

**MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010**

**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 Eichman.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance  
Commissioner Pendleton 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, Kathryn Page, Brian Pendleton,  
Scott Schmidt, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:  
Luis Marquez

Staff present:  
David DeGrazia, Acting Transportation & Transit Manager  
Daphne Dennis, Social Service Manager  
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner  
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program  
Specialist  
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion: Approve the Agenda of November 17, 2010,  
Transportation Commission meeting.  
Moved: Schmidt      Second: Wayland  
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of September 13, 2010.

Moved: Wayland Second: Pendleton

Ayes: David Eichman, Steven Greene, Kathryn Page, Brian Pendleton, Steve Wayland

Abstentions: Scott Schmidt

Motion passed.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Irwin Chodash, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about various traffic devices.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

No items

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. San Vicente Boulevard Traffic Assessment

Staff report from Bob Cheung

Commissioner Schmidt asked where a crosswalk that is part of a new development would be.

Bob Cheung said it would be at or around Rosewood Avenue.

Commissioner Wayland asked if a pedestrian activated signalized crosswalk could be installed.

Bob Cheung said that it has been investigated as part of the City's crosswalk policy and it does not meet warrants.

Commissioner Greene asked if the 400 vehicles at Rosewood per day is a cut-through problem.

Bob Cheung replied that it is a well known cut through.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there is traffic in both directions during morning and evening peak hours.

Bob Cheung said that there is.

Commissioner Greene confirmed that staff was suggesting posting speed signs, but not crosswalks.

Bob Cheung replied that there were no "correctable" accidents reported in the last six months.

Commissioner Greene asked if the speed signs would be permanent.

Bob Cheung said that they would be.

Commissioner Eichman commented that the signs seemed small.

Bob Cheung replied that speed signs were common enough that these signs would be recognized.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there were already speed signs posted in the city.

Bob Cheung said that there were not, but there are some in the immediate surrounding areas.

Commissioner Eichman asked if these would be the first in the city.

Bob Cheung confirmed that they would be.

Commissioner Greene stated that he feels comfortable with the signs, but feels that the community wants something different.

Bob Cheung agreed and pointed out that the community wants marked crosswalks and staff feels that they are not a viable solution.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that he would prefer to know whether or not the new development would include a crosswalk.

Commissioner Greene asked about the status of the new development.

David DeGrazia reported that the development looks a long way off since the plan needs to be redesigned.

Commissioner Eichman said that speed signs seem like the easiest and least costly solution.

Commissioner Wayland asked about the lifetime of the speed signs.

Bob Cheung replied that he does not know.

Commissioner Wayland agreed with Commissioner Eichman and pointed out that the warrants for a crosswalk are not even close to being met.

Commissioner Greene suggested staff look at the speed signs on Crescent Heights in Los Angeles.

Motion: Approve the installation of radar speed signs in lieu of stop signs and/or traffic signal and directed staff to investigate the viability of installing a crosswalk at Rosewood.

Moved: Wayland      Second: Greene  
All ayes.

Motion passed.

B. 800 Kings Road Midblock Crosswalk

Staff report from Walter Davis

Commissioner Greene asked if the crosswalk location is consistent with the traffic calming plan in the works.

Walter Davis said that it is not part of that plan.

Commissioner Greene asked if it would have to be taken out if the traffic calming devices were installed.

Walter Davis replied that it would not conflict with the plan, but pointed out that it may be too close to the intersection.

Commissioner Wayland asked what the draw to cross the street there was.

Walter Davis said that he did not know.

Commissioner Wayland wondered if it was parking.

Walter Davis replied that he did not observe that during the study.

Commissioner Page commented that it was not the City Line stop.

Bob Cheung suggested that because the facility there was split by the street, that perhaps, that is the draw.

Commissioner Greene asked if the behavior described the report was observed.

Walter Davis confirmed that 37 people per hour were observed crossing mid-block.

Commissioner Wayland reminded the Commission the threshold was 400-500.

Commissioner Pendleton asked if there was precedence for creating a crosswalk for a special group.

Walter Davis said there was not.

Motion: Table the consideration of the installation of a midblock crosswalk at the 800 block of Kings Road until after the planned neighborhood meeting.

Moved: Eichman      Second: Pendleton  
All ayes.

C.      Evaluation Study Of City-Subsidized Transportation Programs

Staff report from Daphne Dennis

Commissioner Eichman asked who the new staff person was.

Daphne Dennis said it was Perri Sloane Goodman.

Commissioner Pendleton asked if there would be a line that ties directly to Highland/Hollywood.

Daphne Dennis said there definitely would be.

Commissioner Greene suggested staff look into the Draft EIR for NBC/Universal Project Shuttle Routes.

Commissioner Schmidt asked staff to ask Los Angeles how much it would cost to bring back the DASH to West Hollywood and wondered if there would be a Night Line again.

Motion: Approve staff recommendations for the scope of the Evaluation Study Of City-Subsidized Transportation Programs:

Moved: Wayland      Second: Greene  
All ayes.

#### VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Taxi and Transit- No report.
- B. Traffic Circulation & Access - No report.
- C. Parking - No report.
- D. Pedestrian and Bike - No report.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items.

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

#### IX. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

#### X. LIAISON REPORT

No report.

XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Bob Cheung

- Bicycle Task Force Liaison – Commissioner Wayland appointed, Commissioner Pendleton alternate
- Fire Truck deployment with EMTs

XII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Pendleton

- Gridlock on Sunset Boulevard
- Gridlock at Fountain Avenue/ La Cienega Boulevard
- Ped activated lights in Sunset Boulevard crosswalk

Greene

- Congratulations to Commissioner Wayland for appointment to Bicycle Task Force.
- “No Bikes On Sidewalks” warning.

Schmidt

- Towing at the post office on San Vicente Boulevard
- Sweetzer/Delongpre street sign missing
- Sweetzer/Fountain off-peak loop
- Impact of smoking ban on sidewalks

Eichman

- Cash Keys future
- Prospect of greener taxi fleets in west Hollywood
- Mobility 21 summary

XIII. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 8:23 p.m. until the next meeting on December 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Page Second: Schmidt

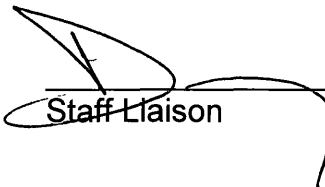
All ayes.

Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2010.

Chair 

ATTEST:

  
Staff Liaison 