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## AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 19, 2025 – 6:30pm

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84095705158?pwd=JGw2s8bM4JsNzlaaLacZJuAMaxt0Md.1#success>

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*Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Chair – Attendees who do not identify themselves upon request of the Chair will be removed (see Item 5 below).*

#### 1. Welcome/Introductions

##### a. Call to Order and Certification of Quorum

##### b. Chair Updates –

- (1) Next Board meeting: June 16, 2025
- (2) Update: status of future in-person board meeting (July 21, 2025, in-person at Belmont Senior Living: breakfast 7:30am, mtg. start 8am; guest speaker TBD; Mayor invited; no response as of 5/16).

#### 2. Government Reports/Speakers

##### a. Mayor's Office – Marian Ensley, West Area Representative

##### b. Council Reports –

- (1) Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy – Council District 5/Yaroslavsky
- (2) Michael Amster, Field Deputy – Council District 11/Park

##### c. Additional Government Reports – At the discretion of the Chair (possible reports from representatives of Congressmembers Ted Lieu, Brad Sherman & Sydney Kamlager-Dove; State Senators Ben Allen & Lola Smallwood-Cuevas; Assemblymembers Isaac Bryan, Jacqui Irwin, Rick Chavez Zbur & Tina McKinnor; County Supervisors Lindsey Horvath & Holly Mitchell; Council Districts 4 and 10; LAPD; LADWP; Planning Dept.)

#### 3. Board Member Updates –

##### a. J. Handal (WLASNC; Co-Chair, Budget Advocates) – report on Budget Day, June 21, 2025. <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/> (5 minutes)

##### b. C. Spitz (WRAC Vice-Chair) – letter re funding Animal Services, 2025-26 budget: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/WRAC-letter-Animal-Services-Budget.pdf>

#### 4. Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total.

##### a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC) – met 4/30/25; next mtg. 5/21/25

##### b. WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) – no April mtg; next mtg 5/27/25

c. **WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC)** – no mtgs since Oct. 2024; next mtg. 6/9/25 (*tentative*)

**5. Public Comment** – Non-member attendees are allowed 1 minute for comment on items NOT on the agenda; comment time may be amended by the Chair. *In the interest of transparency, and consistent with WRAC’s Bylaws (Art. V.5 and Standing Rule 9), anonymous attendance, monitoring or participation in WRAC meetings is not permitted. All meeting attendees are asked to give full names and any affiliations, and if any attendee is paid to attend, the name and address of the attendee’s client. Attendees who do not respond, when asked by the Chair to so identify themselves, will be removed from the meeting.*

**6. Approval of Minutes**

a. **Motion (Robin Greenberg)** – Approval of April 2025 meeting minutes

**7. New Business.**

a. **Motion (MTC/B. Broide)** – Amend LAMC 56.16 – **No riding e-bicycles on sidewalks**

“\_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports banning all classes of e-bicycles (e-bikes) from riding on a sidewalk or a boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles, to address serious public safety concerns and reports of rising accidents, injuries and deaths from collisions between e-bikes and pedestrians.

“To accomplish this objective, \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC supports the Los Angeles City Council passing, and the Mayor approving, an ordinance updating Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.15. BICYCLE RIDING – SIDEWALKS to read (additions in *italics/underlined*):

“1. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, unicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, wheelchair, roller skates, or any other device moved exclusively by human power, on a sidewalk, bikeway or boardwalk in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (Amended by Ord. No. 166,189, Eff. 10/7/90.) *No person shall ride, operate or use any class of electric bicycle (e-bike) on a sidewalk or boardwalk in the City of Los Angeles. (Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“2. No person shall ride, operate or use a bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle on Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Via Marina within the City of Los Angeles, except that bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle riding shall be permitted along the bicycle path adjacent to Ocean Front Walk between Marine Street and Washington Boulevard. (Amended by Ord. No. 153,474, Eff. 4/12/80.) *(Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“3. No person shall operate on a beach bicycle path, or on an area of a beach which is set aside for bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or unicycle use, any bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or tricycle which provides for side-by-side seating thereon or which has affixed thereto any attachment or appendage which protrudes from the side of the bicycle, *electric bicycle (e-bike)* or tricycle and is used or designed to carry another person or persons thereon. *(Amended by a new Ordinance passed by the LA City Council.)*

“\_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a motion in Council requesting amendment of

Municipal Code Sec. 56.15 as set forth above.” *[last paragraph added as a friendly amendment by C. Spitz, accepted by B. Broide]*

**b. Motion (MTC/Carolyn LoBuglio) – Postpone Caltrans Repaving Project on the 405:**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urgently requests that Caltrans delay the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavement-rehabilitation-project>) until after:

“1) All lanes of Pacific Coast Highway are reopened, and

“2) All Palisades fire debris removal is complete.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC believes that this delay is reasonable given that the I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation project is scheduled to take four years, and we ask that Caltrans accommodate this important request.

" \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC further requests that Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Park, Yaroslavsky, Hutt and/or Raman) bring a resolution in Council to effectuate this request on behalf of the City." *[last paragraph added as a friendly amendment by C. Spitz, accepted by C. LoBuglio]*

**c. Motion (MTC/B. Broide) – Oppose RFP for IKE sidewalk kiosk program:**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the IKE Smart City LLC interactive digital kiosk program, because it would:

“1) allow installation of hundreds of 8 to 9 foot tall two-sided digital advertising kiosks on sidewalks through the City, which WRAC previously opposed in January 2023

(<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WRAC-Letter-re-IKE-program.pdf>), and

“2) directly compete with, and undermine, the success of the City's Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and other community benefit programs that the City and its transit riders rely upon to provide much-needed shade, shelter, transit information and public service announcements.”

*Background information for all motions on Google Drive and website Meetings page, linked above*

## **8. Old Business**

**Oldest pending motions** – *a.-d., all introduced in Sept. 2024 (multiple deadline extensions)*

**a. 24.16. Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited** – September 2024 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **7** councils

adopted: BABCNC,\* BCC, NCWP, NWNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC (*\*modified version*).

WRAC Nov. 2024 letter (re position of 6 member councils; NWNC passed motion in Jan.):

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/WRAC-Letter-Landscape-Ordinance.pdf>

Status: City Council on 1/7/25 directed the C.A. to prepare final ordinance with provisions

similar to the WRAC motion (draft approved by the CPC) (*see Sec. 7 on unnumbered p. 13*):

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1399\\_misc\\_11-05-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1399_misc_11-05-24.pdf); matter still pending in PLUM.

**Note:** no additional councils except NWNC (4 mos. ago) have passed this motion in **8 mos.**

**b. 24.12. Request CW Yaroslavsky to Send Similar Letter re Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24 / Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5** – September 2024 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BAB CNC, BCC, NCWP, PPCC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC **Note:** only 3 councils *in CD 5* have passed this motion in the last **8 mos.**

**c. 24.13. Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors** – September 2024 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **6** councils adopted: BAB CNC, BCC, NCWP,\* PPCC, WLASNC, WWNC (*\*modified version*)  
**Note:** No councils have passed this motion since October 2024 (**7 mos. ago**).

**d. 24.15. Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted** – September 2024 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **5** councils adopted: BCC, NCWP, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC  
**Note:** No councils have passed this motion since November 2024 (**6 mos. ago**); the Housing Element Rezoning Program was adopted in February 2025, per the Planning Dept., *i.e.*, **motion is likely moot**.  
See: <https://planning.lacity.gov/plans-policies/housing-element-rezoning-program>.

**More recent pending motions**

**e. 25.05. Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program** – February 2025 (*passage deadline May 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BAB CNC, BCC, NCWP, VNC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC

**f. 25.06. Oppose SB 79 (Wiener) / Support CF 25-0002-S19** – April 2025 (*passage deadline July 2025*). **4** councils adopted: BCC, PPCC,\* WNC,\* WWNC (*\*modified versions*).

**9. Adjourn** – Next meeting to be held on **June 16, 2025** (via Zoom at 6:30pm)