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MINUTES
January 8, 2026
10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Transportation Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2025 at 10:05 AM in Los Angeles, CA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 – WELCOME

President Liban called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present noting that those wishing to testify before the Board must fill out a speaker's form. He informed the audience that if anyone is a registered lobbyist, City ordinance requires that it should be indicated on the speaker's form.

ITEM NO. 2 – ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Douglas Tohom, Cris Liban, Vigen Davidian, Raymond Regalado, David Marquez, Juan Solorio, and Nicole Nicholas; Tomas Carranza, Assistant General Manager; Jarvis Murray, Commercial Rideshare and Mobility Administrator; Deputy City Attorneys (DCA) Michael Nagle and Kevin Dufner

ITEM NO. 3 - MINUTES

Commissioner Solorio moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicholas to approve Minutes of December 11, 2025. Commissioners Davidian and Solorio abstained due to their absence at the meeting. Minutes APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 4 – COMMISSION BUSINESS

Acting Commission Executive Assistant (CEA) Jasmin San Luis announced that this would be her last meeting and shared her retirement effective date of February 7th. She introduced Cynthia Matzumoto-Arroyo who is present and will take on the role as the new Acting CEA.

Commissioners Davidian, Regalado, Marquez, Solorio, Nicholas, and Tohom gave remarks and expressed their appreciation.

ITEM NO. 5 – COMMUNICATIONS

None

ITEM NO. 6 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

AGM Carranza reported on the item below:

- Zero Emission Delivery Zone (ZEDZ) Program: a DOT program installed as a pilot in 2021, and graduated the pilot to a fully operational program a few months ago.
 - It is a commercial loading zone but for exclusive use of zero emission delivery vehicles.
 - The program was initially developed to help advance the objectives of key City initiatives like the LA’s Green New Deal and Mobility Element.
 - The pilot which is only five zones was meant to send a market signal to delivery companies that they should invest in clean vehicles and electric vehicles, and they would have an exclusive zone in which to load and unload.
 - The Department has grown the program and we are currently at 47 ZEDZ zones after installing 30 in the last few months.
 - Before installing even the pilot zones, we developed a screening criteria that was approved by the City Council.
 - We chose curbsides in high-density areas that experience high commercial loading demands; drilled down further in locations that are disproportionately burdened by air pollution; and filtered further to include locations that were feasible and not disruptive (can be installed with minimum impacts to the built environment).
 - There was an engagement program that included outreach to business owners, elected officials, and to the freight industry.
 - Special signs and pavement markings were developed so motorists can differentiate between a regular loading zone and a ZEDZ.
 - Each zone is about 20 to 30 feet long and commercial vehicles are allowed to park there for loading/unloading activities for 30 minutes or less.
 - The Department applied for a grant in partnership with other agencies and received a grant from the Department of Energy for the 30 zones that were recently installed.
 - The majority of the zones are in Downtown LA where most loading activities occur in the City. There is one installed outside City Hall on Main Street.
 - ZEDZ Program is one of the projects that can help the City achieve its climate goals by improving air quality.
 - LA’s Green New Deal set a bold target to increase the percentage of electric and zero emission vehicles to 80% by 2035.
 - The project aims to enhance quality of life through less car and truck fumes and reducing pollution generated by freight.
 - Prior to installing the first ZEDZ’s, the City adopted an ordinance that authorized the installation and enforcement of this new curbside regulation.
 - Parking Enforcement Officers are trained on how to recognize a zero-emission vehicle.
 - Majority of the zones include cameras solely used for data collection to provide information on which vehicle types use the zones; how long they are parking; how many violations; and how adjacent curbs zones are being used. Having access to real time curb activity data helps the Department dynamically regulate and price the curb.

- ZEDZ is now a commercial management strategy in the Department's toolbox of strategies, and we plan to scale up and implement it in more neighborhoods.

Questions, answers, and comments were provided.

- Commissioner Tohom requested clarification if the ZEDZ zones were converted from existing loading and unloading zones, or if they were metered spots.
- AGM Carranza explained as follows: conversion of a traditional loading zones to zero-emission zones; reduced the length of a red curb area that used to be a bus stop and its conversion into a zero-emission zone; found unused driveways and converted those locations to zero-emission zones; and in every case before considering removing a parking meter zone, Ken Husting's team determines if it is a high-demand parking zone.
- Commissioner Tohom asked about the enforcement of a non-ZED vehicles whether these vehicles are being ticketed.
- AGM Carranza confirmed that with the passage of the ordinance, the Department is authorized to enforce those zones.
- Commissioner Solorio has requested a copy of the Council file for the program, as well as a copy of the application submitted to the federal government for the funds. ***(Information on the program has been provided but AGM Carranza does not have the grant application – it was not submitted by LADOT. We were a partner but not an applicant.)***
- AGM Carranza acknowledged the request and will follow up with the Council file and application.
- Commissioner Liban commented how this is great and noted that it is one of the first programs of its kind in the country.
- AGM Carranza clarified that Santa Monica was first but their program was not enforceable and we are the first to adopt the enabling ordinance.
- Commissioner Liban asked about the impact on businesses and identify any market drivers that would encourage adoption.
- AGM Carranza discussed how it is largely driven by freight companies and are seeing more invest in clean vehicles, like Fed Ex; and while Amazon has a commitment to purchase more clean vehicles, progress has been slow, they hope to speed it up by installing more ZEDZ zones throughout the City.
- Commissioner Liban inquired about future expansion plans.
- AGM Carranza noted that while there is currently no official plan for expansion, they are looking at other opportunities and potential investment partners.
- Commissioner Nicholas commented that as some of the funding is coming from the federal government and resources are being pulled back from these initiatives, she asked if there is any visibility or concern about the future of expansion and the program as the federal strategy shifts.
- AGM Carranza clarified that the grant we received was from the prior administration and we are looking for other funding sources without the use of federal money.

Additionally, AGM Carranza shared his farewell remarks about Jasmin.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

None

None

CONSENT ITEM

Item No. 7 - Recommend Approval of the Application of Tranquility Medical Transport LLC for One Unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permit

Commissioner Tohom moved, seconded by Commissioner Davidian to approve Item No. 7. Unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Davidian moved, seconded by Commissioner Tohom to enter into Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM NO. 8 – Appeal of Mashad Kelly Concerning the Department’s December 15, 2025 Denial of His Application for a New Motor Bus Driver Permit, Pursuant to Board Order 600, Rule D-1 and LAMC Sec. 71.06

Alejandro Juan, Transportation Investigator, presented the report.

Appellant Mashad Kelly was present and addressed the Board.

Questions and answers were provided.

Commissioner Davidian moved, seconded by Commissioner Tohom, to grant the appeal with an amendment by Commissioner Nicholas to waive the re-application fee of Mashad Kelly. Unanimously APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 9 – Appeal of Riley Weber Concerning the Department’s December 12, 2025 Denial of His Application for a New Motor Bus Driver Permit, Pursuant to Board Order 600, Rule D-1 and LAMC Sec. 71.06

Pedro Candia, Transportation Investigator, presented the report.

Appellant Riley Weber was present and addressed the Board. He stated that he would like to request a continuance for his hearing due to a petition for dismissal for the disqualifying case against him which is scheduled today (January 8th at 8:30am) and wanted to wait until that was ruled upon.

Questions and answers were provided.

- Commissioner Liban proposed to agendize the application issues with the contractor, MV Transit, in a future meeting.
- Commissioner Regalado commented that the appellant’s request was for a continuance and asked if the Board is going to move forward with the appeal.
- DCA Nagle stated that whether the appellant’s petition is expunged or not is kind of irrelevant, and so the Board can go ahead and either determine to approve the appeal or not.

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- Commissioner Tohom commented that the issue with MV needs to be discussed both at the staff level, City Attorney level, and should come back at a separate time.
- DCA Nagle recommended to agendize the MV issue for the next meeting and invite MV to explain why the issue is happening.
- Commissioner Davidian agreed to have a separate session to discuss how the system works not only from LADOT but with the contractors as well.

Commissioner Tohom moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicholas, to grant the appeal with an amendment by Commissioner Tohom to waive the re-application fee of Riley Weber. Unanimously APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 10 - Appeal of Evaristo Sebastian Vasquez Suarez Concerning the Department's October 29, 2025 Cancellation of His Non-Ambulatory Gurney Driver Permit #637239, Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code § 71.06 – Falsified Application and Board Order 600 Rule D-1

Alejandro Juan, Transportation Investigator, presented the report.

Appellant Evaristo Sebastian Vasquez Suarez was present and addressed the Board.

Manuel Orantes, Church Pastor, was present and testified on Appellant Vasquez's demeanor and character.

Questions and answers were provided.

Commissioner Solorio moved, seconded by Commissioner Regalado to grant the appeal with an amendment by Commissioner Solorio to waive the re-application fee of Evaristo Sebastian Vasquez Suarez. Unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Liban moved, seconded by Commissioner Davidian to exit the Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

DCA Dufner reported that at the Closed Session, the Board granted the appeals of Mashad Kelly, Riley Weber, and Evaristo Sebastian Vasquez Suarez


Public Comment

A member of the public submitted a public comment card after the Executive Session. The Board accepted the comment card and allowed the member to speak.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Liban moved, seconded by Commissioner Davidian to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Approved: <u>2/5/2026</u>
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Commission Executive Assistant