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6:30 p.m.

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Minutes

1. Call to order and Roll call
 - a. Meeting called to Order by Avo, Chair at 7:30 pm
 - b. Roll Call. **Present:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Artin Sodaify, Gil Imber, Tom Materna
2. Reviewed and approved minutes of Jan Meeting. Gil brought the motion to the floor. Tom 2nd the motion. **Minutes Approved 4-0-1 . Yea:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Gil Imber, Tom Materna. **Abstain:** Artin Sodaify
3. Comments by Public Officials: N/A
4. Chair's Report: Avo will aim to have Speakers and motions every other month
5. Motions:
 - a. Motion to support CF #21-0002-SR, regarding LADOT's 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities and to write a CIS in support (CIS attached). **Motion Tabled:** Avo move to Table, Gil 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**
6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:
 - a. Public Comment by Janice. Michael Fishman
7. Traffic Committee Business:
 - a. LA DASH-New Route for Van Nuys Studio City DASH: N/A
 - b. Parking improvement Ideas: Presentation by Artin. The presentation showed how curbside pickup has increased during the pandemic. This offers a new opportunity for different usage for street parking. He showed new pickup signs. They are cheap and movable. We can improve the signs, and standardize the colors to be recognizable but not at the expense of Regular Parking. Right now they use parking meters with pick up signs on them, it's better to use loading zones. Orange as the new color for ease of identification. Public Comment, Pamela Harris, Cathy Kenneldiaz. Lisa Petrus said the plan review board is removing the fee for business who can't provide parking. And if there are more empty lots, they will allow more flexibility on who can rent.
 - c. Bike Share: Michael Schneider will give update from LA Bicycle Advisory Committee, a Mayoral group and 1 Rep from each CD. Van Nuys will have a Metro train. But it also has a protected bike lane. That does not look good for the future. Also Active Trans Grant. ATG. \$14 M to add bike lanes on Chandler.
 - d. Van Nuys Airport: Citizen Advisory Comm used metrics saying only 12% are affected by loud noises, but it's really 70%. Will be discussed again and March 15th is the end of the public comment period. What should we do? Options to put pressure on Mike Fuhrer.
 - e. Sepulveda Corridor Project: No Decision taken by Metro about which option for the Sepulveda Corridor Project. The East Valley Light Rail has finished the EIR, and will begin construction in 2022. 9.2 mile long from Sylmar to the Orange Line on Van Nuys and Oxnard. Tom said there is a Traffic Reduction Study by Metro, with 4 concepts to reduce traffic. One is tolls on the 5 or the 101 freeways.

- f. Hillside Traffic Gil mentioned that Cal Trans finally lowered the functional application of roads. They lowered traffic designation on Woodcliff, it is now called a local not an arterial. So GPS will not use it as an arterial, It will not guide long range commuters on this now local road.
- 8. New Business– March 2nd the Citizen Adv Committee will meet. Comments ready once the Agenda is up. Google I fly Van Nuys. Next Meeting –. Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Mar 10th. Next SONC Board Meeting March 8th
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm