

**TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ACTION MINUTES  
May 21, 2025  
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](http://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** – Commissioner Eichman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
3. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: Administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Commissioners.**

**ACTION: Councilmember Danny Hang administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Transportation and Mobility Commission Members:  
HELEN M. KRIEGER, JORDAN D. SLACK, AND SCOTT KORINKE**

4. **ROLL CALL**  
Commissioners Present: Adam Darvish, David Mason Eichman, Steven B. Greene, Scott Korinke, Helen M. Krieger, Jordan D. Slack, Dan Wentzel

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Paige Portwood, Long Range Planning Associate Planner / Interim Staff Liaison, David Fenn, Long Range Planning Senior Planner / Interim Staff Liaison, Chris Carrao, Staff Liaison, Gabriele Gonzales, Transportation and Mobility Commission Secretary, Francisco J. Contreras, Long Range Planning Manager

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City Council Present: Councilmember Danny Hang

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Hang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Darvish to approve the May 21, 2025 Agenda and adjourn in memory of Lawrence Larry Chamblee, husband of former Transportation and Mobility Commissioner Kimberly Winnick, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

All Aye. Motion passes.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Darvish to approve the March 19, 2025 Minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and noting abstentions by Commissioner David, Commissioner Korinke, and Commissioner Krieger.

Motion passes.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about left turn lane issues at La Cienega and Sunset where signal head visibility is obscured, and the need for immediate safety changes on Fountain Ave.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the need for immediate safety changes on Fountain Ave like speed enforcement, signage, and traffic circles, rather than the upcoming bike lane project. She submitted a petition opposing the Phase 1 protected bike lane project on Fountain Ave.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a near-miss incident with a scooter and her opposition to the Dockless Micromobility Program and delivery robots. She echoed previous commenters about the need for immediate traffic calming on Fountain Ave.

COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HANG, congratulated the new commissioners and spoke about his experience living off Fountain and the recent accidents he witnessed and spoke in support of improved safety.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR THE 2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

Hernan Molina made a verbal presentation, as presented in the staff report, regarding transportation-related bills that the City is tracking, highlighting SB 79 and SB 720, and opened the item for discussion.

The Commission inquired about AB 33 (autonomous vehicles), where to look up legislation information online, automated traffic enforcement for stop signs on residential streets, and if the Transportation and Mobility Commission was live-streamed or recorded.

The Commission requested clarification on SB 720 and the intent behind supporting it, as well as whether SB 575 would apply to all autonomous vehicles, including personal delivery devices, and whether bills applying to highways would apply to local roads in West Hollywood.

David Fenn and Hernan Molina addressed all of the inquiries.

**Commissioner Eichman closed ITEM 10.A.**

**B. PROPOSED PERMIT PARKING PILOT PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT 8 AND DISTRICT 10:**

Vince Guarino, Parking Services Manager and Bill Bortfeld, Parking Services & Projects Officer, made a verbal presentation, as presented in the staff report, and opened the item for discussion.

The Commission requested clarification about the petition procedure for this pilot program, the e-permit program's impact on meters, guest permits, the intent of the program, outreach efforts, and E District creation.

The Commission inquired how the residents would be notified and signage for the pilot program, details on the outreach efforts and community feedback, as well as the operation and enforcement of the pilot program specifically regarding the E Permit.

Vince Guarino and Bill Bortfeld addressed all of the inquiries.

**Commissioner Eichman opened Public Comment**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

LYNNE WHITE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the pilot program and raised concerns regarding the proposed protected bike lanes on Gardner Street.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the pilot program and made additional suggestions for staff to consider.

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the pilot program and made additional suggestions for staff to consider.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the pilot program and raised concerns about the impact of parking on adjacent residents and businesses.

Action: 1) Approve Staff's recommendation as presented.  
Motion by Commissioner Wentzel, seconded by Commissioner Krieger.  
Motion passes, noting a "no" vote by Commissioner Greene.

Action: 2) Recommend to the City Council to direct staff to explore changes to the E permit program to allow residents of the underlying district to park in the meters affected.  
Motion by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Darvish.  
All Aye. Motion passes.

**C. AN UPDATE ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE LAUNCH OF THE 'GOWEHO TMO' PROGRAM:**

Paige Portwood, made a verbal presentation, as presented in the staff report and opened the item for discussion. She introduced Jenny Hong with Steer, who presented the Go WeHo TMO overview.

The Commission and Staff discussed the Commission's inquiries, request for clarification, and suggestions regarding: AVR, creating bike routes and transportation route maps, clarification of TMO and TMO program terminology, expansion of resources and additional programming to incentivize sustainable transportation options, such as travel subsidies.

Paige Portwood and Jenny Hong addressed all of the inquiries.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Commissioner Eichman closed ITEM 10.C.**

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETScape (PHASE 1) STEERING COMMITTEE:**

David Fenn, provided a brief overview of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape (Interim Phase) Steering Committee and opened the item for discussion.

The Commission and Staff discussed the Commission's inquiries and request for clarification regarding the role of this committee and its purview, if the committee is a Brown Act body and its role in advising, thirty percent conceptual plans, timeline of project, how updates from the committee would be replayed to the Transportation and Mobility Commission.

David Fenn addressed all of the inquiries.

**Commissioner Eichman opened Public Comment**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

LALA KHANIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns for sidewalks, signage, and crosswalks.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns about the Steering Committee, the Fountain project, and lack of noticing for the project.

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke concerns for ADA sidewalk compliance, parking spaces, and Brown Act steering committee.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns of bike lanes and sidewalks, EMS personnel not on committee, noticing, selection of people on committee.

Commissioner Wentzel nominated Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Krieger as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Darvish. All Aye. Motion passes.

**Commissioner Eichman closed ITEM 11.A.**

**12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

David Fenn, Senior Planner/TMC Interim Liaison, thanked Commissioner Darvish for his service on the Transportation and Mobility Commission and welcomed all new Commissioners. He introduced the new Transportation and Mobility Liaison, Chris Corrao, shared an update on the regional bus lane feasibility study for peak hour bus lanes on La Cienega, updated the Commission on the approval of the forthcoming Transportation & Mobility Division, shared that the City's Metro K Line Northern Extension First Last Mile Early Assessment Plan received a Transportation Planning Merit Award from the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association, and provided an update on the Commission's inquiry on the Chevron project and occupancy data for the Crescent Heights Parking lot.

Chris Corrao introduced himself and shared his background.

### **13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS | SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Commissioner Krieger**

- Reminded everyone about AB 413 and upcoming bus lane enforcement
- Noted an issue with the signal at Laurel and Fountain

#### **Commissioner Korinke**

- Seconded the issue with the signal at Laurel and Fountain
- Noted a longstanding issue with the substandard crosswalk on Crescent Heights just south of Sunset

#### **Commissioner Darvish**

- Thanked everyone for their time while he has been on the Commission and asked staff and commissioners to consider more pilots and petition process improvements going forward and thanked the public commenters

#### **Commissioner Wentzel**

- Thanked Commissioner Darvish for his service and welcomed the new commissioners.
- Suggested the City consider enhanced safety measures on Fountain Ave in addition to bike and sidewalk improvements, and reported on a positive experience with a Waymo ride.
- Encouraged residents to submit comments in the Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor process, encouraged attendance at the Metro Westside Service Council
- Noted the upcoming LAX station opening on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and shared the upcoming Metro D Line closure.

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- Requested an update on City Transit programs and subsidies when convenient for staff.
- Noted he will be riding in the AIDS Lifecycle fundraising ride which has a celebration at the end of the ride on June 7<sup>th</sup> in Santa Monica

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

LALA KHANIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, reported that the traffic light on Genesee and Santa Monica is not working.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Transportation and Mobility Commission adjourned in memory of Lawrence “Larry” Chamblee, husband of former Transportation and Mobility Commissioner Kimberly Winnick at 8:40 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner: David, Eichman, Greene, Korinke, Krieger, Wentzel

NOES: Commissioner:

ABSENT: Commissioner:

ABSTAIN: Commissioner: Litvak

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DAVID EICHMAN, CHAIRPERSON

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PAIGE PORTWOOD, INTERIM COMMISSION LIAISON