



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee  
November 30, 2015  
MINUTES  
Approved by the committee February 1, 2016

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

A. Call to order (Julie Stromberg)

A duly noticed meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held on Monday, November 30, 2015, at Wilshire United Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd. Chairwoman Julie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

B. Roll call (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg called the roll. Four of the six Committee Members were present at the roll call were: Jeff Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Bill Funderburk and Julie Stromberg. Committee Member absent: Eric Oliver. One Committee Member arrived later: Jack Humphreville. The GWNC Transportation Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 51%, or four of the six Members, so the Committee could take such votes. [Justin Urcis was appointed as a Committee Member in below Item #3. B.] Also attending: two Stakeholders and guests.

**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments at this time.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Action)**

A. Review and adoption of August 3, 2015 Minutes

**MOTION** (by Ms. Chvatal-Keane, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee approves the Minutes of its August 3, 2014 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

B. Election of Committee Member(s) and Officer(s)

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Mr. Funderburk): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee appoints Stakeholder Justin Urcis as a Committee Member.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

*New Committee Member Justin Urcis was Seated with the Committee at this time, making five Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is 51%, or four of the seven Members).*

[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #4. A.*] Ms. Chvatal-Keane nominated and Mr. Carpenter seconded the nomination of Ms. Stromberg as Chair.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Chvatal-Keane, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee elects Member Julie Stromberg as its Chair.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stromberg, seconded by Ms. Chvatal-Keane): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee elects Member Justin Urcis as its Secretary.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

C. Resignation of Committee Member(s)

Ms. Stromberg announced that Mr. Funderburk is resigning from the Committee.

D. Change in Meeting Schedule

There was discussion of the best regular meeting date for Members and outreach. The next meeting will be February 1<sup>st</sup>; there might be a Special Meeting before then.

**4. OLD BUSINESS** (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Hancock Park Failed Streets and Hancock Park Intersection Repairs (Cindy Chvatal-Keane)

Ms. Chvatal-Keane updated, saying “we’re engaged with the City in a pilot program” for “two streets . . . it could take six months.” She identified several contractors.

B. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on LA Mobility Plan 2035 (Cindy Chvatal-Keane/Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Chvatal-Keane explained recent City Council and City PLUM Committee actions.

*Committee Member Jack Humphreville arrived at this time, making six Committee Members present (the Committee quorum is 51%, or four of the seven Members).*

Ms. Chvatal-Keane continued that she, as a Hancock Park Homeowners Association Member, met with Ashley Atkinson, a City Planning Dept. Specialist, who said “of course

there'll be community input" about the Plan. Ms. Chvatal-Keane distributed copies of a "Mobility Plan 2035" information sheet. She recommended to Ms. Atkinson that the Plan have community input; Ms. Atkinson indicated she would forward the idea. Ms. Chvatal-Keane believed that the City is not following the entire bicycle element of the Plan. She said the GWNC could ask for "an amendment to the Plan" to include community engagement. There was discussion of possible impacts of bike lanes on vehicular traffic. Mr. Humphreville believed that the November 2016 election including a proposed half-cent sales tax increase will be an opportunity for voters to show their disagreement with the Plan.

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Repair of Sensors at Lucerne & Wilshire Blvds. (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg reported that she submitted a request to City Planner Michelle Mowery; "the sensors are not picking up the bicycles and it's a very simple fix." Ms. Stromberg will consult with Nikki Ezhari.

D. Update on Carling Way Alley Repair (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg described years of work to get the alley repaired, which Ms. Chvatal-Keane believed was repaved with concrete around June 2015; they are not certain who paved it.

E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Metro Purple Line Extension and Metro Tree Removal (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg reported that "in October they removed trees along Wilshire Blvd. The trees are available to the public for free, but the public may have to pay for the cost to transport the trees. Metro will pay for transportation, if feasible."

**5. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Report on Congress of Neighborhoods 2015 (Jack Humphreville/Eric Oliver/Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg reported that presentations were made on the Mobility Plan and on the City's Great Streets Program.

B. Report on GWNC Transportation Committee-Council District 4 Street and Sidewalk Repairs Database Program (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg described that the database is building, which will be shared with City Council District Four. Requests are being accepted, though there is "no guarantee" they will be fixed. She noted the outreach value of the database work.

C. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Needed Street Repair at 200 S. Block of St. Andrew's Place (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg reported that Stakeholders emailed about this; she said “they’ve been trying to get this block fixed for years.” She relayed that Ms. Ezhari said that “it’s on their list to be repaired.” Ms. Stromberg will check with Patti Carroll about the status.

D. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Governor Brown’s New Road Repair Plan (Jack Humphreville/Julie Stromberg)

Mr. Humphreville described the Repair Plan, which is funded by the gas tax.

E. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Bureau of Street Services Repairs in Windsor Square (Jack Humphreville)

Mr. Humphreville explained that “a few roads are going to be repaired” and that L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (<http://CD4.LACity.org>) and his staff are aware of it. A stop sign will be installed at Lucerne and Fifth.

F. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on GWNC-Bureau of Street Services January 2016 Initiative (Julie Stromberg)

Ms. Stromberg reported that the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) is soliciting up to 15 repairs for the Greater Wilshire area. Repairs must be submitted to BSS by December 21, 2015 for repairs on January 6, 2016. Outreach has already been made for the program and the public is requested to send nominations to the GWNC Transportation Committee at [transportation@greaterwilshire.org](mailto:transportation@greaterwilshire.org) by December 18, 2015.

G. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Two Options Presented by Metro for Street Closures Relating to Decking Work at La Brea Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project (Julie Stromberg/William Funderburk)

It was relayed that Councilman Ryu indicated that the closure will not be for seven or 22 weekends; it will be a mix depending upon the area. Ms. Stromberg said that Metro is using old data and that Wilshire Blvd. will be in “full closure” from Highland to Detroit.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Humphreville, seconded by Ms. Chvatal-Keane): Move to recommend that the GWNC Board requests that Council District 4 ensures that the seven full-week and 16-weekend closure options presented by Metro for street closures relating to decking work at La Brea Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. for the Purple Line Extension Project both remain as available options for a vote for the final decision on the preferred closure option. In addition, the GWNC requests that specific neighborhood streets, including but not limited to 3rd Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Lucerne Blvd., S. Sycamore Ave., S. Mullen Ave., S. Rimpau Blvd., and S. Orange Drive, be protected from detour traffic due to the related street closures. Further, Metro should develop a comprehensive traffic plan relating to the subject closures for the areas bounded by S. Western Ave., W. Olympic Blvd., S.

Fairfax Ave., and Beverly Blvd., and also consider expanding the traffic plan to include the areas bounded by W. Pico Blvd. and Melrose Ave.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

H. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Cut-Through Traffic in Greater Wilshire Neighborhoods (Jack Humphreville)

There was discussion of the importance of monitoring Wilshire Blvd. closures and traffic mitigation measures, especially to prevent development of cut-through driving habits on Third and Sixth Sts.

I. Discussion, Planning, and Possible Motion on Traffic in Bus Lanes (Julie Stromberg)

There was no discussion and no motion on this item.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Next GWNC Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 1, 2016; Wilshire Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

B. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1, 2015; Wilshire Methodist Church, Youth Chapel Room, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Ms. Stromberg noted the above.

[There was no Agenda Item #7.]

**8. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Discussion on Bicycle Rules
- B. Discussion on Skateboarding Rules
- C. Remedies Available to Correct Utility Cuts in Roads
- D. New Transportation Measures Impact on Development
- E. Bicycle Coalition Speaker

Ms. Stromberg noted the above possible Agenda Items.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Stromberg declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Levin, Minutes Writer

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