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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Avo, Chair
 - a. Meeting called to Order at 8:01 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Gil Imber, Tom Materna.
2. Administrative: Reviewed and approved minutes of June Meeting. Tom made a motion to amend the minutes, to add "*Tom said, the FAA made a mistake, and now the FAA is trying to fix the flight path to return to the old flight path*" Avo 2nd the motion. **Amendment Passed: 3-1-0.** **Yeas:** Avo Babian, Tom Materna, Gil Imber. **Neas:** Lisa Petrus. Gil made the motion to approve the minutes. Tom 2nd. **Motion Passed: 3-1-0** **Yeas:** Avo Babian, Gil Imber, Tom Materna. **Neas:** Lisa Petrus.
3. Comments by Public Official
 - a. N/A
4. Chair's Report
 - a. N/A
5. Presentation:
 - a. Joel Levin: From Plug in America. Joel showed the types of EVs (Electric Vehicles). He presented the needs of consumers, such as the range of EVs. He showed charging options, and the size of different cars. He discussed the costs per month (which are lower than those for ICE, Internal Combustion Engine cars.). He explained rebates and PlugStar.com, which is site that walks you through the process of buying an EV. You should call ahead to a dealership to have an EV specialist ready. Lisa Asked about chargers. Nationally only 1% are EVs, in Ca, 9% of new car sales are EVs. Howard asked about charging and Hybrids. Gil Asked about charger availability and expense of new EVs. Joel pointed out that a new car today is on Avg \$40k, which is comparable to new EVs.
6. General Comment on Non Agenda Items
 - a. N/A
7. Discussion items:
 - a. Bike Lane Ideas: Presentation by Michael Fishman and Terrance Heuston. Michael Fishman is on the Board of the LA County Bicycle Coalition. Terrence Heuston worked on Sunset4All, and helped to create more protected bike lanes, safe routes, and mobility lanes. These lanes can have scooters, bikes and even electric chairs There was a presentation on Sunset4All, what it achieved and what can be done for Sherman Oaks.
 - b. Parking improvement Ideas: N/A
 - c. Van Nuys Airport: Tom Materna talked about the Lawsuit against the FAA, saying that a proper EIR was not done for flights from LAX. Tom pointed out that this does not pit neighbor against neighbor, but a previous mistake by the FAA needs to be fixed. Lisa said the flight paths are full and moving them north adds unfair extra flights over one area.
 - d. Hillside Traffic: Gill said that as far as traffic is concerned, COVID is over, meaning traffic is back to regular levels. But Apps are not using the Hillside as much. Why? We are not sure, but it

seems like there is more traffic throughout the day, but with lower peaks. So traffic is more spread out. While is used to have a range of 50%-175% of maximum, now it's just 75%-125%.

8. New Business– Tom asked for the Van Nuys Airport Master plan to be discussed on the Agenda. Avo said the Master Plan will be up for discussion next month by the CAC. Once their plans are known, SONC can take a position. Lisa said the meeting will be Aug 3rd at 7pm. Tom said they have said that before and he hopes they follow through.
9. Next Meeting –. Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Aug 11th. Next SONC Board Meeting Aug 9th
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm