

Committee Members

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Lisa Petrus
Gil Imber
Artin Sodaify
Tom Materna
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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Traffic & Transportation Committee

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7:30 p.m.

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Minutes

1. Meeting called to:
 - a. Called to order at 7:34 pm by Avo, the Chair
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Gil Imber, Tom Materna, Gregory Wright. **Absent:** Artin Sodaify
2. Reviewed and approved the minutes of the Dec Meeting. Tom brought the motion to the floor, to accept the minutes. Gil 2nd the motion. Passed Unanimously.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items: N/A
4. Presentation:
 - a. Metro Update by Avo Babian: Avo had a meeting with Karen Swift from Metro. The summary of points are: To allow more time, the Private Sector Option decision will be spread across 2 meetings. Metro has picked an Environment Consultant to begin EIR. AN Outreach Consultant has been picked to reach out to Communities involved. Next step in 2021: The PPP, Private Sector Proposition. It could be one of the old 3 options, a new one or a hybrid. Regarding the East Valley Transit Corridor: The EIR is done and certified and Approved by the Board. Construction will begin in 2022. The reason for above ground option, to revitalize Van Nuys. This train is meant for more local, short trips (2 to 3 miles.). While the Sepulveda Project is for long haul trips. Public Comment: Christy Adair, the path can follow Sepulveda or Van Nuys, it is not decided yet.
5. Motions:
 - a. Motion to support writing a CIS in support of [CF 19-0604](#). Parked Vehicle Idling Regulations / Parking Restriction / Ordinance. Avo Brought Motion to the floor. Tom 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**
 - i) Public Comment: Harold Shapiro.
 - ii) Committee Members discussion: Gregory said he appreciates this motion both because of pollution and the danger to pedestrians. Gil said there are 10 other Neighborhood Councils that have written CISs in support.
6. General Public Comment on Non Agenda Items
 - a. Gregory Wright, asked that METRO leave the bus windows open.
 - b. Harold Shapiro: Candidate Registration for SONC elections Jan 9 to Feb 23
 - c. Tom asked for explanation on why only 14 seats are up for elections
7. Committee Business:
 - a. LA DASH-New Route for Van Nuys Studio City DASH: Gregory said the new route has not been implemented.
 - b. Parking improvement Ideas: Artin will be preparing a presentation for next meeting.
 - c. Bike Share: It was suggested to ask the LA Bicycle Coalition Group or LA Bicycle Advisory Comm for a Representative. Gregory mentioned a Vision for a Car Free Zone.

- d. Sepulveda Corridor Project: Public Comment. Christy Adair, the Subway may follow Sepulveda or Van Nuys.
- 8. Announcements by Traffic and Transportation Committee members: Lisa Petrus mentioned a new Right Turn lane on Woodman and Ventura, going North on Woodman. Also 3 stop lights on Ventura at Columbus Lemona And Calhoon will be ready soon. Ventura in SO is a pedestrian orientated area. Started 7 yrs ago, finally done. Gil Imber: Update on COVID traffic, down 40%. Still have Rush hr traffic. Apple Map transit is down 20% for Regular Drivers, and 50% down for those planning transit routes. Tom: FAA report has come out on Noise concerns from Van Nuys and before March 15th, we need to answer. Greg There is a webinar on equity summit, and an energy seminar.
- 9. Next Meeting –. Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Feb 10th. Next SONC Board Meeting Feb 8th
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm