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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Avo, Chair
 - a. Meeting called to order by Avo at 8:09 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Lindsay Imber, Tom Materna, Michael Fishman, Gregory Wright
2. Administrative: Reviewed and approved minutes of Sept Meeting. Lisa brought the motion to the floor. Avo 2nd. **Approved Unanimously.**
3. Comment by Public Officials: N/A
4. General Public Comment: N/A
5. Chair's Report
 - a. Avo told the Committee that Artin is running for Public Office and due to his time constraints, has asked to become an Alternate committee member.
6. Presentation
 - a. Presentation by Clare Eberle, Transportation Planner, LADOT
 - i. Plans for new Bike Infrastructure in Sherman Oaks:
 - ii. Chandler Bicycle Connection Project (Chandler Blvd from Leghorn Ave- Vineland Ave):

The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation will be sharing updated information and design plans for the Chandler Bicycle Connection project, a grant-funded project to improve bicycling and walking connections to Valley Village, North Hollywood and around the Metro Orange Line. The City intends to build safety improvements on Chandler Boulevard from Leghorn Ave to Vineland Ave that will connect between the existing Chandler Bike Path-- ending at Vineland-- and the Orange Line Bike Path. The project is designed to create a high-quality connection between the existing bike paths and to surrounding neighborhoods, while also creating a safer and more comfortable Chandler Blvd for everyone.
 - iii. There is a plan is to connect Burbank to the west valley up to Chatsworth with bike paths. The plan in today's presentation is a North Hollywood bike Path on Chandler to Sherman Oaks. This helps fill the gap in bike paths in the Valley. This is Part of the LA Mobility Plan, within which there is a Bike Plan. This prioritizes Chandler as a bike path. In 2015, they applied and got funds to go ahead with the project. It has a new Design, which puts the bike lane adjacent to the Median.
 - iv. Key Features: It will be separated and protected lanes, with Bike boxes at intersections to turn. There will be upgrading of crosswalks, blue curbs, and safety benefits of separated and protected bike paths. This narrows the

speedway, and encourages slower car speeds. We are at the community outreach and design phase of the project.

- v. PUBLIC COMM: Kira Durbin made a comment. Jeff Jacobberger: was against the new designs. Gregory Wright, said we need more.

b. Presentation by Clare Eberle:

- i. Bicycle Lane Gap Closure Project Concept Presentation:
- ii. Burbank Blvd from Van Nuys to Hazeltine will have resurfacing done and bike lanes will be added.
- iii. LADOT and Council District 4 will present a concept for closing a bicycle lane gap on Burbank Blvd from Hazeltine Ave to Van Nuys Blvd. This could be implemented as part of an upcoming resurfacing project on Burbank Blvd.
- iv. This new bike lane on Burbank fills a gap, from Van Nuys to Hazeltine. It will be done in May to June. There will be a change in the amount of car parking spaces.
- v. Public Comment: Kira Durbin. Jeff Jacobberger: was in support of this design. Mehmet said we need to talk to folks in the neighborhood.

7. motions:

- a. To support EV Master Plan: City Council File: 21-0890
Electric Vehicle Master Plan / Citywide Infrastructure / Equitable Placement / Residential, Commercial and Industrial Customer Incentives / Federal and State Funding. And write a CIS in support. Avo brought the motion to the floor. Lisa 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously. Discussion:** Lisa asked how it will be paid for. Avo said LADWP had a budget for EV infrastructure, and there are govt rebates for EVs.

8. Traffic Committee Business

- a. Sepulveda Transit Corridor: Update. Tom said no money is allocated to study the underground option. Public comment period will be from Nov 30 to Feb 11. Lisa said they talked about nothing at the last Metro presentation. Tom said we need to force them to do better, and educate them. Lisa suggested that at the next Traffic meeting, each committee member should come up with a method that can influence METRO to pick the "all underground" option. Gregory said the corridor is under used, we should spend \$1 B on something better.
- b. Hillside Traffic: Lindsay Imber gave an update. The traffic patterns are back to normal, to the Pre Pandemic levels. There is no more Traffic Officer, so it's become worse than before the pandemic. Last week, Cody is blocked off due to a truck accident/ stalled. The No left signal can be used to stop Apps from using the residential roads. Some success has been seen with mitigation but it depends on how far the city will go. Imber said LADOT should put more signage on Woodcliff and Longbow. Tom asked if we could get an officer back at Sepulveda and Ventura. Tom asked for a motion to get LAPD and LADOT to get traffic officers back.

9. Announcements: Next meeting for the Traffic Comm will be on Dec 8th.: Gregory asked if we could get adoption of Noise cameras, concurrent with Speed Cameras. The issue of Metro Toll lanes on the 405 also came up for discussion.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm