

**MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL,  
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Wayland.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance  
Ryan Leaderman 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:

David Eichman, Steven Greene, Lindsey Horvath, David Warren,  
Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:

Scott Schmidt, Leon Shparaga

Staff present:

Melissa Antol, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager  
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner  
Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator  
Michael Barney, Assistant Planner  
Chris Corrao, Assistant Planner  
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

Sergeant Michael Caprioli, West Hollywood Sheriff's Department

- D. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion: Approve the Agenda of November 16, 2011,  
Transportation Commission meeting.

Moved: Greene      Second: Eichman  
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E.      Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of October 19, 2011 as amended;

*Page 2: Identify "Greene"*

*Page 4: change "en" to "in"*

Moved: Eichman      Second: Greene

All Ayes:

Motion passed.

II.      CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III.     ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Stephanie Harker, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Plummer Park.

Cathy Blaivas, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Plummer Park.

Steve Martin, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Plummer Park.

IV.     PUBLIC HEARING

No item.

V.      COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A.      Presentation from Sheriffs Department.

Staff report from Sgt. Michael Caprioli

Commissioner Wayland asked if there were any bike/ped accidents.

Sgt. Caprioli said that there was no information, as the department is not set up for tracking those accidents.

Commissioner Wayland responded that, in that case, he would assume there are not many.

Sgt. Caprioli said there probably weren't.

Commissioner Wayland asked who would track those incidents.

Sgt. Caprioli replied the most probable answer is the fire department.

Commissioner Horvath reminded the Commission that the City allows bikes on sidewalks only in certain areas. In her experience, there are a few citizens who make unofficial reports to Council Members.

Commissioner Greene asked if there was any indication that brought the safety of certain crosswalks into question.

Sgt. Caprioli said that all crosswalks meet MUTCD standards.

Commissioner Greene asked if there was a pattern of accidents.

Sgt. Caprioli replied that there weren't any, but anecdotally, the cross walk at Santa Monica/Westmount is the scene of a few car rear ending car incidents, which aren't tracked as pedestrian accidents.

Commissioner Eichman asked if pedestrian incidents are tracked as in crosswalk or not in crosswalk.

Sgt. Caprioli said that he could do that.

Commissioner Eichman said it would be helpful in identifying trouble areas.

Sgt. Caprioli replied that there is actually more problems with jay-walking.

Commissioner Eichman asked how enforcement operations are conducted.

Sgt. Caprioli said that they are done on bike.

Melissa Antol stated that it would be helpful to know what types of infractions are involved.

Sgt. Caprioli replied that Primary Causal Factors are available in the reports.

Commissioner Warren asked if there are any hot spots.

Sgt. Caprioli said there were not.

Bob Cheung asked how the number of incidents rates compared with population.

Sgt. Caprioli reported that it is high.

Bob Cheung added that the Office of Transportation Safety report does not reflect weekend increases in population.

Commissioner Warren asked if there are any enforcement operations for pedestrians scheduled.

Sgt. Caprioli said that there were none scheduled in the immediate future.

Commissioner Warren asked if there are statistics for cars cited for not stopping at crosswalks.

Sgt. Caprioli said the information is available, but the bigger problem is with pedestrians jay-walking midblock.

Commissioner Greene asked if people are cited for stopping or traveling in the bike lanes.

Sgt. Caprioli stated that there are exceptions for stopping in a bike lane.

Commissioner Greene asked if there will be any enforcement operations specifically for bike lanes.

Sgt. Caprioli said that they are not being targeted at the moment, but there will be more education and enforcement.

Ryan Leaderman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about an increase in bicycle accidents.

Commissioner Greene stated that there is no clear data as to how those statistics were reached.

**B. Bicycle Task Force Report**

Staff report from Michael Barney

Commissioner Wayland asked for an explanation of road diets.

Michael Barney explained.

Commissioner Wayland explained the process of the subcommittee recommendations.

Commissioner Horvath said she is glad to see that the BTF recommendations being discussed and reaching wide.

Commissioner Greene said that it is great to have the BTF working to improve biking conditions. He added it would be worth the time to see if bikelanes could fit on Fountain Avenue. He concluded that he would like to see an emphasis on biking on Fairfax Avenue.

Commissioner Eichman asked what a bike box is.

Michael Barney explained.

Commissioner Eichman asked about reverse angle parking.

Michael Barney indicated that it is safer for bicyclists.

Commissioner Eichman asked what bike friendly channels would be.

Michael Barney said they are basically protected bike lanes.

Commissioner Wayland reminded the Commission that the BTF were gathered as a creative team, not necessarily as engineers. He added that he is surprised at how behind West Hollywood is concerning bicycling issues.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN SUPORT of the staff report.

Ryan Leaderman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN SUPORT of the staff report.

Commissioner Warren said that he is grateful that momentum is being gained on the original bike plan and that he would like to see a shortlist of implementation items, as well as a bicycle count for the city.

Commissioner Wayland asked how the timeline for implementation will be determined.

Melissa Antol replied that staff will compile a list based on the BTF recommendations and the City's capabilities.

Commissioner Wayland commented that the recommendations are quite comprehensive.

Melissa Antol replied that Staff is anxious to keep momentum, too.

Commissioner Horvath added that the timing is important in order to allow integration with the General Plan implementation.

Commissioner Greene suggested that future Traffic Studies be required to include bicycle counts.

## VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Analysis Of Cityline Shuttle Service And Route Options

Staff report from Perri Sloane Goodman

Commissioner Wayland asked what the length of wait time between vehicles would be with the express option.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that it could be an hour or more.

Commissioner Greene stated that his initial reaction is that there are not enough vehicles to make an express work.

Commissioner Eichman agreed. He added that two routes would be confusing. He said new riders would come from outreach and education. He feels that it seems there are times when the bus operates empty when, perhaps, money could be allocated elsewhere and service the same amount of people.

Commissioner Warren asked for an explanation of the routes.

Perri Sloane Goodman explained.

Commissioner Eichman stated that it would be good to go to one route.

Commissioner Wayland said that the express wouldn't service the intended ridership. He didn't realize there was an impetus to gain new ridership and feels it should continue to service seniors and the disabled.

Commissioner Warren asked for an explanation of the pie charts. He stated he felt there could be a more efficient way to serve the population and asked if there are any other cities with comparable service/costs.

Perri Sloane Goodman said she wasn't sure about other cities with similar programs and added that she hopes to increase ridership to bring down the cost per rider.

Commissioner Horvath asked if it was important that the routes go end to end, if they could possibly go in two smaller areas and meet in the middle.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that riders who were surveyed said that they would not like to transfer, in addition, it would be very difficult to maintain a schedule wherein the buses meet in the middle.

Commissioner Warren asked if staff was going to survey the public.

Perri Sloane Goodman said that staff has focus groups planned.

VIII. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: Items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion are considered at this time.

IX. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Cheung

- Pedestrian Action Report

Corrao

- Avenues of Design Streetscape

X. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Horvath

- Plummer Park Comments

Eichman

- Sunset/Doheny parking lot
- Lack of striping on Larrabee
- Imbedded crosswalk lighting

Warren

- Zip Car
- Red Light Photo Enforcement data
- Commission Procedure
- Subcommittee

Wayland

- Lighting at crosswalks
- Plummer Park community involvement and information

XI. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

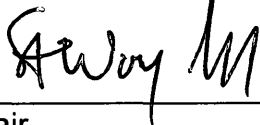
Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 9:25 p.m. until the next meeting on December 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Horvath      Second: Eichman

All ayes.

Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS  
21ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2011.



Chair

ATTEST:

Staff Liaison