



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, November 10, 2016
12:00 NOON

CITY OF CULVER CITY
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
4117 OVERLAND AVE.
CULVER CITY, CA 90230

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:*** Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D., Staff: Mahdi Aluzri, Cindy Owens, Aaron Kunz, Huma Ahmed
- Culver City:*** Mayor Jim B. Clarke, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells. Staff: Diana Chang, Shelley Wolfberg
- Santa Monica:*** Councilmember Kevin McKeown. Staff: Francie Stefan; Stephanie Venegas
- West Hollywood:*** Mayor Lauren Meister, Staff: Hernan Molina, Bianca Siegl, Corri Planck
- City of LA:*** District 5 Staff: Jay Greenstein; District 11: Debbie Dyner-Harris, Geoff Thompson; Chief Legislative Analyst Office: Deborah Choi
- County of LA:*** District 3: Rachel Zaiden
- WSCCOG:*** Executive Director: Cecilia V. Estolano. Staff: Winnie Fong; Counsel: Lauren Langer
- Other:*** Eric Geier (Metro); Norm Emerson (Emerson & Associates); David Feinberg (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus); Clementina Verjan (LAHSA); Josie Gutierrez (LADPW); Mary Stern (ICMA/League of CA Cities); Josh Kurpies (Office of Assemblymember Bloom); Lila Kalaf Reiner (Office of Senator Allen); Libby Bradley (Cerrell Associates); Javiera Cartagena (SCAG); Tara Barauskas (Community Corp of Santa Monica)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Kevin McKeown (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WSCCOG Executive Director Cecilia Estolano provided a brief summary on the recent Joint Powers Agreement amendment and welcomed Rachel Zaiden (County of Los Angeles, 3rd District) to the board as the new alternate member to the WSCCOG Board. Ms. Estolano also provided a brief update on the WSCCOG legislative priorities and the appointment of Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells to the County's Water Resilience Plan working group.

3. ACTION ITEMS

(A) APPROVAL OF THE JULY 25, 2016 DRAFT MEETING NOTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells and seconded by Mayor Lauren Meister (Vice Chair) to approve the September 15, 2016 draft meeting notes. The motion passed unanimously.

(B) REGIONAL HOMELESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RHAC)

Ms. Estolano provided a brief overview of Regional Homeless Advisory Council (RHAC). The Chair opened the nominations. Vice Chair Meister nominated Danielle Noble (City of Santa Monica) to serve as the WSCCOG representative. Chair McKeown closed the nominations and called for a vote on the nomination. The board voted in acclamation of Danielle Noble to serve as the WSCCOG representative to the RHAC.

(C) WESTSIDE EMERGING TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

Ms. Estolano highlighted the WSCCOG proposal to hold a conference on emerging transportation technology in February 2017 and mentioned that the City of Beverly Hills have been assisting the WSCCOG staff in organizing the event. Ms. Estolano also added that The City of Beverly Hills recently contacted the WSCCOG to announce that the City is planning an autonomous vehicles conference. Councilmember Dr. Gold updated the board on the City's proposed one-day conference to promote the information on autonomous vehicles. Dr. Gold added that staff had already begun work on the planning efforts and distributed a draft agenda for the conference and invited the WSCCOG to participate in the event. Dr. Gold added that the City of Beverly Hills will allocate its own staff time and funding sources to sponsor the event. Chair McKeown commented on the narrow focus of Beverly Hills' proposed conference agenda and added that Santa Monica is interested in focusing on emissions and equity as part of the agenda. Chair McKeown also added that the WSCCOG can hold subsequent events after the City of Beverly Hills's conference to focus on specific policy issues. Geoff Thompson (City of Los Angeles, 11th District) mentioned that there are two fellows currently working for the City of Los Angeles on autonomous vehicles and advanced technology, and offered its resources to the WSCCOG staff. Vice Chair Meister suggested that the WSCCOG explore shared rides and how it impacts shared ride drivers. Councilmember Sahli-Wells added public safety, such as police and fire, should be included in the discussion. Dr. Gold thanked the board for the proposed ideas and asked that the member cities provide his City staff with additional input in a week or two as the City prepares to finalize the agenda. Chair McKeown asked the board to vote on postponing the WSCCOG conference and participate in the City of Beverly Hills conference on autonomous vehicles. The board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

4. TRANSPORTATION

(A) Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Westside Mobility Study Update

Ms. Estolano provided a brief summary of the Caltrans grant application for a Westside Mobility Study, which also includes the study of bicycle infrastructure priority corridors, autonomous mobility solutions, and mobility hubs.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair McKeown and Francie Stefan announced the one-year anniversary event of the Breeze Bike Share launch on November 12. Vice Mayor Jeffrey Cooper inquired of the City of Santa Monica to share any lessons learned after the launch of its bike share program. Francie Stefan provided a brief update in response. Mayor Clarke asked the board to consider future discussion on the coyote issue in Culver City and Torrance, as well as local ordinances on the use of drones. Vice Chair Meister suggested that member cities share

with the WSCCOG Executive Director and Counsel their local drone ordinances to review what the ordinances have in common. Councilmember Sahli-Wells announced that the City of Culver City passed the city's water parcel tax measure (Measure CW), and provided updates from the SCAG Energy & Environment Committee. Geoff Thompson announced the expansion of bike share stations in Venice. Jay Greenstein provided an update on the I-10 Robertson/National Area Multimodal Circulation Improvement project. Debbie Dyer Harris announced the passage of the homeless ballot initiative Proposition HHH in the City of Los Angeles. Dr. Gold and McKeown discussed results from their city's local ballot measures related to land use. Vice Chair Meister suggested that the WSCCOG include marijuana regulatory issues in the work plan.

6. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clementina Verjan of LAHSA thanked the board for appointing a representative to the RHAC and announced that LAHSA has policy and planning staff dedicated to assist the WSCCOG and the Westside cities on the homeless initiative. Josh Kurpies (Office of Assemblymember Bloom) and Lila Kalaf Reiner (Office of Senator Allen) offered to provide assistance and support to the WSCCOG in drafting its legislative priorities. Javiera Cartagena (SCAG) announced the upcoming SCAG Economic Summit event in December.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m. in memory of anti-war activist Tom Hayden to the next regular board meeting.
