

## Committee Members

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Lisa Petrus  
Gil Imber  
Artin Sodaify  
Tom Materna  
Gregory Wright (Alternate)  
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## **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Traffic & Transportation Committee**

**Dec 9th 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

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## Minutes

1. Meeting called to
  - a. Meeting called to order by Avo, Chair, at 7:32 pm
  - b. Roll Call: Present: Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Gil Imber, Artin Sodaify, Tom Materna, Gregory Wright (later)
2. Reviewed and approved the minutes of Nov Meeting. Avo brought motion to Amend the word Terminal to Gates in Burbank Presentation. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. **Amendment Passed Unanimously.** Gil brought motion to approve minutes. Avo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Passed Unanimously.**
3. Public comments by Public Official: None
4. Chair's Report: Avo will try to get in touch with the Traffic person on the staff of the new Council Member Nithya Raman.
5. General Public Comment: None
6. Discussion items:
  - a. LA DASH-New Route for Van Nuys Studio City DASH: Avo has received the new map route with the new stations on Ventura if anyone is interested. Gregory said the new route is not updated yet. They should leave the windows open for ventilation during the Covid Crisis. We should have a motion about it.
  - b. Parkin Hillside Traffic Update: Gil gave an update on COVID-related traffic and mobility changes in the area. We also have an announcement related to aviation and COVID - namely that all travelers through LAX and VNY are now required to complete a Travel Form available at <https://travel.lacity.org/>; there is a recommended 14-day quarantine.

Public Transit is down 50%. Driving was down 50% in March, but has gone up to 102% to 105% from July to Oct. In Dec it's back down 16 to 18%. Once it goes above 10% from Baseline then the Hillside roads will begin to be used, and cause traffic jams. There is a no left turn on Saugus and Valley Vista, but due to the Covid Crisis we don't know if lower traffic is due to the sign or not.

And finally, [here's Engineering's November 18 letter for CF 18-1114 saying](#) that the majority of hillside streets are substandard and it would cost up to \$2.7 billion to repair and maintain them. Specifically, 2,286 hillside street segments are not included in the city's regular maintenance program. Hillside streets are estimated to be anywhere from 2x to 10x more expensive for the city to improve than a typical residential non-hillside street. Substandard hillside streets are deemed by BOE, LAFD, and others as high priority for improvement due to criteria such as but not limited to emergency egress during a fire. *That* council file is [CF 20-1213](#) (Evacuation Routes / Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones). But there is no action item needed for it; City Council adopted it on November 10.

Artin asked if we could ask for funds from the fire prevention funds for road repair in the hillside

- c. Sepulveda Corridor Project: Avo gave an update, Metro has hired a Firm for Outreach. The next meeting is Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully we will know what option was picked for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. Tom pointed out that when the PPP option or other options goes public, we have 30 days for comment. We should get ahead of it and be prepared. We also should invite Karen Swift to get an updated. Greg said we should spend money on things that we can improve now, such as the Bus lanes.
- 7. New Business- Greg said that CARB has rebates for EV car buyers. We should use those funds to subsidize people with no cars, by subsidizing TAP cards for example. Tom said LAWA has not responded to the Airport Report. And there is a movement to close Whitman Airport. Lisa said funds are allocated for the 3 lights on Ventura at Columbus, Calhoun and Lemon. It will be done in the next year and a half. Greg said we should ban all air travel except for freight and emergencies
- 8. Next Meeting –. Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Jan 13th
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm