

**Traffic & Transportation
Committee**

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 6:30pm
VIRTUAL - ZOOM

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, composed of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair, called the meeting to order at **6:37pm**

Roll Called by Chair:

- i. Present:** Shapiro, Materna, Wright [*tardy*], Segarra-Bohlinger **(4)**
- ii. Absent:** Eden **(1)**

2. Administrative Motions

- a.** *Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2025 Traffic & Transportation Special Committee meeting*

MOVED: Shapiro **SECOND:** Materna

YES: Shapiro, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger **(3)**

NO: **(0)** **ABSTAIN:** **(0)** **ABSENT:** Wright, Eden **(2)**

item 2a carries unanimously 3-0-0-2

3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff

none

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction

none

5. Chair's Report

- Forum / Town Hall
Potential Topic - Transit-Only housing i.e. "walking district"
- Agenda requests

6. Aviation / Airport-Related Discussion/Motions

- a.** *MOTION: Whereas, in November 2023 motions were presented by CD 6*

Councilmember Imelda Padilla, to the Los Angeles City Council (Council File 23-1338 & CF 23-1339) to mandate new policies for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) future aviation development projects to better protect communities, including critically needed criteria in the development of a new Specific Airport Plan for VNY which has not been updated in 20 years. As stated in the original motion, "A Specific Plan will help PROTECT the residents of CD2, CD3, CD4, CD6 and CD12 and everyone surrounding the Van Nuys Airport."

and whereas, Councilmember Raman (CD4) seconded both motions, and they were subsequently passed by City Council after passing both the Planning & Land Use Committee and the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee.

and whereas, to date none of the criteria outlined in the motions and requested by City Council to be undertaken via its subsequent approval of these motions has been delivered. Primarily, as requested a new Specific Plan for VNY.

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests that LA City Council and respective CD6 and CD4 Council Members provide SONC and the public with a status report and update on the progress of the creation of the new VNY Specific Airport plan that was requested to be developed and undertaken by LAWA/VNY in concert with the City Planning Department and with involvement of a Citizens Advisory Committee that was to consist of "at least one local resident/stakeholder from, but not limited to, Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12; and provide an option for Council District office staff participation", as written in the approved LA City Council motion. Information on who specifically is working on this effort, the details of which departments these resources have been assigned from or are affected, engaged or involved are requested.

And, SONC also requests that no new development or planning for projects at VNY take place until there is significant action and progress achieved on the aforementioned and cited City Councils motions

MOVED: Shapiro **SECOND:** Segarra-Bohlinger
YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)
item 6a carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

b. CF-15-0002-S125

POSITION: FOR

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council hereby supports City Council Motion CF15-0002-S125 (Koretz) calling for administrative action by the FAA to adopt Special Federal Aviation Regulations that would reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County as soon as possible. This action was approved by the LA City Council in 2016 after several years of non-action and non-response by the FAA to

multiple requests. It is now again requested that the LA City Council take further action to address the continuing issue of noise pollution created by low flying helicopters that are unregulated and do not follow the designated noise corridors as approved by the FAA, or follow the designated rules for nighttime curfews, and that fly at low altitudes that interfere with residential homeowners rights to peaceful enjoyment of their property.

Excessive noise is detrimental to health and considered to be a major source of stress in urban settings; and there currently exists intrusive noise pollution from helicopters constantly flying over and hovering over residential areas in the Los Angeles area.

Section 119D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (HR 3547) required the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to achieve reductions in helicopter noise throughout Los Angeles by 2015. However, 10 years after the enactment of HR 3547, the FAA is still unsuccessful in meeting the directives in the bill

MOVED: Shapiro **SECOND:** Materna
YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)
item 6b carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

7. Committee Business

a. Discussion and Possible Motion: Requesting branded pedestrian-safety items for distribution at SONC events

MOTION: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) Traffic & Transportation Committee requests that SONC purchase branded pedestrian safety items such as blinking lights and wearable reflective accessories to distribute at SONC events (Movie in the Park, Street Fair, Tree Adoption, etc.) in lieu of single-use plastic glow-sticks, or in addition to items intended for use by children

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Wright
YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)
item 7a carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

b. Discussion and Possible Motion: Traffic Signal at Kester and Weddington

DRAFT MOTION: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the office of Council District 4 in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of

Transportation (LADOT) and any other relevant agency to install a traffic signal at the corner of Kester Avenue and Weddington Street. This intersection is considered hazardous by residents of the area, and families with children attending Kester Avenue Elementary. Installing a traffic signal at this intersection will likely reduce the number of collisions; particularly those involving pedestrians, and families walking their children to and from school.

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Materna

Motion to Amend to specify the addition of crosswalks

MOVED: Shapiro **SECOND:** Segarra-Bohlinger
YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)
Motion to amend item 7b carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

MOTION AS AMENDED: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the office of Council District 4 in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and any other relevant agency to install a traffic signal at the corner of Kester Avenue and Weddington Street, in addition to crosswalks crossing Kester. This intersection is considered hazardous by residents of the area, and families with children attending Kester Avenue Elementary. Installing a traffic signal at this intersection will likely reduce the number of collisions; particularly those involving pedestrians, and families walking their children to and from school.

YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)
Item 7b carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

c. (taken out of order at approximately 6:50)

Hazardous conditions at Beverly Glen Boulevard and No Name Drive

DRAFT MOTION: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the office of Council District 4 in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and any other relevant agency to explore and implement traffic calming measures such as a speed-limit reduction and/or signage warning drivers to be aware of cross-traffic at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and No Name Drive. Residents of the area have reported excessively high speeds of vehicles traveling south bound on Beverly Glen when approaching and passing No Name Drive; and lack of awareness due to limited visibility resulting in collisions.

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Shapiro
YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)

item 7c carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

d. “NO IDLING” signage

*DRAFT MOTION: The SONC Transportation and Traffic Committee requests CD4 and Councilmember Nithya Raman to work with the relevant City agencies to **implement a new "NO IDLING" regulation and associated signage** to discourage unnecessary vehicle idling and attendant exhaust pollution and headlight glare (at night) that is broadly harmful to multiple community stakeholders and interests, and in particular to pedestrians and transit users; and to work with the relevant State agencies (including the California Traffic Controls and Devices Committee) and Federal agencies to accomplish a notable reduction of unnecessary vehicle idling on public and private property as described in prior communications with the SONC Transportation & Traffic Committee. Another objective is setting an example about the control of unnecessary vehicle idling and its externalities for the rest of California and for the USA, and even for the world*

MOVED: Wright **SECOND:** Shapiro

MOTION TO AMEND:

MOVED: Shapiro **SECOND:** Wright

YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)

NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)

Motion to amend item 7d carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

MOTION TO TABLE

To research existing ordinance and applicable City Council Files

MOVED: Shapiro **SECOND:** Segarra-Bohlinger

YES: Shapiro, Materna, Wright, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)

NO: (0) **ABSTAIN:** (0) **ABSENT:** Eden (1)

Motion to table item 7d carries unanimously 4-0-0-1

e. Discussion and Possible Motion: Noise Cameras

DRAFT MOTION: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests CD4 and Councilmember Nithya Raman to update SONC and the SONC Transportation and Traffic Committee as to the status of the years-ago announced intent of the City to trial several varieties of "Noise Cameras," and to begin the deployment of an unknown number of these devices at strategically sited locations (e.g., Noise Camera co-location with Metro and DASH bus stops) with Los Angeles to aid law enforcement to enforce existing vehicle noise pollution laws and aid policy makers to improve vehicle noise regulations at both the City and

State levels, working with the State on the unavoidably preponderantly State measures to deal with the indefensible growing sonic assault of deliberately high-volume high-vibration vehicle exhaust devices and modifications (such as using the biannual smog inspection process to weed out these modifications and add-ons, and built-in exhaust features; and prohibiting the sale of such devices, technologies, and modifications in all registered vehicles), and working locally such as by closing down the 'chop shops' and muffler services that install the devices and make the modifications.

Another objective is setting an example about the control of recreational vehicle noise pollution and its many externalities for the rest of California and for the USA, and even for the world

MOVED: Wright **SECOND:** none
Motion not considered

8. New Business

*Traffic mitigation /enforcement Woodcliff and Rayneta
Pacheco and Stone Canyon
License Plate Readers*

9. Committee Member Announcements

*Looking forward to board meeting
Wright may not be in attendance*

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned without objection at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted

Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.