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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes

**Jan 31th, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

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Minutes

1. Meeting called to Order by Avo Babian, Chair at 6:32 pm
2. Quorum achieved with: Avo Babian, Ron Ziff, Leslie Lyndon.
3. Reviewed and approved minutes of Nov meeting.
4. Public comment on non-agenda items.
5. Announcements:
 - a. Update on Open Public meeting on Jan 10th: Regarding Hillside traffic in Sherman Oaks
 - i) 3 plans reviewed; short term solution; long term solution needed as more and more cars use Sepulveda Pass corridor.
 - ii) Only Homeowners in impacted area allowed to vote but all are allowed to send comments to Council District 4 and LADOT. Ballots and comments must be received by February 13
 - iii) Process for solving traffic issues described – get together with rest of neighborhood and petition LADOT. Public Hearing on West Sherman Oaks Hills traffic proposal was unusual. Usually those living outside of impacted neighborhood do not get a voice.
 - iv) Public Comment: open Car pool lanes on 405 to ALL in hopes of getting traffic off of neighborhood streets.
 - v) Public comment: concerned about election manipulation as at least one of the private schools on Mulholland has provided ballots to parents and told them to vote – even though only homeowners living within impacted area allowed to vote.
 - vi) Public Comment: Lean on Mayor as he has an information agreement with WAZE
 - vii) Public Comment: Right only turn at Longbow and Mulholland would get traffic heading west on to Mulholland faster and off Longbow and Scadlock.
 - b. Update on Traffic at traffic lights Hazeltine/Ventura. Update on exit on north side of Ralph's
 - i) City says very difficult to re-time lights at this intersection due to complexity of having a light at Hazeltine/Ventura and another at Hazeltine/Ralphs south entrance. Priority goes to southbound going vehicles on Hazeltine going left on Ventura East.
 - ii) LADOT has planned for red sidewalk on a few spots west of the north exit of Ralph's exiting onto Moorpark. Public suggestion, a pole with a round mirror to see oncoming traffic

- iii) Concern that pedestrians are endangering themselves by cutting through the Ralphs parking lot. Getting off bus at the stop just east of the south Ralphs entrance, then cutting through the lot to get to Hazeltine

6. Discussion Items:

- a. New DASH Route: Group discussion about where route will run if approved; if buses can accommodate strollers; cost to use; where/how can get Tap Cards and reload; if route should be expanded – currently stops 1 block from red line
 - i) Ways to increase ridership. Increase awareness and promote local businesses
 - Bad job has been done of publicizing and name does not help – many do not know what DASH is and where it goes. Suggestions include: getting store owners along route to put signs in windows that describe the route and how easy/cheap it is to take the DASH; provide store owners with tap cards for giveaway or ask Metro to donate then give away in time for winners to use to travel to “Hello to Spring Day March 18; editorials and articles in local Valley publications; Bus back signs advertising the convenience of the route - possibly co-op with stores to advertise both a particular store and the route; obtain flyers from Metro to hand out at events such as Neighborhood Watch Meetings; ask if DASH can operate Sunday mornings to take residents to Studio City Farmers Market; see if DASH can operate Friday/Saturday nights for those doing the bar scene.
 - Plan a “Bruch Crawl” event: to guide a group of DASH riders along hot spots between Hazeltine and Fulton. Guide group of riders through brunch crawl event.
- b. New Bike Lane ideas:
 - i) Connecting LA River Bikeway to Sunkist Project, Fashion Square Mall.
 - ii) Discussion regarding additional bike lanes: LADOT has bike lanes planned for some streets – need to find out where. Valley Vista not a good candidate for bike lanes; not wide enough.
 - iii) Public Suggestion – have Bike Coalition make a presentation to T&T Committee.
- c. Solutions to car Traffic in Sherman Oaks
 - i) Discussion: Small trolley that residents living on side streets between Hazeltine and Sepulveda could take to Hazeltine to catch DASH; suggestion made that city should take “away” lanes/capacity from roads like Van Nuys, Woodman/Hazeltine – research shows that if you build more infrastructure you will get more traffic to fill it; “van pools” that would pick up at least 4 people living in a common area (although NOT at the same address) and deliver them to a common destination (NOT the same destination).

7. Action Items:

- a. Motion made and seconded - request for \$500 to help with outreach to promote the new DASH Route on Ventura with local businesses. Motion passed Unanimously. 4-0-0
- b. Motion made and seconded – request for up to \$500 to plan “Brunch Crawl” event, to promote ridership on the DASH. Motion passed Unanimously. 4-0-0

8. New Business – None

9. Announcements:

- a. Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board Meeting in Feb 13th

10. Next Meeting - Wednesday, Feb 22 2017.

11. Adjourned: at 7:58 pm