included staff availability for any potential additional coalition efforts beyond sending a letter.

The Coalition inquired if the Coalition will be supporting the City's preferred alternative for the Metro K Line Northern Extension. David Fenn clarified that this is unlikely given the breadth of their membership and the single-issue nature of the coalition.

The Commission agrees that the line should have a stop at UCLA and a direct connection to the Purple Line

ACTION: Motion for the Transportation and Mobility Commission to recommend that the City Council support a Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor alternative with a station directly on UCLA's campus and a seamless connection to the future Metro D Line (Purple).

*Commissioner Greene is recused from the vote.

Moved by Commissioner Kroll and Second by Chair Winick

All Aye. Motion passes.

Motion Two

ACTION: Motion for the Transportation and Mobility Commission to recommend to the City Council to join the STC4ALL Coalition.

Moved by Commissioner Kroll and seconded by Commissioner Wentzel

*Commissioner Greene is recused from the vote.

AYES: Kroll, Wentzel, Vice Chair Harris

NOES: Darvish, Eichman, Chair Winick

Motion does not pass.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Metro K Line Northern Extension EIR – David Fenn

- David Fenn informed the commission that Metro opened a 45 day public comment period for the K Line Northern Extension Draft EIR. David Fenn also noted the City's longstanding support for San Vicente/Fairfax alternative, empathized the importance of residents and stakeholders sending in public comments to Metro in support of this route as a decision will be made in the next several months. Finally, David Fenn noted that anyone interested can go to weho.org/metro for more information on how to provide public comments including sample comment emails and a public comment form.
- *Commissioner Wentzel inquired about the possibility of Metro Bikeshare coming to the City and David Fenn clarified that the City Council had already requested Metro consider West Hollywood for future expansions of the program but that such expansions are on hold pending Metro's ongoing solicitation for a new Metro Bikeshare operator.*
- *David Fenn noted the September 5th deadline for public comments to be submitted to Metro.*
- *Chair Winick spoke on concerns about safety for the Metro and the need to emphasize that matter with the K Line extension. David Fenn noted some*

of Metro's ongoing initiatives in this area including expanded Transit Ambassadors, a new in-house police force, the tap to exit pilot program, and plans for station upgrades and operational changes like playing music in stations to discourage loitering.

Bob Cheung

- Informed the Commission that there will be a community meeting at Plummer Park rooms 5 & 6 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. for the Gardner parking situation.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS | SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wentzel

- Requested staff provide details for the Mobility Expo at Plummer Park. *David Fenn and Bob Cheung provided details on what the Expo entails including plans for the programming and the proposed October 5th date, location at Plummer Park in Fiesta Hall and the adjacent lawn area, and time (from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm).*
- Move LA's SoCal Transit week Westside
- Central service council 2nd Wednesday night at 6pm Gateway Plaza at Union station and can participate remotely if there is public comment.
- Inquired about the Social Services and Economic Development staff updates for City Line, senior services, and transit. **Bob Cheung addressed the inquiry.**

A. Commissioner Kroll - Legislative Updates:

AB761: Enhanced Infrastructure financing districts
AB2503 CEQA Exemption for Passenger Rail Projects
AB2583 Lowers school zone speeds to 20 mph
AB3177 Prohibits cities from requiring housing developers to wide streets
SB960 Complete streets bill (for Caltrans-controlled streets)
SB961 Mandates installation of speed assist features that alert drivers when they exceed speed limits by 10 mph

Commissioner Eichman

Motion to agendize a discussion appointing liaisons from the Transportation and Mobility Commission to other boards and commissions. Seconded by Commissioner Wentzel. All Aye.

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Vice Chair Harris

- Spoke on the need to advocate for housing to help with safety for Metro.
- Inquired about possible updated information on bicycle and pedestrian counts. **Bob Cheung addressed.**
- Will be absent for September 18, 2024

Chair Winick

- Will be absent for September 18, 2024

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Transportation and Mobility Commission adjourned at 7:48 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 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 18th day of September 2024 by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Commissioner: | Darvish, Eichman, Greene, Kroll, Wentzel |
| NOES: | Commissioner: | |
| ABSENT: | Commissioner: | Vice-Chair Harris, Chair Winick |
| ABSTAIN: | Commissioner: | Greene |

Signed by:

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DAVID MASON EICHMAN, ACTING CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Signed by:

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BOB CHEUNG, COMMISSION LIAISON