

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee Protocols
Approved by Committee on July 27, 2020; Board Ratified on August 19, 2020; Revised
according to Board Rules (adopted March 10, 2021) on March 21, 2021.

Purpose, Duties, and Responsibilities

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Transportation Committee (hereinafter “The Committee”) shall:

1. Serve as a convening opportunity for neighborhoods to bring their issues; and advise, counsel, discuss, and be a sounding board as practicable;
2. Refer issues to Area and Special Interest Board Members as appropriate.
3. Facilitate discussions between stakeholders and City departments with regard to transportation;
4. Provide recommendations to the GWNC Board;
5. Parse parking issues with the GWNC Land Use Committee, where parking associated with a structure or development would typically fall to the Land Use Committee, with the possible advice of the Transportation Committee; while parking associated with traffic flow would fall to the Transportation Committee, with the possible advice of Land Use;
6. Engage with the Land Use Committee where transportation projects may bear on the aesthetic quality or identity of GWNC Areas;
7. Work with the Environmental & Sustainability Committee to advocate for environmentally sustainable transportation modes;
8. Be responsive to stakeholder concerns around safety and requests for safety mitigations; encourage the safety of all users of GWNC streets and other rights-of-way; encourage youth transportation safety programs;
9. Provide a venue to discuss new and alternative transportation; and invite the participation of grassroots organizations seeking to innovate in the transportation space;
10. Review and make recommendations regarding projects and proposals considered by LA Metro;
11. Review and make recommendations regarding motions before the City Council and its Transportation Committee;
12. Present or participate in town-hall style events to address prominent or potential neighborhood concerns.

The Committee shall refrain from taking positions on preferential parking, speed humps, and other contentious neighborhood and block-level efforts and instead ensure stakeholders understand City procedures and have the appropriate contacts to pursue their ends. The Committee may intervene when the City fails to be responsive.

Committee Membership

See "Board Rules"

Membership on the GWNC Transportation Committee shall be open to all GWNC Stakeholders as defined in Article IV and Attachment B of the GWNC Bylaws. The Committee shall not have alternate members.

There shall be a maximum of nine (9) voting Members of the Committee and a maximum of two (2) Committee Members from any given GWNC Geographic Area. These limits will not be cause to remove any current Member of The Committee.

Upon notification of an interest in joining The Committee, The Chairperson shall verify eligibility for membership and then, if eligible, may place that person's name onto the subsequent meeting's agenda for review and possible action to appoint.

Leadership Structure

See "Board Rules"

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson after each regular, biennial election of the Board of the GWNC. The Chairperson shall be elected from among the members of The Committee, shall have been a Member of The Committee for no less than six months prior to their election and shall be a Member or Alternate Member of The Board, unless otherwise provided for by a two-thirds vote of The Committee.

The Committee may elect a Secretary to perform such duties as adopted by official action of The Committee at the time of said election.

Committee Process

See "Board Rules"

The Committee shall meet regularly on the fourth Monday of odd-numbered months, or at such other times as directed by The Committee, and at least quarterly.

Agenda items may be added or reorganized at the discretion of the Chair or by official action of the Committee. Agenda requests shall be made during the General Public Comment section of the preceding Committee meeting or during the Requests for Future Agenda Items section.

In order to ensure that the members of the Committee have adequate time to consider all Agenda items, all those who wish to speak at Committee meetings must be recognized to speak by the Meeting Chair, and shall have time limits, as follows:

- Members of the public may speak on a non-Agenda and/or Agenda item for 2 minutes;

- Invited speakers and government officials may speak on a non-Agenda and/or Agenda item for 5 minutes and, subject to Committee approval, may speak for an additional 3 minutes;
- Committee Members may speak once for two minutes; and may speak for another minute after everyone else who wishes to speak has spoken;
- After everyone else has spoken, Committee Members may speak, but only on Agenda items (and not on non-Agenda items), for one minute. Committee Members may speak additional times at the discretion of the Meeting Chair or with a two-thirds vote by the Committee.

As necessary, The Committee may meet in joint session with other committees regarding items of concern to both committees.

The Committee shall be governed by GWNC Bylaws, Board Rules, and Social Media Policy, as well as Robert’s Rules of Order, policies duly enacted by the Board of Neighborhood Councils (BONC), and The Ralph M. Brown Act of 1953.

Unless otherwise empowered by Board Action, all motions by The Committee shall be considered recommendations of official action to The Board and shall be passed or failed by a majority vote of the total number of Committee members present, not including abstentions at a meeting, except as otherwise expressly provided herein. There shall be no proxy voting.

A two-thirds majority will be required where indicated by Board Rules or Robert's Rules.

Reconsideration

Motions to reconsider shall be governed by Article 8 Section 4 of the GWNC Bylaws.

Amendments

This document may be amended at any regular, duly-noticed, meeting of The Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of all members.

RATIFIED by the following vote of the GWNC Board on the 19th day of August, 2020.

Ayes: 14
 Nays: 0
 Abstaining: 2
 Ineligible: 1
 Absent: 4



 Conrad Starr, Secretary
 Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council