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AGENDA

WRAC Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 18, 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: September 15, 2025
- (2) Recap of 7-21-25 Breakfast Board meeting w/ Mayor Bass at Belmont
- (3) Welcome new WRAC Board reps:
 - MVCC – Charlene Samiley/new MVCC Chair, Primary; Jennifer Rafeedie, 2nd Alt. (1st Alt. A. Marton remains)
 - NCWP – Theresa Torrance, Alternate (Primary P. Gerez remains)
 - NWNC – 1st Alt. Patrick Babajanian (Primary C. Webb & 2nd Alt. E. Brady remain)
 - PalmsNC – Reza Akef, Primary; Kay Hartman, Alternate
 - WCC – John Heidt, 2nd Alt. (Primary Steve Sann & 1st Alt. Sandy Brown remain)
- (4) Board opinion sought:
 - (i) Should we hold future in-person Board meetings at Belmont, and if so, how often?
 - (ii) Does the Board wish to hear from the “Mono Lake Committee,” which advocates for Mono Lake preservation and against DWP exercising water rights in the Mono Basin?
Background: <https://www.monolake.org/>; the committee has now asked to present to WRAC. *Note:* LADWP previously presented to WRAC on Mono Basin water rights; see 2/20/23 mtg. recap: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WRAC-recap-memo-2-20-23.pdf>, and <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/WRAC-Minutes-2-20-23.pdf> (2/20/23 mtg. minutes, item 2(b)).

2. Government Reports/Speakers

- a. **Special Guest:** Councilwoman Traci Park, Council District 11
- b. **Mayor’s Office** – Konstantin Hatcher, (new) Senior Director of Community Engagement
- c. **Council Reports** –
 - (1) Cairo Rodriguez, Sr. Field Deputy – Council District 5/Yaroslavsky
 - (2) Michael Amster, Field Deputy – Council District 11/Park

- d. 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 – Limited to 5 minutes total

- a. Chris Spitz (Vice-Chair)** – Updates: (i) SB 79/advocacy of WRAC position; (ii) Mayor’s statement to WRAC on 7/21 re an “independent audit” of Inside Safe (clarification to HOC: her reference was to an “assessment” in the *Alliance* lawsuit); (iii) our prior PRA request: Gibson, Dunn has billed the City \$1.8 million for 2 weeks of work in that lawsuit: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-08-08/law-firm-hired-by-the-city-in-homelessness-case-bills-1-8-million>; (iv) Payment of WRAC expenses (Zoom, website, domain name); thank you to the Chair.

4. Committee Reports – Limited to 5 minutes total.

- a. WRAC Transportation & Mobility Committee (MTC)** – next mtg. 9/17/25
b. WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) – met 7/29/25; next mtg TBD
c. WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee (LUPC) – inactive; committee chair sought.

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 July 7 and July 21, 2025, meeting minutes

7. New Business.

a. Motion (PPCC/C. Spitz) – Support CF 25-0848; Expedite After-Action Reports

“_____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports Council File 25-0848 (Park / Yaroslavsky), calling for (among other things) 1) a report back on the status of the City’s compliance with AB 747, 2) a list and evaluation of evacuation routes within CD 11, and 3) plans to improve evacuation route infrastructure, signage, traffic control and public education.

“_____ NC/CC further calls the City Council’s attention to the urgent need for infrastructure funding to absorb the cost of implementing a mitigation plan, including by developing new ingress and egress routes, and calls on the City to proactively and constructively engage with FEMA and OES, by (among other things) expediting completion of the After-Action Reports by the Office of Emergency Management and LAFD, so that those engaged in evacuation planning and disaster response will have the benefit of these findings.”

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

8. Old Business

Passed motions – all passed since last WRAC Board meeting, July-August 2025

a. 25.05. Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program – February 2025 (*passed July 2025*). **8** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, NCWP, VNC, WLASNC, WNC, WCC, WWNC. *Position letter:*

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/WRAC-letter-bus-lane-pilot-program.pdf>

b. 25.07. Amend LAMC 56.15 – No Riding E-Bicycles on Sidewalks – May 2025 (*passed August 2025*). **9** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* DRNC,* NCWP,* PPCC,* VNC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC* (**modified versions*). **Position letter pending.**

c. 25.10. Request Mayor to Consent to City Controller’s Audit of Inside Safe – June 2025 (*passed August 2025*). **10** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, NWNC,* PalmsNC,* PPCC, SORONC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC. (**modified versions*). **Position letter pending.**

d. 25.11. Request Mayor and CAO to Disclose Sources of Funding for the Inside Safe Program – June 2025 (*passed August 2025*). **10** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, DRNC, NWNC,* PalmsNC,* PPCC, SORONC,* WLASNC, WNC, WWNC. **Position letter pending.**

e. 25.13. Oppose Legislation Mandating Housing Density Without Funding Mechanisms – June 2025 (*passed August 2025*). **8** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC,* PPCC,* SORONC, WLASNC, WCC, WWNC, WNC (**modified versions*). **Position letter pending.**

g. 25.14. Support the Heavy Rail Underground Subway Mode of Transportation for the Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project – July 2025 (*passed August 2025; DEIR comment deadline Aug. 30, 2025*). **8** councils adopted: PPCC, DRNC, NWNC, SORONC, WLASNC,* WCC,* WWNC,* WNC* (**modified versions*). **Position letter pending.**

Pending motions

h. 25.09. Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Project – May 2025 (*passage deadline August 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BCC, PPCC,* VNC, WLASNC, WCC, WNC, WWNC (**modified version*). [*Possible motion to extend deadline.*]

i. 25.12. Support CF 20-1376-S5 (Park) – June 2025 (*passage deadline Sept. 2025*). **7** councils adopted: BABCNC, BCC, PPCC, SORONC, WLASNC, WNC, WWNC.

9. Adjourn – Next meeting to be held on **September 15, 2025** (via Zoom at 6:30pm)