

Committee Members

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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Traffic & Transportation Committee

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8:00 p.m.**

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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Avo, Chair
 - a. Meeting called to Order by Avo at 8:08 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Gil Imber.
2. Administrative: Reviewed and approved minutes of July Meeting. Gil made the motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Lisa 2nd the motion. **Approved Unanimously**
3. Comments by Public Official
 - a. NA
4. Chair's Report:
 - a. Avo introduced Michael Fishman as an alternate Committee member. Michael is on the LA Bike Coalition and an avid biker and a community activist. He will provide expertise on Bike lanes and Bike Routes in the future
5. General Comment on Non Agenda Items:
 - a. Avo said he read an article about Mathematicians who came up 4 methods to improve Traffic. One of them would be to have GPS of all cars to talk to each other. It's an idea that can be discussed in future meetings
6. Discussion items:
 - a. Bike Lanes Michael Fishman presented ideas that could benefit Sherman Oaks. Such as the LA River Bike Path. And an East West path to the Red Line, and a North South Line to the Orange Line, such as Fulton. He said he will gather data and deliver more info on what paths are worth following.
 - b. Van Nuys Airport: Updates. Gil gave a summary about the FAA briefing. They have plans to return to the old air flight paths but nothing is in concrete. Lisa said they are planning for new the paths over a tighter narrower area.
 - c. Hillside Traffic Gil gave an update. We are out of COVID, and 5% below Baseline. The traffic starts earlier at 2pm and more spread out. The GPS is using the cut through streets much less than before. Why? The signs can be having an effect. They have affected the GPS apps and the Algorithms
7. New Business– Avo mentioned he attend the METRO meeting, regarding express lanes on the 405 and it will be on the next agenda. There are 5 options, with different combinations of HOV lanes and Expressways. Option 1: leave it the same. Option2: an HOV will be converted to an Expressway. Option 3: an HOV lane will be converted to 2 Expressways, the lanes will be tighter. Option 4: An HOV lane will be converted to 2 Expressways, but properly widened. Option 5: an HOV lane will become 2 HOV lanes but tightened. Gil brought up bringing up discussing the Van Nuys Airport Gen Master Plan. Lisa said they put it on hold till they figure out the flight paths.
8. Next Meeting –. Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Sep 8th. Next SONC Board Meeting Sept 13th.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm