



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

December 1, 2022
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 1, 2022 / 9:02 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Afra-Maghen Geller, Schwartz, Vice Chair
Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Sergeant Dale Drummond, Martha Eros,
Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Christian Vasquez

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold, Mark Elliot, and
Kory Klem

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission special meeting of November 3, 2022.

2. A Resolution of the Traffic and Parking Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to Be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Comment: Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Traffic and Parking Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Geller to approve the consent calendar items as presented (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Afra-Maghen, Geller, Schwartz, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond reviewed traffic and road safety updates from the Police Department. The Commission asked about motor officers and ticketing.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

4. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Safe Routes to School

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced Consulting and Program Support Director Michelle Lieberman of the Safe Routes Partnership to provide an overview of the program's history, including the benefits of the program and the strategies involved to increase the number of students walking to school. The Commission asked about funding for the program and how they adapt the program to each individual school.

5. Planning Quarterly Report

Principal Planner Cindy Gordon provided updates on projects relevant to the Commission. The Commission asked for an update on parcels 12 and 13 and for an update on the future of outdoor dining. The Commission also discussed guidelines on ADUs.

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2023 Transportation Safety Educational Campaign

Transportation Planning Analyst Christian Vasquez provided an update on the 2023 Transportation Safety Educational Campaign and the plan on communicating the need for safety with the public, including media ads, monthly themes, and slogans. The Commission asked about ways to promote cycling and traffic safety for all members of our community.

7. Stop Sign Installation Request at Whitworth Drive and South Palm Drive

Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Riley presented a request from the residents of Beverly Hills for stop signs at the intersection of Whitworth Drive and South Palm Drive. The proposed all way stop signs would be placed at the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection. The Commission asked about other stop signs along Whitworth Drive and the process for installation requests.

Public Comment: Public comment was read into the record from Sarah Rahel, Christopher Heath, Navid Paktan, Christian Jarry, Steven S. Davis, Stan Hausner.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Schwartz to support the four-way stop sign request at Palm and Whitworth as presented (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Afra-Maghen, Geller, Schwartz, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro

NOES: None

CARRIED

8. Proposed Agenda Items January – June 2023

Transportation Planner Martha Eros presented the proposed agenda items for the first six months of 2023. The Commission suggested additional topics, traffic safety around schools, micro-mobility and scooters.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

9. Project Updates and Follow-Up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided updates on current projects, including the Clifton Le-Doux mobility study, the Metro purple line extension and station naming. Transportation Planner Marta Eros provided an update to the Transit Feasibility Study. The Commission asked about revised opening dates for the new Metro purple line stations and hours for the micro transit and micro mobility programs.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission inquired about the naming for the Wilshire-Rodeo Metro purple line station. Staff will provide further information once released by Metro. The entire Traffic and Parking Commission commended Chair Ignarro for her leadership through 2022. Chair Ignarro thanked the commission and team for their support.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

City Engineer/Public Works Assistant Director Daren Grilley thanked Chair Ignarro for her service. The next ad hoc meeting for OpenBH Design and Operating Guidelines will be held December 12 at 3:00 PM. A free community shredding and compost event will take place December 4 at the Farmers Market. All are encouraged to see the nightly holiday light show projected on City Hall and at the Lily Pond.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 1, 2022 / 10:36 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023



Ron Shalowitz, Chair