



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
**TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION**

Meeting of July 1, 2010

**TO:** Traffic & Parking Commission  
**FROM:** Department of Transportation  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Status Report

The purpose of the staff report is to provide the Commission with updates on pending items; therefore, the Commission cannot make formal recommendations on these items.

**Westside Subway Extension Update**

A Metro community meeting was held June 7<sup>th</sup> at Roxbury Park to provide information on underground tunneling technology between the proposed Wilshire/Rodeo station and Century City. Metro plans to release the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) at the end of July. The EIS/EIR will include three alternative routes from Wilshire/Rodeo Century City; two of the alternatives, which provide the most direct route to the center of Century City, would involve tunneling under a limited number of residential properties.

Approximately 60 people attended, primarily from the Southwest Homeowner Area. Also in attendance were members of the Mayor's Transit & Subway Committee (Alexander, Briskman and Webb) and City staff. A total of sixteen people provided public comment. The majority had concerns about tunneling under their homes and potential loss of property value. It was general consensus that tunneling should not occur underneath homes to the extent possible.

Attendees were encouraged to provide public comment, and informed that federal guidelines require that Metro respond to all public comment provided. They were also encouraged to attend upcoming community meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Beverly Hills Library, 6-8pm.

Attachment A is a letter from the Southwest Beverly Hills Homeowners Association submitted a letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority/METRO supporting the Westside subway extension route along Santa Monica Boulevard, but opposing the two route alignments directly under residential homes, Beverly Hills High School and The Good Shepherd School.

Staff will provide an oral update of this meeting. More information on the Westside Subway Extension is available on the Metro website at:

<http://www.metro.net/projects/westside/>

### **Taxi Update**

A Traffic & Parking Commission/City Council Liaison meeting is planned for mid-July to address next steps.

### **Tour Bus Update**

An ad-hoc Committee meeting with the Visitor's Bureau and tour bus operators is scheduled for July 15, 2010 in the Municipal Gallery. Pending discussion with the City Council Liaisons in mid-July, proposals to establish additional tour bus loading zone locations will be included on the August agenda as an action item.

### **Olympic Boulevard Multiple Family Update**

The Olympic Multiple Family ad hoc committee (Levine, Rosenstein, Steinberg) met on May 25<sup>th</sup> to develop the scope of work and define the affected project area. The June 2010 TPC Staff Report (Attachment B) outlines the Committee's actions. The next ad hoc committee meeting is scheduled Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Staff is currently confirming the number of on-street parking spaces, curb markings, and analyzing the number of Preferential Parking Zone "C" and Overnight permits issued to multiple-family residents.

Additionally, staff has been in contact with the lead petitioner of 300 South Rodeo Drive (May TPC); he is currently considering whether to continue or withdraw his petition for permit parking, considering the project the Committee is currently undertaking. Staff forwarded a petition packet to a resident (potential lead petitioner) from Zone "AZ" on 400 South Elm Drive to amend the current permit parking regulation; staff action pending receipt of qualifying petition.

### **Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit**

A Metro community meeting was held June 21<sup>st</sup> at Westwood Presbyterian Church to provide information and receive public comment on the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) released on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Public comment will be received through July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The City of Beverly Hills is not including in the project scope. The meeting defined the project scope and route alignment, which includes 9.7 miles of peak period curbside bus lanes within the City and County of Los Angeles. The alignment begins at Valencia Avenue to San Vicente Boulevard, breaks between the Beverly Hills city limits, and continues west to Centinela Avenue.

Public comment will be received through July 26<sup>th</sup>; additional information can be accessed at: <http://www.metro.net/projects/wilshire/>.

### **Upcoming Traffic & Parking Commission**

- Request for Preferential Parking Zone – 800 block of North Doheny Drive, single-family (qualifying petition received). September 2010
- Request for Preferential Parking Zone – 700 block of North Sierra Drive, single-family (pending receipt of qualifying petition).
- Request to modifying existing Permit Zone AZ – 400 block of South Elm Drive, multiple-family (pending receipt of qualifying petition).

### **Traffic & Parking Commission (TPC) Matrix**

The TPC pending project list is attached for Commission's review (to follow under separate cover).