



# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES de Toledo High School January 4, 2024

The Board shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the Directors present at a duly noticed regular or special Board meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

**PRESENT**: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Vinura Kotuwelle, Jonathan Marvisi, Saif Mogri, Penelope Newmark, Joe Ourfalian, Carolyn Poppert, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Miriam Schimmel, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, and Zhelbert Zohrabian

ABSENT: Ian Afazeli, Clarice Chavira, Randhara Kotuwelle, Mark Neudorff

President Rothstein called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and a quorum was established.

The December Special Meeting minutes were approved.

Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Induction new board members into the WHNC Board of Directors: Carolyn Poppert and Zhelbert Zohrabian were inducted and took the NC oath.

## Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Report:

SLO Garza gave the report. Violent crime was down in 6 of 7 and property crime was up in 5 of 7 Topanga Division basic car areas. Topanga division has a new Area Captain – Captain Lopez. Threats of violence were made against two West Valley schools – Chaminade and Faith Baptist. Synagogues statewide have received bomb threats. The threats were investigated and determined not to be credible. Car theft is up 140% in north West Hills. In many instances keys were left in the car.

**Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood gave the report based on the October and November Monthly Expense Reports (MER). Net available balance was \$25,105.78 at the end of October. Net available balance was \$24,898.18 at the end of November. The City has reissued a check to Hamlin Elementary but the funds are not coming out of the current budget.

24-0001 -- Approval of the WHNC's October 2023 MER

 Aida Abkarians - Yes
 Ian Afazeli - Absent
 Faye Barta - Yes

 Sandi Bell - Yes
 Clarice Chavira - Absent
 Carolyn Greenwood - Yes

 Glenn Jennings - Yes
 Randhara Kotuwelle - Absent
 Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes

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Jonathan Marvisi - Yes
Penelope Newmark - Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible
Joan Trent - Yes
Zhelbert Zohrabian - Yes

Saif Mogri - Yes Joe Ourfalian - Yes Char Rothstein - Yes Brad Vanderhoof - Yes Mark Neudorff - Absent Carolyn Poppert – Yes Miriam Schimmel - Yes Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes

Yes -17, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -4, Ineligible -1, Recusal -0The MER is approved.

24-0002 -- Approval of the WHNC's November 2023 MER

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Absent	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Yes	Clarice Chavira - Absent	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle - Absent	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark - Yes	Joe Ourfalian - Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
Zhelbert Zohrabian – Yes		

Yes - 17 No - 0 Abstain - 0 Absent - 4 Ineligible - 1 Recusal - 0The MER is approved.

**Controller's Report**: Controller Saif Mogri gave the report. December expenses were Apple One Rackspace and The Web Corner.

**Comments from the Co-Chair(s)**: President Rothstein said the WHNC Bylaws amendment has been approved and the minimum quorum for Board meetings is now thirteen (13). Two vacancies will be filled at the February meeting and the deadline for applications is January 8. The February meeting will be on Thursday February 8.

## Announcements:

Council District 12 Mr. Colin Crews District Director said CD12 has expanded the Rapid Response Team that picks up illegal dumping from 2 to 4 staff members and added a stake bed truck in addition to the pickup. Additional funding for West Valley Alliance has been authorized for weed and brush abatement. Seniors over 60 can apply for home delivery of meals at 213 202-5669 or <u>seniormealprogram@lacity.org</u>.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Ms. Prabhjot Chamber Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate passed out NC manuals and said the Department is hosting its first ever youth conference at City Hall on January 27.

Budget Advocates Mr. Glenn Bailey said they are reviewing the audit report of the LAPD air operations budget of \$48 million. The related council file is CF 23-1422.

## **Public Comment**:

Jeff Sacher asked for more emails to stakeholders and mentioned candidate forums and state legislation.

Dr. Paula Miller said she works for the LA County Department of Public Health but also does marketing for two local businesses Hands on Remodeling and a real estate agent Ella Shemesh with Keller Williams.

Glenn Bailey said VANC will have representatives from the LA28 Olympic Committee at the January 11 Meeting. LANCC will have Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement Rivera at the Saturday January 6 meeting.

Chris Ahuja from the Tarzana NC is running for Congress in the 32 District.

Myrl Schreibman spoke about dangerous sidewalks and lack of information provided to stakeholders.

Chris Rowe asked the WHNC to hold candidate forums.

Mark Janssen said the WHNC should use email more.

**Fire Safety Video**: Saif Mogri showed a video on wildfires and protecting homes.

23-0083 -- Approval of the Event Approval Form for the WHNC Beautification Committee Clean-Up Event to be held on the east side of Valley Circle Boulevard north of Victory Boulevard on January 20 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Absent	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Yes	Clarice Chavira - Absent	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle - Absent	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark - Yes	Joe Ourfalian - Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
Zhelbert Zohrabian - Yes		

Yes - 17 No - 0 Abstain -- 0 Absent - 4 Ineligible - 1 Recusal - 0 The Event is approved.

24-0004 – CIS Letter Representing the WHNC Position on the LAX Noise Roundtable Regarding CF 23-1339 and CF 23-1489; an Expansion Proposal at Van Nuys Airport

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Absent	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Yes	Clarice Chavira - Absent	Carolyn Greenwood - Abstain
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle - Absent	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri – Abstain	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark - Yes	Joe Ourfalian - Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
Zhelbert Zohrabian - Abstai	n	

Yes – 14 No – 0 Abstain – 3 Absent – 4 Ineligible – 1 Recusal – 0 The Letter is approved.

24-0003 -- Filling a Vacant Seat on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board

Two Candidates were present: Noe Loera and Alejandro Phillips.

The vacancy Committee recommended Alejandro Phillips.

Noe Loera – 6 Alejandro Phillips -- 9 Abstain – 3 Absent – 4

Alejandro Phillips has been named to the WHNC Board of Directors for a term ending in 2027 and will be sworn in at the February meeting.

23-0085 – WHNC Standing Rules on Use of WHNC Logo on Correspondence

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Absent	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Yes	Clarice Chavira - Absent	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle - Absent	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark - Yes	Joe Ourfalian - Yes	Carolyn Poppert – Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
Zhelbert Zohrabian - Yes		

Yes - 17 No - 0 Abstain - 0 Absent - 4 Ineligible - 1 Recusal - 0The Standing Rule is approved.

**23-0094** -- CIS on Council File 22-0392 Digital Off-Site Signs / Outdoor Advertising / Transportation Communication Network Program Structures / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

Aida Abkarians - No	Ian Afazeli - Absent	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Abstain	Clarice Chavira - Absent	Carolyn Greenwood - Abstain
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle - Absent	Vinura Kotuwelle - Abstain
Jonathan Marvisi – Abstain	Saif Mogri - No	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian - Abstain	Carolyn Poppert – Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
Zhelbert Zohrabian - Abstair	1	

Yes -9 No -2 Abstain -6 Absent -4 Ineligible -1 Recusal -0 The CIS is approved.

President Char Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.





# WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES De Toledo High School December 6, 2023 Revised December 28, 2023

The Board shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the Directors present at a duly noticed regular or special Board meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

**PRESENT:** Aida Abkarian, Ian Afazeli, Faye Barta, Clarice Chavira, Carolyn Greenwood, Glenn Jennings, Randhara Kotuwelle, Vinura Kotuwelle, Jonathan Marvisi (Left 8:15 PM), Saif Mogri, Mark Neudorff (Left 7:45 PM), Penelope Newmark, Joe Ourfalian, Alejandro Phillips, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Miriam Schimmel, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb **ABSENT:** Sandi Bell

President Rothstein called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Secretary Brad Vanderhoof called roll and a quorum was established.

Vice President Faye Barta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Carolyn Greenwood gave the report based on the September Monthly Action Report (MER). Net Available balance was \$29,307.86 at the end of September. Spending was ongoing expenses and flyers for the Halloween Event.

**23-0080** -- Approval of the WHNC's September 2023 MER

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Ineligible	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Ineligible
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent – Yes	Brad Vanderhoof – Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -17, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -1, Ineligible -3, Recusal -0The MER is approved.

23-0078 -- WHNC Bylaws amendment to Bylaws Article 5 Governing Board

Char Rothstein moved to amend the motion to change the minimum quorum to thirteen (13). Bill Rose, Aida Abkarians, and Glenn Jennings seconded.

The amended Bylaw will read:

Section 2: Quorum The quorum shall be thirteen (13) Directors of the Board. No floating quorums are allowed.

Vote on the amendment:

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira – Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Yes
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent – Yes	Brad Vanderhoof – Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 1, Ineligible – 0, Recusal – 0

The amendment is approved

Vote on the Bylaws change:

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell – Absent	Clarice Chavira – Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Yes
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose – Yes	Char Rothstein – Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -20, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -1, Ineligible -0, Recusal -0

The change is approved and will be sent to DONE.

**Senior Lead Officer Report:** SLO Sean Dinse introduced himself as the new SLO for southern West Hills. There have been eight arrests in the Nordstroms smash and grab robberies. SLO Dinse is trying to get a fence around the building at Shadow Ranch Park because of fire danger.

Approve Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2023 and November 2, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of November 30, 202: Minutes approved.

**Controller's Report:** Controller Saif Mogri gave the report and said it matches with the City to the end of November. The WHNC has spent \$9,203.78 year to date.

## **Public Comment:**

Chris Rowe said the trees at Shadow Ranch Park could cause a major fire.

## Announcements:

Colin Crews, Field Deputy, CD12, said streets around Keswick were recently resurfaced and work on March starts tomorrow.

SLO Dinse said Public Works has a project to install cameras at parks.

**Comments from the Co-Chair(s):** President Rothstein announced the resignation of Myrl Schreibman from the WHNC Board of Directors.

Mark Neudorff left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

**23-0076 --** WHNC Bylaws Amendment to Bylaws Article 7 Committees and Their Duties Saif Mogri moved to amend the Bylaws change to eight (8) mandatory meetings for all standing committees. Jonathan Marvisi seconded.

## The amended Bylaw will read:

All standing committees shall meet at a minimum of eight (8) times per calendar year and shall invite the participation of stakeholders.

Vote on the amendment:

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes – 19, No – 0, Abstain -- 0, Absent – 2, Ineligible – 0, Recusal – 0

The amendment is approved

Vote on the Bylaws change:

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof – Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -19, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -2, Ineligible -0, Recusal -0

The Bylaws change is approved.

23-0077 – WHNC Bylaws amendment to Bylaws Article 13 Amendments

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Pose - Yes	Char Pothstein – Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof – Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -20, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -2, Ineligible -0, Recusal -0The Bylaws change is approved.

**23-0081** -- Approval of Request for \$1,700.00 by the Communications Committee to Purchase Promotional Items for Outreach Events (Pens and Bags)

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Ineligible	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri – Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -17, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -2, Ineligible -2, Recusal -0The expenditure is approved.

**23-0082** – Approval of Event Approval Form and Budget in the Amount of \$3,525.00 for the Special Events Committee's Senior's Valentine's Day Dinner Dance to be held at Chaminade College Preparatory, Bob Hope Center located at 7500 Chaminade Avenue, West Hills, on February 14, 2024 *The date of the event was corrected from the agenda.* 

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli – Ineligible	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Ineligible	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -17, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -2, Ineligible -2, Recusal -0The Event Approval Form and Budget are approved.

**23-0090** -- Filling of a Vacant Seat on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board The candidates (Denyse Holloway, Noe Loera, Carolyn Poppert, and Xhelbert Zohrabianeach) each spoke for two minutes.

The vacancy Committee recommended Carolyn Poppert.

Jonathan Marvisi left the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aida Abkarians - Poppert	Ian Afazeli - Poppert	Faye Barta - Poppert
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Popp	ert Carolyn Greenwood - Poppert
Glenn Jennings – Poppert	Randhara Kotuwelle –	Poppert Vinura Kotuwelle - Poppert
Jonathan Marvisi - Absent	Saif Mogri - Poppert	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Poppert	Joe Ourfalian – Popper	Alejandro Phillips - Poppert
Bill Rose - Poppert	Char Rothstein - Poppe	rt Miriam Schimmel - Poppert
Joan Trent - Abstain	Brad Vanderhoof - Zoh	rabian Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Poppert
Carolyn Poppert – 17 Zł	nelbert Zohrabian – 1 I	Denyse Holloway – 0
Noe Loera – 0 Al	bstain – 1 A	Absent $-3$

Carolyn Poppert has been named to the WHNC Board of Directors for a term ending in 2025 and will be sworn in at the January meeting.

**23-0091** - Filling a Vacant Seat on the West Hills Neighborhood Council Board The vacancy Committee recommended Denyse Holloway.

The first vote resulted in a run-off between Noe Loera and Zhelbert Zohrabian

The first runoff was a tie. Second Runoff Vote

Aida Abkarians - Zohrabian	Ian Afazeli - Zohrabia	n	Faye Barta - Loera
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Loei	ra	Carolyn Greenwood - Loera
Glenn Jennings – Zohrabian	Randhara Kotuwelle -	- Zohrabian	Vinura Kotuwelle - Zohrabian
Jonathan Marvisi - Absent	Saif Mogri - Loera		Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Zohrabian	Joe Ourfalian – Zohral	bian	Alejandro Phillips - Loera
Bill Rose - Loera	Char Rothstein - Loera	a	Miriam Schimmel - Loera
Joan Trent - Zohrabian	Brad Vanderhoof – Zo	ohrabian	
Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Zohrabian			
Zhelbert Zohrabian – 10,	Noe Loera – 8	Abstain – 0	Absent – 3

Zhelbert Zohrabian has been named to the WHNC Board of Directors for a term ending in 2027 and will be sworn in at the January meeting.

23-0092 – Appointment of Board Member Miriam Schimmel to Chair the WHNC Special Events Committee

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Absent	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -18, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -3, Ineligible -0, Recusal -0The appointment is approved.

23-0093 – Appointment of board member Clarice Chavira to Chair the WHNC Streets & Transportation Committee

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings – Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Absent	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein – Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -18, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -3, Ineligible -0, Recusal -0

The appointment is approved.

## **Public Comment:**

Chris Rowe asked that all committees have Zoom available for meetings and that meetings be cancelled between Christmas and New Year.

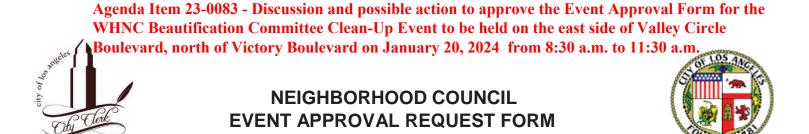
**23-0087** - Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 23-1114; Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / SB 411 / Teleconferencing / Remote Meetings/Brown Act Modification / California Government Code / COVID-19 Pandemic (Soto, Martinez-Hutt):

Aida Abkarians - Yes	Ian Afazeli - Yes	Faye Barta - Yes
Sandi Bell - Absent	Clarice Chavira - Yes	Carolyn Greenwood - Yes
Glenn Jennings - Yes	Randhara Kotuwelle – Yes	Vinura Kotuwelle - Yes
Jonathan Marvisi - Yes	Saif Mogri - Yes	Mark Neudorff - Absent
Penelope Newmark – Yes	Joe Ourfalian – Yes	Alejandro Phillips - Yes
Bill Rose - Yes	Char Rothstein - Yes	Miriam Schimmel - Yes
Joan Trent - Yes	Brad Vanderhoof - Yes	Joanne Yvanek-Garb - Yes

Yes -19, No -0, Abstain -0, Absent -3, Ineligible -0, Recusal -0The CIS is approved.

Board member Alejandro Phillips resigned from the WHNC Board of Directors. President Rothstein accepted his resignation. The vacancy will be posted and the application period opened.

President Char Rothstein adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.



Office of the City Clerk – Neighborhood Council Funding Program 200 N. Spring Street, Rm 224, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1058 or Toll-Free 3-1-1 *E-mail:* <u>Clerk.NCFunding@LACity.org</u> • <u>www.Clerk.LAcity.org</u>

Events are great opportunities for Neighborhood Councils to interact with their stakeholders. There are, however, liability and permitting issues that must be handled prior to the event. The Office of the City Clerk, Administrative Services Division, NC Funding Program Section must approve all Neighborhood Council sponsored events before any payments can be processed.

Please complete, sign, and submit this form <u>at least 30 days</u> prior to your event. Missing or incomplete required information or documents will delay review.

Neighborhood Council: West Hills Neighborhood Council

The Neighborhood Council is the 
Main Sponsor or 
Co-Sponsor for the event.

Main sponsor: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Contact Person: Brad Vanderhoof & Faye Barta

\_\_\_\_\_Email:\_\_\_\_\_Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsor (if applicable):\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:

Phone:

Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_ Email:

## **Event Information**

Event Title and Description: Community Cleanup- Valley Circle Median

Date: 01/20/24	Time Frame: <sup>8:30</sup> a.m 11:30 a.m. Es	t. number of attendees: 25	_Event Budget: \$ <u>0</u>
Venue Name: WHN	C Beautification Committee Janu	uary 2024 Clean-Up	
Venue Address: Val	ley Circle Boulevard, South Side	, North of Victory Boulevard	
	d Vanderhoof and Faye Barta		
Phone:		nail: Brad.Vanderhoof@westhillsnc.org;	Faye.Barta@westhillsnc.org

**Please note:** If the venue for the event is at a City or public facility, e.g. park, school, the venue approval may be easier and at little or no cost. If the venue for the event is not a City facility, a separate contract may be needed and can take up to 60 days to complete.

#### Please scan the following documents and email to <u>Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org</u> for approval PRIOR to event:

- □ Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form Signed by Treasurer, 2nd Signer or Event Chair
- Description Board Action Request (BAC) Form Completed and signed by Treasurer and 2nd Signer, or Alternate Signer
- Itemized Detailed Event Budget Total budget with funding categories (food, entertainment, flyers, permits, etc.) and with specific vendors if available.

If a bank card credit limit increase will be necessary to pay for expenditures for this event, please contact your Funding Program Representative to submit a request to increase applicable limits.

The City of Los Angeles provides Neighborhood Councils with event liability coverage in the amount of \$5 million. Depending on the type of event, there may be additional permits and liability issues that must be addressed prior to the event, or the Neighborhood Council will be liable for any penalties or injuries incurred at the event. There may be fees attached to obtaining permits and additional liability so please budget accordingly. It may be easier to partner with the City family or a community based organization or even hire an event planner (will require a contract prepared by the Department) so that they can obtain/handle the necessary permits and liability issues instead. The following must be obtained and submitted PRIOR **TO THE EVENT** if they are applicable to your event:

#### If FOOD is being purchased/provided/distributed/served at your event, you may be required to obtain the following PERMITS:

- LA County Public Health Department Permits Community Event Organizer and Temporary Food Facility permits may be required. Permit fees may be waived by the County if requested.
- □ LA Fire Department Permit may be necessary for temporary structures setup to prep/cook/serve food.

## CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE, SERVICE AGREEMENTS, and/or FACILITY USE PERMITS from Vendors providing the following types of services. Insurance Certificates need to list the "City of Los Angeles" as Additional Insured.

- □ Jumpers/Bouncers (Inflatables) City Risk Management may need to review
- □ Games (e.g. dunk tank, other carnival style games, video game bus)
- □ Food (purchased, provided, distributed and/or served)
- □ Entertainers (e.g. DJs, musicians, face painting, balloon artists, etc.)
- □ Equipment Rentals (e.g. performing stage, mechanical rides, canopies)
- □ Event Venues (e.g. school auditoriums, private theaters and halls, parks, street block, etc.)

#### If RENTING a vehicle or truck to transport event materials:

□ Renting and driving of vehicle/truck must be by a board member

□ Additional Insurance offered by the rental company must be purchased in full

## ADDITIONAL PERMITS may be required if the event has:

- Over 500 attendees, which may require LAPD presence LAPD Special Events
- □ Street closures for block parties Bureau of Street Services or LADOT for larger street closures, such as a parade
- Tents/canopies larger than 450 square feet or stages/platforms more than 30 inches above grade Building and Safety

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION for possible permits:**

- Street Maintenance (213) 847-2999
- Building and Safety (213) 482-0387
- LADOT (Traffic Officers) (323) 913-4652
- LAPD (213) 486-0410 • LAFD - (213)-978-3640
- Sanitation (213) 485-3612
- LADOT (Signs) (213) 485-2298
- Street Services http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents/ • LA County Public Health Dept. - http://publichealth.lacounty.gov
- LADOT (Special Operations) (323) 224-2124 • Risk Management - (213) 978-7475

## Documents to be submitted to NC Funding Program and filed for you records:

- □ Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form Signed by Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Signer, Event Chair.
- □ Board Action Certification (BAC) Form Completed and signed by Treasurer and 2nd Signer, or Alternate Signer
- □ Itemized Detailed Event Budget Final total budget with funding categories and specific vendors.
- □ Vendor Invoices and Service/Facility Use Agreements
- Copies of Insurance Certificates
- Copies of Permits
- □ Proof of Sponsorships (e.g. event flyers, webpage copy, etc.)
- □ W-9 (for 1099 Individual Services (if applicable)

I have read and understand the requirements set forth in this document and agree to comply with the required paperwork necessary for Neighborhood Council events.

Signature:				Date:		
Print Name:						
Email:						
For Staff Use Only:	□ Approved	□ Denied	Code:			
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## Agenda Item 23-0085 – Discussion and possible action to the WHNC Standing Rules on use of WHNC logo on correspondence

Article V: Duties and Powers of Board Members Board members including officers shall not claim to be, or give the impression of, speaking or communicating by any means on behalf of the WHNC without approval from the Board. Board members including officers shall not make any representations, requests, or agreements, on behalf of the Board, without approval from the Board. This includes the use of WHNC letterhead and the WHNC logo

## Agenda Item 23-0094 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement ("CIS) on Council File 22-0392 Digital Off-Site Signs / Outdoor Advertising / Transportation Communication Network Program Structures / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee West Hills Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement Proposal

Committee Meeting Date: November 15, 2023 Board Meeting Date January 4, 2024

File #:	City Council File No. 22-0392
Title:	Digital Off-Site Signs / Outdoor Advertising / Transportation
	Communication Network Program Structures / Los Angeles County
	Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
Туре:	LA City Council Motion Introduced April 5, 2022
City/State:	Los Angeles, California

Summary:
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Committee Position:	Against - to submit a CIS against Council Resolution/File         #22-0392	
Committee Vote:	Yes $-4$ , No $-0$ , Abstain $-1$ , Absent $-$ , Ineligible $-$ , Recused $-0$	

"YES" Vote:	means the board member supports a CIS in opposition to Council Resolution/File #22-0392.		

"NO" Vote:	means the board member does not support a CIS in opposition to
	Council Resolution/File ##22-0392.

Abstain:	means the board member is present but does not vote on the matter.
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Ineligible:	means the board member is present but not eligible to vote on the		
	matter.		
Recusal:	means the board member is present but removes him/herself from		
	discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest with the matter.		

To:

# OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: September 28, 2023

The City Council

CAO File No. 0220-06155-000 Council File No. 22-0392 Council District: All

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

- Reference: Memorandum of Agreement for the development of a Transportation Communication Network Program between the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (C-139852)
- Subject: POTENTIAL REVENUE DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK OPERATED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

## RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of proposed ordinances that would permit signs with digital displays on certain property owned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro):

- 1. Request the City Attorney, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, to prepare and present an Ordinance for the creation of the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund, consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Metro (C-139852); and
- 2. Instruct the General Manager of the Department of Transportation to meet with each Council Office that has any Transportation Communication Network signs with digital displays within its district prior to the annual proposed budget submissions of the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund Schedule and associated Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program requests.

## SUMMARY

On June 28, 2022, the City Council instructed the City Administrative Officer (CAO) in coordination with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) (C.F. 22-0392) to report on potential revenue distribution strategies that ensure revenue generated by the Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Program is invested back into the communities that are most impacted by the installation of the new signage and with recommendations for the creation of an annual expenditure plan created in consultation with affected Council Districts. The TCN Program refers to Metro's proposed network of transportation communication digital displays, to be managed and operated by the Metro. The

signs with digital displays will sit upon TCN structures on Metro property within the City and will have single-sided or double-sided display faces that will be available for outdoor advertising.

At the time of the instruction, Metro had yet to release the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the TCN Program and as such, discussion on a revenue distribution strategy was premature. However, the proposed TCN Program has now achieved the following significant milestones:

- The Metro Board of Directors certified the Final EIR on January 26, 2023.
- The Metro TCN released draft Ordinances to the public on June 14, 2023.
- A bilingual (English and Spanish) staff-level public hearing for the proposed Metro TCN Ordinance was held virtually by the Department of City Planning (Planning) the evening of July 12, 2023. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public testimony on behalf of the City Planning Commission as the recommending body to City Council.
- The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Ordinance with modifications as proposed by Planning staff and required Zone Changes to permit the establishment of a non-contiguous Supplemental Use District, called the Transportation Communication Network, on property owned by Metro with staff's proposed modifications listed in the Staff Recommendation Report incorporated into the Ordinance on September 14, 2023.

Given these recent developments, the CAO and CLA have reviewed existing practices currently in place for other revenue sources and do not recommend strategies that would further limit the City's ability to maximize the use of the City portion of TCN revenue. As opposed to other programs that distribute a portion of revenue across 15 Council-controlled accounts, or which limit the use of revenue geographically, the CAO does not recommend similar restrictions or distribution strategies be applied to the TCN Program. Doing so may limit the ability to program revenue towards projects that provide equitable access to infrastructure that supports overall wellbeing in high priority neighborhoods.

The executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City and Metro already limits the use of funds from what otherwise would have been General Fund uses. Through the creation of a Special Fund, to be known as the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund (the "Fund"), the shared revenue from the TCN Program will be used exclusively for transportation projects and services. These projects and services include but are not limited to City transit lines or other public transit service; the purchase, lease or rental of transit related equipment, including buses, trucks, transit shelters and street furniture; funding studies, City staff costs, land acquisition, design or construction of sidewalks, curb improvements, pedestrian safety improvements in the public right-of-way, and beautification projects needed to improve conditions for public transit patrons; and funding public amenities to improve the quality of life for public transit patrons, residents and businesses in transit oriented districts, with a focus on low-income, persons of color in Metro's defined Equity Focus Communities (EFC). Additional information on the EFC designation is provided in Attachment 1.

Neither the MOA framework or Metro's EFC designation, while more limiting than General Fund uses, preclude the City from investing TCN shared revenue in the communities most impacted by

the TCN Program. Rather, the MOA calls for incorporating the City's allocation of TCN shared revenues through the annual budget process. Allocating TCN shared revenues through the City's annual budget process is consistent with the City's ongoing efforts to maximize equity considerations in its budget decision making process and the City's financial policies.

Specifically, proposals requesting TCN shared revenues that fall within the areas of Municipal Facilities or Physical Plant should be analyzed under the Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP) guidelines and in relation to how they advance the following City priorities:

- Green Investments and Reduction of Greenhouse Gas: This label applies to capital investments that work towards achieving the City climate change mitigation, resilience, and sustainability goals. Physical Plant and Municipal Facilities projects should especially be noted if they support the greenhouse gas climate goals set by the Council in February 2023 (C.F. 22-1402). Eligible Green Project categories include renewable energy, energy efficiency, pollution prevention and control, environmentally sustainable management of living, natural resources, and land use (which covers sustainable water and waste management), clean transportation, decarbonization, and green buildings.
- Equitable Communities/Equity Impact: This label applies to projects that provide equitable
  access to infrastructure that supports a community's overall wellbeing. Equity Impact projects
  are those which provide a positive benefit and are located in high priority neighborhoods. If
  these conditions are met by a project, it will be labeled as having an Equity Impact. Equity
  Impact projects will be given additional consideration throughout the budget process.
- Mobility: This label applies to projects under a variety of mobility categories that support the Mobility Plan 2035 goals and objectives. For Municipal Facilities this includes installing Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers. For Physical Plant projects may include access ramps, bike lanes, bike paths, sidewalks, transit shelters and bus pads, and trees.

The nexus between the City's CTIEP priority areas and the intended uses of the Fund within Metro's defined EFC areas is clear. As such, the pursuit of the City's CTIEP goals and priorities will likely achieve improvements in Metro's EFC designated areas.

Furthermore, consultation with affected Council Districts can occur through the annual budget process. To ensure that Council Districts with TCN structures are consulted with as part of the budget development process, the CAO recommends that the General Manager of the Department of Transportation (DOT), as the Fund Administrator, be instructed to meet with each Council Office that has a TCN structure within its district prior to the annual submission of the Special Fund Schedule and CTIEP requests. Through these meetings, Council Offices will relay their priority uses for the shared revenue taking into consideration the limited used within the MOA and the City priorities noted above. DOT will consider these requests for inclusion in their proposed budget and/or CTIEP request subject to the anticipated TCN shared revenues forecasted for the following fiscal year.

## BACKGROUND

On December 8, 2021, the Council authorized the CAO to execute a MOA for the development of a TCN Program between the City and Metro (C.F. 21-0600-S110). The TCN Program refers to a network of transportation communication digital displays, to be managed and operated by the Metro. The digital displays will sit upon TCN structures on Metro property within the City and will have single-sided or double-sided digital display faces for the purposes of displaying messaging in the order to facilitate and promote efficient roadways, increase public transit ridership, improve public safety, and provide revenue to support the TCN Program through advertising. The purpose for the MOA was to document the collective understanding of the City's legislative power with regard to enacting an ordinance to enable outdoor advising on the TCN structures or taking any other legislative action relating to MOA. The MOA would also establish a revenue sharing framework between Metro and the City for net revenue from outdoor advertising on TCN structures located within the boundaries of the City, as well as a cost-sharing agreement for the Metro led California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance process for the TCN Project.

The MOA was executed on January 12, 2022 (Contract No. C-139852). Key MOA terms are detailed in Attachment 2. The full MOA is included as Attachment 3.

Following the execution of the MOA, and consistent with its authority over land use matters, the City Council instructed the Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an Ordinance to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the TCN Program (C.F. 22-0392). Furthermore, the City Council also instructed the CAO, in coordination with the CLA, to report on potential revenue distribution strategies that ensure revenue generated by the TCN Program is invested back into the communities that are most impacted by the installation of the new signage and with recommendations for the creation of an annual expenditure plan in consultation with affected Council Districts.

Pursuant to these instructions, Planning drafted an Ordinance that would permit Metro to install sign structures, including digital display signs, on up to 49 properties owned by Metro. The draft Ordinance proposed specific operational standards, location restrictions, and maintenance requirements for the structures and digital displays. In addition, an accompanying zone change would require Metro to remove existing static off-site signs both on Metro owned property and private property resulting in a net reduction in off-site signage within the City. On September 14, 2023, the Planning Commission approved the proposed Ordinance which will now move forward to the City Council for consideration.

With respect to revenue distribution strategies, the executed MOA includes agreed upon terms on how the shared revenue from the TCN Program will be calculated and distributed to the City, and used by the City. Specifically, each year, Metro will provide an estimate of the projected shared revenue for the City which will represent 50 percent of net revenue from outdoor advertising on TCN structures located within the boundaries of the City. The net revenue will include deductions for certain out-of-pocket expenses associated with the TCN Program and authorized by the MOA incurred by Metro and the City, including CEQA compliance and costs of litigation, and expenses from constructing, maintaining, and operating the TCN Structures with outdoor advertising within

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City boundaries. The City will deposit its portion of the shared revenue into a special fund to be known as the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund (the "Fund"). Metro does not guarantee any amount of shared revenue to the City. Additionally, at this time the CAO and CLA are unable to provide revenue projections for the TCN Program. However, according to its January 2023 Metro Board report, Metro staff estimate the TCN program will generate between \$300 million to \$500 million over the 20-year term of the MOA for both Metro and the City. The CAO and CLA are unable to substantiate this estimate.

Relative to revenue distribution strategies, the City has agreed as part of the MOA to four key provisions for how the shared revenue will be received and distributed. The first provision pertains to the separation of these funds from the City's General Fund. Per the MOA, and as previously noted, the City will establish a special fund where it will deposit its portion of the shared revenue, the Fund. All interest and other earnings accruing on money in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund. Pursuant to Charter Section 344, money in the Fund shall not revert to the Reserve Fund of the City.

Secondly, the City has agreed to use the Fund exclusively for transportation projects and services, including City transit lines or other public transit service; to purchase, lease or rent transit related equipment, including buses, trucks, transit shelters and street furniture; to fund studies, City staff costs, land acquisition, design or construction of sidewalks, curb improvements, pedestrian safety improvements in the public right-of-way, and beautification projects needed to improve conditions for public transit patrons; and to fund public amenities to improve the quality of life for public transit patrons, residents and businesses in transit oriented districts.

Given the intended uses of the Fund, the City has agreed to designate DOT as the Fund's administrator. As the Fund administrator, DOT will account for and process all transfers in and out of the Fund, submit all required annual reports including a year-end report that will identify all receipts into, and all transfers and expenditures out of, the fund, as well as the purposes for which the transfers and expenditures were made. DOT shall also assist with any audits of the Fund.

The fourth provision for how the City share of TCN Program revenue will be received and distributed pertains to the programing of the Fund through the City's annual City budget process. The City's annual budget process provides the best opportunity for the programming of the shared revenue in a manner that takes into consideration Mayor and Council priorities. Under this process, and based on existing practices for other Special Funds, as the Fund administrator DOT would submit budget proposals on the use of any current balances and anticipated revenues for the upcoming fiscal year. DOT's proposals would follow the budget priorities set forth by the Mayor as well as the guidelines within the MOA with respect to the proposed uses. The CAO would evaluate and analyze the proposals and make recommendations to the Mayor on which proposals to include in the Mayor's proposed budget. The decision on including proposals within the Mayor's proposed budget and make modifications to the Fund and the intended uses, thereby ensuring that City Council funding priorities are also considered.

## DISCUSSION

While a framework for how the shared revenue will be budgeted and used by the City has been established within the executed MOA, this framework does not exclude the ability for the City to invest funds from the TCN Program in the communities most impacted by the installation of the new signage or in consultation with affected Council Districts. First and foremost, Council Districts can work with DOT on proposals to be included as part of the annual budget submission. Additionally, Council Districts can request modifications to the Mayor's proposed budget as part of Council's consideration of the Mayor's proposed budget in the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee or when the budget is being considered by the full Council. Nevertheless, if a more prescriptive approach on how Council Districts can consult on an expenditure plan for TCN shared revenue is desired, the CAO recommends the following guidelines.

DOT should be instructed to proactively reach out to Council Districts most impacted by the installation of TCN structures in advance of DOT's budget submission to the Mayor and the CAO. As proposed budgets are normally due to the Mayor and CAO in late November each year, DOT should initiate their communication with impacted Council Districts no later than September. Furthermore, Council District priorities should adhere to the same guidelines established through the CTIEP review process which aim to advance City priorities of Green Investments and Reduction of Greenhouse Gas, Equitable Communities/Equity Impact, and Mobility.

Metro is proposing 49 TCN structures throughout the City of Los Angeles. 33 TCN structures are proposed for freeway adjacent properties, while 16 TCN structures will be on properties located near major intersections and corridors. In total, 49 TCN structures with 86 digital display sign faces are slated for Metro owned lots that are zoned Commercial, Manufacturing or Public Facilities zones. 37 of the 49 TCN structures will have two digital display sign faces. The impacted communities are listed in the following table.

Community Plan Area	Impacted Council Districts (CD)	No. of TCN Support Structures	No. of Digital Display Sign Faces
Arleta - Pacoima	CD 7	2	4
Boyle Heights	CD 14	4	8
Central City	CD 14	3	5
Central City North	CD 14	5	9
Encino - Tarzana	CD 6	1	2
Granada Hills - Knollwood	CD 12	1	2
Hollywood	CD 13	2	4
Los Angeles International Airport	CD 11	1	2
Northeast Los Angeles	CD 1 & CD 13	4	8
North Hollywood - Valley Village	CD 2	2	2
Palms - Mar Vista - Playa del Rey	CD 11	1	2
Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass	CD 2	3	4

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Southeast Los Angeles	CD 9	2	4
South Los Angeles	CD 9	2	3
Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley	CD 1	1	2
Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon	CD 6	2	4
Sylmar	CD 7	1	2
Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks	CD 6	2	3
West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert	CD 8 & CD 10	2	3
Westchester - Playa del Rey	CD 11	3	6
West Los Angeles	CD 5 & CD 11	4	5
Wilshire	CD 13	1	2
Citywide		49	86

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the report recommendations will not result in a General Fund impact. Through the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Metro, the City has already agreed to create a Special Fund for its share of revenue from the Transportation Communication Network Program, subject to the approval of proposed ordinances that would permit signs with digital displays on certain property owned by Metro.

## FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in as much as they support the City's consideration for new or expanded programs during the course of the annual budget development process, and call for budgetary decisions to be informed by data that measures the City's delivery of services against established targets for performance.

Attachments

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## **Description of Metro's Equity Focused Communities**

In 2019, Metro created the Equity Focused Communities (EFC) designation to identify areas where transportation needs are greatest by considering concentrations of resident and household demographics associated with mobility barriers, specifically:

- Low-income households earning less than \$60,000 per year;
- Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC) population; and,
- Households that do not have a car.

Metro's goal is to use the EFC designation to assess and prioritize their work, including service delivery, policymaking, and resource distribution. Towards this end Metro has mapped the EFC designated areas and developed a dashboard which was most recently updated in May 2022. Metro's EFC interactive map and dashboards are accessible at <u>https://equity-lametro.hub.arcgis.com</u>. As demonstrated in the screen capture below, Metro's EFC designated areas overlap with many of City's own high need areas.



**METRO 2022 EFC MAP SCREEN CAPTURE** 

SOURCE: METRO 2022 EFC MAP (WEB APP)

## Key Terms within the Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

<u>Revenue Sharing and Intended Use of Revenue:</u> The revenue sharing framework provides the City with 50 percent of net revenue from outdoor advertising on TCN structures located within the boundaries of the City. In addition, as part of the MOA, the City has agreed to use its portion of the shared revenue for transportation improvement projects that are consistent with the following goals of the Metro's Vision 2028 Plan: (i) provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling; (ii) deliver outstanding trip experiences for all users of the transportation system; (iii) enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity; and (iv) transform Los Angeles County through regional collaboration and national leadership. These goals require partnership with the City and complement existing City goals. Other projects may include those that promote pedestrian and cyclist safety in the general vicinity of transit stops and that benefit bus riders in the City, with a focus on low-income, persons of color in Metro's defined Equity Focus Communities.

<u>Establishment of a Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund:</u> The City shall deposit its portion of the shared revenue into a special fund to be known as the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund (the "Fund") and, as part of its annual City budget process, will program those funds exclusively for the following (or substantially similar) purposes:

(1) Funding transportation projects and services, including City transit lines or other public transit service, and for the payment of any and all expenses relating or incidental thereto, including operating expenses;

(2) Funding the purchase, lease or rental of transit related equipment, including buses, trucks, transit shelters and street furniture, and all expenses relating or incidental thereto;

(3) Funding consultant studies, City staff costs, land acquisition, design or construction of the following: (A) sidewalks, curb improvements, and beautification projects needed to improve conditions for public transit patrons; (B) pedestrian safety improvements in the public right-of- way including, but not limited to, speed humps, street resurfacing, traffic lane or pedestrian marking and signage, and acquisition of property to widen the public right-of-way to create safer traffic flow, bicycle lanes, or to create safer pedestrian routes to improve conditions for public transit patrons; and (C) public amenities to improve the quality of life for public transit patrons, residents and businesses in transit oriented districts; and (D) all expenses related or incidental to those uses; and,

(4) The repayment of any money borrowed or advanced from any other fund for purposes described above in (1)-(3) with the intent that reimbursement be made from the Fund.

The Fund shall be administered by the General Manager of the Department of Transportation. All interest and other earnings accruing on money in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund. Pursuant to Charter Section 344, money in the Fund shall not revert to the Reserve Fund of the City.

<u>MOA Duration</u>: The contract term of the MOA is twenty years, effective January 12, 2022 through January 12, 2042.

<u>Implementing Conditions:</u> The MOA's implementation is conditioned upon the City enacting an ordinance that allows off-site advertising to be displayed on the TCN structures through the duration of the MOA, and subject to any design and development standards, including any mitigation measures; and the take-down of static billboards. Moreover, as a part of the TCN Program, Metro shall endeavor to cause the removal of up to 320 static billboard display faces from Metro-owned or operated property, of which approximately 200 static billboard display faces are located on property in City.

<u>California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance and Cost-sharing</u>: Metro is the lead agency for CEQA, and the City has agreed to pay for fifty percent (50%) of Metro's (or its agent's) cost of the CEQA Compliance Document(s), including under a "no project" alternative scenario. The City's financial obligation under the "no project" alternative scenario is not expected to exceed \$1,000,000. Any amount over \$1,000,000 is subject to the City reviewing and approving further costs prior to their programming and commitment by Metro.

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

#### between

## THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

and

# THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

for the METRO TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK

#### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement (this "Agreement") is executed as of this 12 day of January, 2022 by and between the CITY OF LOS ANGELES and the LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, with respect to the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and each intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## **1. DEFINITIONS.**

For all purposes of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context requires:

1.1 **"Agreement"** means this Memorandum of Agreement and all attachments and exhibits hereto, and all amendments and modifications thereto.

1.2 **"Applicable Rules"** means the rules, regulations, ordinances and officially adopted policies of City in full force and effect as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, including, but not limited to City's zoning code and administrative code, except as otherwise modified by the Ordinance.

1.3 "CEQA" means the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regs., Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.).

1.4 "CEQA Compliance Document" means the compliance document prepared and certified by LACMTA for the TCN Program in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

1.5 "City" means the City of Los Angeles, California, including, but not limited to, its officers, boards, departments, bureaus, staff and agents, except that separate agreements shall be executed with the Department of Water and Power if needed.

1.6 "City Council" means the Los Angeles City Council.

1.7 **"Discretionary Action"** means an action which requires the exercise of judgment, deliberation or a decision on the part of City, including any board, commission or department or any officer or employee thereof, in the process of approving or disapproving a particular activity, as distinguished from an activity which merely requires City, including any board, commission or department or any officer or employee thereof, to determine whether there has been compliance with statutes, ordinances or regulations.

1.8 **"Effective Date"** is the date on which this Agreement has been executed by City and LACMTA.

1.9 "General Plan" means the adopted General Plan of City.

1.10 "LACMTA" means the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

1.11 "Licensee" means the company or companies (including, without limitation, individuals or entities such as partnerships, limited liability companies, corporations, or sole proprietorships), if LACMTA so elects, that will do one or more of the following: (a) construct and/or operate the TCN Structures; (b) sell the media inventory to be placed on the TCN Structures; and/or (c) pay directly to LACMTA its portion of the revenues earned by the Licensee, from which LACMTA shall pay City its portion of the Shared Revenue.

1.12 "Ministerial Permits and Approvals" means the permits, approvals, plans, inspections, certificates, documents, licenses, and all other actions required to be taken by City in order for LACMTA to implement, develop and construct the TCN Program and the Mitigation Measures, subject to and as modified by the Ordinance and any other approvals or documents in connection with the TCN Program.

1.13 **"Mitigation Measures"** means the mitigation measures described in the Project Approvals.

1.14 "Net Revenue" means all outdoor advertising revenue actually received by LACMTA from the TCN Structures within the City boundaries during the Term after deductions have been made for LACMTA's and City's out-of-pocket expenses authorized by this Agreement with respect to the TCN Program, including, without limitation, CEQA compliance and costs of litigation, Ordinance and costs of litigation, and expenses from constructing, maintaining, and operating the TCN Structures with outdoor advertising within City boundaries.

1.15 **"Ordinance**" means an ordinance or other legislative or other document which may be enacted by the City Council to enable the outdoor advertising on the TCN structures.

1.16 **"Parties"** means LACMTA and City collectively, and a **"Party"** means each of LACMTA and City individually.

1.17 **"Project Approvals"** means the following land use actions requested by LACMTA from City: (a) Ordinance; and (b) adoption of findings required by CEQA for each significant effect of the project, if any.

1.18 **"Property" or "Properties"** means any parcel of real property (or properties) or portion thereof on which a TCN Structure is located. The list of Properties may be amended, modified, updated and/or replaced from time to time as determined by LACMTA.

1.19 **"Shared Revenue"** means LACMTA and the City shall each receive 50% of the Net Revenue from the TCN displays located in the City of Los Angeles.

1.20 **"TCN Program"** means LACMTA's Transportation Communication Network Program permitted pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

1.21 **"TCN Structures"** means the structures (and all attached or related equipment and components) developed as a part of the TCN Program, each including, without limitation, single-sided or double-sided digital display faces for the purposes of displaying messaging in

order to facilitate and promote efficient roadways, increase public transit ridership, improve public safety, and provide revenue to support the TCN Program through third party advertising and other possible uses for the TCN Program as set forth in this Agreement.

1.22 **"Term"** means the period of time for which this Agreement shall be effective in accordance with Section 5.1 hereof.

1.23 **"Transferee"** means individually or collectively, LACMTA's successors in interest, assignees or transferees of all or any portion of a Property or this Agreement.

## 2. RECITALS OF PREMISES, PURPOSE AND INTENT.

#### 2.1 **Purpose of this Agreement.**

2.1.1 LACMTA Transportation Communication Network Program. LACMTA is in the process of identifying locations on its properties throughout Los Angeles County to implement a network of transportation communication digital displays that will facilitate and promote efficient and attractive roadways, increase public transit ridership, improve public safety and provide revenue generation for LACMTA's transportation programs. The TCN Program may consist of elements, including, without limitation, the following:

2.1.1.1. Intelligent Transportation System, Travel Demand and Public Event Management. The TCN Program will be integrated with LACMTA's Regional Intelligent Information Transportation Systems that works in coordination with all of the major transportation agencies and bus lines such as Caltrans, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, California Highway Patrol, Foothill Transit and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to maximize the capacity and efficiency of the regional transportation network. The additional intelligent technology components of the TCN Program will assist LACMTA in increasing the quantity and speed of data collection of real time travel/traffic data, processing and transmission to transportation agencies. Real time data collection can support improved traffic signaling timing information, traffic signal timing data, micro transit data and LACMTA van pool on-demand services. The TCN Program will improve the bus rider's experience by helping to facilitate transit signal priority, bus wi-fi, and bus timing information that can be relayed to bus riders. The TCN Program can also support the collection of event congestion data for LAX, Dodger Stadium, the Hollywood Bowl and other large venues, including travel demand management services for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and providing information on available parking spaces in Park-and-Ride lots.

2.1.1.2. <u>Public Transit Promotion and LACMTA Communications</u>. The TCN Program will assist LACMTA's transportation public messaging and ability to broadcast information in various creative ways to commuters to ensure public safety, maximize throughput of our congested road network, and promote public awareness of travel alternatives based on geography and time periods.

2.1.1.3. <u>Public Safety, Emergency Messaging</u>. The TCN Program will be incorporated into the alert information for the freeway messaging system and major arterial network for the region, including Earthquake Early Warning System information as well as Amber Alerts.

2.1.1.4. <u>Transportation Technology Innovation Initiatives.</u> The TCN Structures will be designed to include programs, such as 5G technology, as well as live video and

security feeds to supplement the limited number of existing cameras on the freeway and street corridors. The TCN Program will be designed to support future innovations such as autonomous vehicles, smart energy grids, and high-speed wireless cameras. Any information received from such cameras shall be used for mass traffic data, and personal or private information of any individual shall not be separately used.

2.1.1.5. <u>Revenue Generation for Transportation Projects</u>. The digital displays in the TCN Program will also allow off-site advertising. Revenue generated by this program will be utilized by LACMTA and City to fund transportation programs.

2.1.2 **Public Benefits.** This Agreement provides assurances that the public benefits identified in this Agreement will be achieved and developed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Project will provide local and regional public benefits to City as set forth in this Agreement.

2.1.3 **Mutual Objectives.** Development of the TCN Program in accordance with this Agreement will provide for the orderly development of the Properties in accordance with the objectives set forth in this Agreement and shall provide benefits to City, LACMTA and the residents of City and surrounding areas. Moreover, an agreement for the TCN Program will eliminate uncertainty in planning for and securing orderly development of the TCN Program on the Properties, assure installation of necessary improvements, assure attainment of maximum efficient resource utilization within City at the least economic cost to its citizens and otherwise achieve the goals and purposes of City and LACMTA. The execution of this Agreement does not obligate the City or LACMTA to move forward with the TCN Program, which shall be subject to the approval of CEQA in addition to the Ordinance, which will further develop specific elements of the TCN Program not otherwise addressed herein.

2.1.4 **Intent for Use of the Shared Revenue.** It is the intent of both Parties that the City's portion of the Shared Revenue (as defined herein) is to be used for transportation improvements including projects that are consistent with the following goals of the LACMTA Vision 2028 Plan: (i) provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling; (ii) deliver outstanding trip experiences for all users of the transportation system; (iii) enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity; and (iv) transform LA County through regional collaboration and national leadership. These goals require partnership with the City and complement existing City goals. Other projects may include those that promote pedestrian and cyclist safety in the general vicinity of transit stops and that benefit bus riders in the City, with a focus on low-income, persons of color in LACMTA's defined Equity Focus Communities. Each year, LACMTA will provide an estimate of the projected City's Shared Revenue, but LACMTA does not guarantee such Shared Revenue. The City shall deposit its portion of the Shared Revenue into a special fund to be known as the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund (the "Fund") and, as part of its annual City budget process, will program those funds exclusively for the following (or substantially similar) purposes:

- (1) Funding transportation projects and services, including City transit lines or other public transit service, and for the payment of any and all expenses relating or incidental thereto, including operating expenses;
- (2) Funding the purchase, lease or rental of transit related equipment, including buses, trucks, transit shelters and street furniture, and all expenses relating or incidental thereto;

- (3) Funding consultant studies, City staff costs, land acquisition, design or construction of the following: (A) sidewalks, curb improvements, and beautification projects needed to improve conditions for public transit patrons; (B) pedestrian safety improvements in the public right-of-way including, but not limited to, speed humps, street resurfacing, traffic lane or pedestrian marking and signage, and acquisition of property to widen the public right-of-way to create safer traffic flow, bicycle lanes, or to create safer pedestrian routes to improve conditions for public transit patrons; and (C) public amenities to improve the quality of life for public transit patrons, residents and businesses in transit oriented districts; and (D) all expenses related or incidental to those uses; and,
- (4) The repayment of any money borrowed or advanced from any other fund for purposes described above in (1)-(3) with the intent that reimbursement be made from the Fund.

The Fund shall be administered by the General Manager of the Department of Transportation. All interest and other earnings accruing on money in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund. Pursuant to Charter Section 344, money in the Fund shall not revert to the Reserve Fund of the City.

## 3. AGREEMENT AND ASSURANCES.

3.1 Agreement and Assurance on the Part of LACMTA. In consideration for City entering into this Agreement, and as an inducement for City to obligate itself to carry out the covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and in order to effectuate the promises, purposes and intentions set forth in this Agreement, LACMTA hereby agrees as follows:

3.1.1 **Interest in Sites.** LACMTA acknowledges and agrees that it has a legal or equitable interest in the Properties and thus is qualified to enter into and be a party to this Agreement and the right to cause the construction, development, operation and/or management of the Properties. Upon execution of this Agreement by all Parties and in connection with the commencement of CEQA, LACMTA shall confer with the City with regard to the potential locations of the TCN Structures.

3.1.2 **Program Development.** LACMTA agrees that, taking into account the needs of a public transportation agency and the TCN Program requirements, it will diligently undertake development of the TCN Program in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Project Approvals. LACMTA shall have the right to place the TCN Structures on the Properties in LACMTA's discretion subject to Project Approvals, as such Properties may be amended, modified, updated or replaced from time to time in order to develop the TCN Program.

3.1.3 Additional Obligations of LACMTA as Consideration for this Agreement. As additional consideration for this Agreement, LACMTA shall also provide public benefits including, but not limited to, the specific public benefits listed below:

3.1.3.1. **Shared Revenue.** LACMTA and City shall each receive its portion of the Shared Revenue from the TCN Program pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Net Revenue shall be collected by LACMTA in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and LACMTA shall audit the Net Revenue received. LACMTA shall pay City's portion of the Shared Revenue within sixty (60) days following verification of the accuracy of such funds by LACMTA,

which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, as well as provide the City with supporting documentation of the paid Shared Revenue, to be used by City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

3.1.3.2. Review of Shared Revenue. With prior written notice of not less than thirty (30) days, City and LACMTA each has the right but not the obligation to review the Shared Revenue received and the Net Revenue paid to LACMTA and the use of the City's portion of the Shared Revenues, as applicable, at LACMTA's or City's office, on normal workdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. once every two years. Should the ability to review the Shared Revenue or use of the Shared Revenues be restricted from occurring in person at either LACMTA's or the City's offices due to health, safety, or other local, state of federal orders, each Party shall make all relevant information available to the other Party through virtual/online means. If the statement of Shared Revenue previously provided to City shall be found to be inaccurate, then and in that event, there shall be an adjustment and one Party shall pay to the other on demand such sums as may be necessary to settle in full the accurate amount of the Shared Revenue that should have been paid to City for the period or periods covered by such inaccurate statement or statements. Pursuant to the Fund to be established, the City will draft a report on the Transportation Communications Network Revenue Fund on an annual basis, within 90 days after the close of the City's fiscal year, that will identify all receipts into, and all transfers and expenditures out of, the fund, as well as the purposes for which the transfers and expenditures were made.

3.1.4 **Take Downs.** As a part of the TCN Program, LACMTA shall endeavor to cause the removal of up to 320 static billboard display faces from LACMTA-owned or operated property, of which approximately 200 static billboard display faces are located on property in City. LACMTA acknowledges that the City reserves the right to create a take-down requirement in the Ordinance, which will be mutually agreed upon by LACMTA and the City.

## 3.1.5 Compliance with Laws; Prohibited Use.

3.1.5.1. LACMTA will comply with all local, state and federal laws relating to Properties and other aspects of the TCN Structures to the extent including but not limited to building and electrical permits for the TCN structures required by the City. The display faces on the TCN Structures will not be placed in or within 200 feet of residential zones or will not be oriented facing a residential zone within such 200 foot distance.

3.1.5.2. LACMTA shall coordinate with City regarding illumination, brightness and other requirements related to the digital displays on the TCN Structures. The digital displays on the TCN Structures shall comply with the applicable sections of City's building code with respect to sign illumination.

3.1.5.3. LACMTA shall not utilize any of the display faces on the TCN Structures to advertise anything prohibited by City ordinance then in effect.

3.2 Agreement and Assurances on the Part of City. In consideration for LACMTA entering into this Agreement, and as an inducement for LACMTA to obligate itself to carry out the covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and in order to effectuate the promises, purposes and intentions set forth in this Agreement, City hereby agrees as follows:

3.2.1 **City's Police Power.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the City hereby reserves its police power with regard to enacting the Ordinance or taking any other legislative action relating to this Agreement.

3.2.2 Timeframes and Staffing for Processing and Review. City agrees that expeditious processing of Ministerial Permits and Approvals and Discretionary Actions, if any, and any other approvals or actions required for the TCN Program are critical to the implementation of the TCN Program. In recognition of the importance of timely processing and review of Ministerial Permits and Approvals, City agrees to work with LACMTA to establish time frames for processing and reviewing such Ministerial Permits and Approvals and to comply with timeframes established in the Project Approvals. Furthermore, City shall use good faith efforts to expedite all requests by LACMTA for Discretionary Actions requested for the TCN Program, if any.

## 4. CEQA COMPLIANCE

## 4.1 CEQA Analysis.

4.1.1 **Lead Agency.** LACMTA shall act as lead agency and shall comply with all applicable requirements of CEQA prior to implementation for each Property and TCN Structure that is part of the TCN Program. Environmental compliance shall be conducted on a programmatic basis for the TCN Program and study locations that are owned or operated by LACMTA; provided, however, this Agreement itself is not a commitment by either Party to any project and does not have any physical impacts on the environment and is not considered a project under CEQA.

4.1.2 **Implementation.** The implementation of this Agreement shall be contingent upon City enacting legislation that allows off-site advertising to be displayed on the TCN Structures and subject to any design and development standards, including any Mitigation Measures. LACMTA's CEQA reports and analysis for the project shall encompass any City legislative changes needed to allow for the furtherance of this TCN Program. The City agrees to pay for fifty percent (50%) of LACMTA's (or its agent's) cost of the CEQA Compliance Document(s) in the event of a "no build" alternative scenario as described under Section 4.1.3(i). The City's financial obligation under the "no build" alternative scenario is not expected to exceed \$1,000,000. Any amount over \$1,000,000 shall be subject to the City reviewing and approving further costs prior to their programming and commitment by LACMTA.

CEQA Review. Because the Parties have not completed a CEQA review, 4.1.3 this Agreement does not constitute or evidence an approval by the Parties of, or commitment of the Parties to, any action for which prior environmental review is required under CEQA. The Parties retain the absolute discretion to make decisions under CEQA, which discretion includes, without limitation (i) deciding not to proceed with the TCN Program (known as the "no build" alternative) and (ii) deciding to approve the TCN Program and/or any of the actions contemplated in this Agreement (the "Potential Actions"); and (iii) the imposition of any Mitigation Measures or alternatives to the TCN Program or Potential Actions. There shall be no approval or commitment by the Parties regarding the development of the TCN Program or any of the Potential Actions, unless and until LACMTA, as the lead agency, and City as a potentially responsible agency, based upon information resulting from the CEQA environmental review process, consider the impacts of the TCN Program and Potential Actions. This means that no specific location for take down of a static billboard display face or installation of a new TCN Structure will be approved until after the CEQA review is completed and the City has enacted an Ordinance that will enable the outdoor advertising on the TCN structures. The CEOA review and Ordinance will address potential restrictions on placement of new TCN structures, such as distance limits from residential uses.

## 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5.1 **Term.** The Term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall extend for a period of twenty (20) years after the Effective Date. Prior to the expiration of the Term, City and LACMTA shall negotiate in good faith to extend the terms of this Agreement based on an evaluation of the status of the TCN Program at such time and agree on a mutually beneficial path forward. Following the expiration of the Term or earlier termination, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect; provided, however, that this termination shall not affect any right or duty arising from entitlements or approvals, including the Project Approvals on the Properties, approved concurrently with, or subsequent to, the Effective Date of this Agreement.

5.2 Enforced Delay; Extension of Time of Performance. In addition to specific provisions of this Agreement, whenever a period of time, including a reasonable period of time, is designated within which a Party hereto is required to do or complete any act, matter or thing, the time for the doing or completion thereof shall be extended by a period of time equal to the number of days during which such Party is actually prevented from, or is unreasonably interfered with, the doing or completion of such act, matter or thing because of causes beyond the reasonable control of the Party to be excused, including: war; insurrection; riots; floods; earthquakes; fires; casualties; pandemics; acts of God; unusual economic or governmental circumstances that limit the ability to generate revenue from the digital displays on the TCN Structures, litigation and administrative proceedings against the TCN Program; any approval required by City or the State of California Department of Transportation; restrictions imposed or mandated by other governmental entities; enactment of conflicting state or federal laws or regulations; judicial decisions; or similar bases for excused performance which are not within the reasonable control of the Party to be excused (financial inability excepted). This Section shall not be applicable to any proceedings with respect to bankruptcy or receivership initiated by or on behalf of LACMTA, or by any third parties against LACMTA if not dismissed within ninety (90) days; provided however, this Section shall be applicable to every other provision in this Agreement. If written notice of such delay is given to any Party within thirty (30) days of the commencement of such delay, an extension of time for such cause will be granted in writing for the period of the enforced delay or longer as may be reasonable or mutually agreed upon.

5.3 **Dispute Resolution.** The Parties shall make reasonable efforts to settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. Before exercising any remedy provided by law, a Party or the Parties shall engage in nonbinding mediation in the manner agreed upon by the Parties. The Parties agree that each Party may specifically enforce this section. If nonbinding mediation is not initiated or does not result in the settlement of a dispute within sixty (60) days after the demand for mediation is made, either Party may pursue any remedies provided by law.

5.4 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

5.5 **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual consent in writing of the Parties to this Agreement.

5.6 **Covenants.** The provisions of this Agreement shall constitute covenants which shall run with the land comprising the Properties for the benefit thereof, and the burdens and benefits hereof shall bind and inure to the benefit of all assignees, transferees, and successors to the Parties hereto.

## 5.7 **Cooperation and Implementation**.

5.7.1 **Processing.** Upon adoption of the Ordinance, City shall commence and diligently process all required steps necessary for the implementation of this Agreement and development of the Properties in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. LACMTA shall, in a timely manner, provide City with all documents, plans, fees and other information necessary for City to carry out its processing obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

5.7.2 **Other Governmental Permits.** LACMTA shall apply in a timely manner for such other permits and approvals as may be required from other governmental or quasi-governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the TCN Program, if any. City shall cooperate with LACMTA in its endeavors to obtain such permits and approvals and shall, from time to time at the request of LACMTA, attempt with due diligence and in good faith to enter into binding agreements with any such entity to ensure the availability of such permits and approvals, or services, provided such agreements are reasonable and not detrimental to City.

5.7.3 **Cooperation in The Event of Legal Challenge.** In the event of any legal action instituted by a third party or other governmental entity or official challenging the validity of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties hereby agree to affirmatively cooperate in defending said action.

5.8 **Relationship of the Parties.** It is understood and agreed by the Parties hereto that the contractual relationship created between the Parties hereunder is that LACMTA is an independent public entity with respect to City and is not an agent of City. Further, the Parties agree and hereby renounce the existence of any form of joint venture or partnership between City and LACMTA and agree that nothing herein or in any document executed in connection herewith shall be construed as making City a joint venturer or partner with LACMTA.

## 5.9 **Indemnification and Insurance**.

5.9.1 Indemnification by LACMTA. LACMTA shall indemnify City, its officers, employees, and agents against, and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from, any and all actions, suits, claims, damages to persons or property, losses, costs, penalties, obligations, errors, omissions, or liabilities (herein "claims or liabilities") that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm, or entity arising out of or in connection with (1) the work, operations, or activities of LACMTA, its agents, employees, subcontractors, or invitees, hereunder, upon the Properties; or (2) any legal action commenced by any third party challenging the validity of the environmental assessment of the TCN Program under CEQA performed by LACMTA as lead agency. LACMTA will defend any action or actions filed in connection with any of said claims or liabilities listed in the foregoing sentence and will pay all third-party costs and expenses, including reasonable legal costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection therewith. LACMTA will promptly pay any judgment rendered against City, its officers, agents, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the work, operations, or employees

or activities of LACMTA. The foregoing indemnity shall not include claims or liabilities arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of City, its officers, agents, or employees.

5.9.2 Additional Coverage. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, said indemnity shall include any liability arising by reason of: (a) any claim made by any assignee, employee, agent, visitor, invitee, or user of any portion of a Property; (b) any accident or other occurrence in or on a Property causing injury to any person or property whatsoever; (c) any failure of LACMTA to comply with performance of all of the applicable provisions of this Agreement; or (d) LACMTA's failure to prevent any employee or any invitee or any other person from entering upon or remaining in any place upon a Property which is not safe and does not comply with all laws pertaining thereto as they may now or hereafter exist. The foregoing indemnity shall not include claims or liabilities arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of City, its officers, agents, or employees.

5.9.3 Indemnification by City. City shall indemnify LACMTA, its officers, employees, and agents against, and will hold and save LACMTA harmless from, any and all claims or liabilities that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm, or entity arising out of or in connection with (1) any failure of City to comply with the performance of all of the applicable provisions of this Agreement; or (2) any legal action commenced by any third party challenging the validity of the Ordinance enacted by City, any Discretionary Action, Ministerial Permits or Approvals or other actions by City in connection with the approval of the TCN Program. City will defend any action or actions filed in connection with any of said claims or liabilities and will pay all costs and expenses, including legal costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection therewith. The foregoing indemnity shall not include claims or liabilities arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of LACMTA, its officers, agents, or employees.

5.9.4 **Period of Indemnification**. The obligations for indemnity under this Section 5.9 shall begin upon the Effective Date and shall terminate upon termination of this Agreement, provided that indemnification shall apply to all claims or liabilities arising during that period even if asserted at any time thereafter.

5.10 **Extension of Time for All Project Approvals.** The duration of all Project Approvals shall automatically be extended for the Term of this Agreement.

5.11 **Notices.** Any notice or communication required hereunder between the Parties must be in writing and shall be given either personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or nationally recognized overnight courier. Notices shall be deemed to be received upon actual receipt or refusal thereof. Any Party hereto may at any time, by giving ten (10) days' written notice to the other Party hereto, designate any other address in substitution of the address, or any additional address, to which such notice or communication shall be given. Such notices or communications shall be given to the Parties at their addresses set forth below:

To City:

City of Los Angeles City Administrative Officer 200 North Main Street, Room 1500 Los Angeles, California 90012 (213) 473-7534

Attn:

To LACMTA:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Mail Stop 99-18-4 Los Angeles, California 90012-2952 Attn: Sr. EO, Real Property Management & Development

5.12 **Recordation.** Within ten (10) days following City's adoption of the Ordinance, this Agreement shall be recorded by LACMTA with the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

5.13 **Constructive Notice and Acceptance.** Every person who now or hereafter owns or acquires any right, title, interest in or to any portion of the Property or the TCN Structure, is and shall be conclusively deemed to have consented and agreed to every provision contained herein, whether or not any reference to this Agreement is contained in the instrument by which such person acquired an interest in a Property or TCN Structure.

5.14 **Severability.** If any provisions, conditions, or covenants of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any circumstances of any Party, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision, condition, or covenant to persons or circumstances other than those as to whom or which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5.15 **Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence for each provision of this Agreement of which time is an element.

5.16 **Waiver.** No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the Party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. No waiver of any right or remedy with respect to any occurrence or event shall be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy with respect to any other occurrence or event.

5.17 **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** The only Parties to this Agreement are City and LACMTA, and their successors-in-interest, transferees, or assignees. There are no thirdparty beneficiaries and this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to benefit or be enforceable by any other person whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, All Vision LLC, LACMTA's agent with respect to the TCN Program shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Agreement.

5.18 Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth and contains the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties and there are no oral or written representations, understandings or ancillary covenants, undertakings or agreements which are not contained or expressly referred to herein (or any such representations, understandings or ancillary covenants, undertakings or agreements are integrated in this Agreement) and no testimony or evidence of any such representations, understandings, or covenants shall be admissible in any proceedings of any kind or nature to interpret or determine the provisions or conditions of this Agreement. 5.19 Legal Advice; Neutral Interpretation; Headings, Table of Contents, and Index. Each Party acknowledges that it has received independent legal advice from its attorneys with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement and the meaning of the provisions hereof. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as to their fair meaning, and not for or against any Party based upon any attribution to such Party as the source of the language in question. The headings, table of contents, and index used in this Agreement are for the convenience of reference only and shall not be used in construing this Agreement.

5.20 **Discretion to Encumber.** This Agreement shall not prevent or limit LACMTA in any manner, at its sole discretion, from encumbering the Properties or any portion of the Properties or any improvement on the Properties by any mortgage, deed of trust or other security device securing financing with respect to the Properties or their improvements.

5.21 **Expedited Processing.** Each Party agrees to cooperate in the expedited processing of any legal action seeking specific performance, declaratory relief or injunctive relief, to set court dates at the earliest practicable date(s) and not cause delay in the prosecution/defense of the action, provided such cooperation shall not require any Party to waive any rights.

5.22 **Non-liability of City and LACMTA Officials.** No officer, official, member, employee, attorney, agent, or representatives of City or LACMTA or its agents or representatives shall be liable for any amounts due hereunder, and no judgment or execution thereon entered in any action hereon shall be personally enforced against any such officer, official, member, employee, attorney, agent, or representative.

5.23 **No Brokers.** Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it has not employed any broker and/or finder to represent its interest in this Agreement. Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold the other free and harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, claim, damage, cost, penalty or obligations arising out of a breach of this Section 5.23.

5.24 **Recitals.** The recitals noted on the first page are hereby made a part of this Agreement.

5.25 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in duplicate originals, each of which is deemed to be an original. This Agreement, not counting the Cover Page, consists of 16 pages and one (1) Schedule.

5.26 **Common Interest**. LACMTA and City acknowledge and agree that consideration, drafting and negotiation of this Agreement is a mutual undertaking that required the cooperation of LACMTA's, All Vision LLC's and City's respective legal counsel and representatives. LACMTA and City, and their respective advisors and consultants (including, without limitation, All Vision LLC and its respective advisors, consultants and legal counsel), shall work together in confidence, and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of their advice and counsel to the maximum extent permitted by the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code), applicable law affording privilege to attorney-client communications and work product, and the "Common Interest Doctrine". To the extent consistent with the law, LACMTA and City shall maintain security and control over all

documents and e-mails containing proposals, correspondence, documents, information and data related to the TCN Program and Potential Actions generated by either Party in connection with negotiations ("Confidential Information") and each Party shall ensure that all of its advisors and consultants at any level maintain the confidentiality, security and control over all Confidential Information. To the extent consistent with the law, unless mutually agreed in writing by both LACMTA and City, neither Party will divulge any Confidential Information to the media, any member of the public, or any other party. Notwithstanding any contrary provision, this Section 5.26 is a binding agreement and will survive termination of this Agreement.

[Signatures on the next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

By

ATTEST: By: 2/3/22

City: CINY OF LOS ANGELES

Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

1/12/2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM; By Attorney

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION **AUTHORITY** 

By

#### APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA County Counsel

By:

Ronald W. Stamm Principal Deputy County Counsel IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

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# OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.:	22-0392
Council Meeting Date:	June 28, 2022
Agenda Item No.:	25
Agenda Description:	PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to preparation of Ordinance to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the Transportation Communication Network Program between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).
Council Action:	PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY MOTION (DE LEON – MARTINEZ) AND MOTION

## **Council Vote:**

YES	Blumenfield	YES	Bonin	ABSENT	Buscaino
ABSENT	Cedillo	YES	de León	ABSENT	Harris-Dawson
ABSENT	Koretz	YES	Krekorian	YES	Lee
YES	Martinez	YES	O'Farrell	YES	Price
YES	Raman	ABSENT	Rodriguez	YES	Wesson, Jr.

(DE LEON - KREKORIAN) FORTHWITH

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Adopted Report(s)Title 22-0392 Amending Motion (De Leon - Martinez) as Amended by Motion (De Leon - Krekorian) 6-28-22 Report from Planning and Land Use Management Committee 06-21-22

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Agenda Item 24-0001 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

# Monthly Expenditure Report



**Reporting Month: October 2023** 

Budget Fiscal Year: 2023-2024

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

	Monthly Cash Reconciliation								
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available				
\$31664.46	\$3006.33	\$28658.13	\$2195.75	\$1356.60	\$25105.78				

		Monthly Cash Flo	ow Analysis			
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available	
Office		\$1656.60		\$1695.75		
Outreach	\$33261.91	\$1349.73	\$24558.13	\$0.00	\$22862.38	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00		
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$3600.00	\$0.00	\$3600.00	\$500.00	\$3100.00	
Funding Requests Under	r Review: \$1356.60	Encumbrar	nces: \$0.00	Previous Expenditures: \$5697.45		

			Expenditures			
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	10/01/2023	Email to WHNC stakeholders	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
2	AMZN MKTP US TE8PH5GD1	10/11/2023	Equipment Expense: Microphone for public access to WHNC meetings	ccess to WHNC Operations Expenditure		\$87.60
3	SMART AND FINAL 324	10/16/2023	Water and snacks for October Beautification Cleanup	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$50.00
4	AMZN MKTP US TP5GH57G0	10/16/2023	Halloween Event - Certificate Folders WHNC - 2324-001	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$36.12
5	MINUTEMAN PRESS	10/17/2023	Halloween Event - Lawn Signs WHNC - 2324 -001	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$158.78
6	KRISTAL GRAPHICS	10/19/2023	Promotional Items for outreach events	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$804.83
7	RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS	10/22/2023	WHNC email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$62.40
8	VALLEY NEWS GROUP	10/26/2023	Advertising for Halloween Event WHNC-2324-001	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$300.00

	Subtotal:		1	1		\$3006.33
9	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	10/11/2023	Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60

			Outstanding Expenditures			
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Description Budget Category		Total
1	HAMLIN CHARTER	10/05/2023	Proxy Payment to re-issue check from FY21-22 that was never received by Hamlin Charter. Approval of an NPG in the amount of \$500 to Hamlin Elementary for a variety of sensory items to he	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$500.00
2	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES 11/07/2023		WHNC Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1695.75
	Subtotal: Outstanding	g	·			\$2195.75

# Agenda Item 24-0002 - Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the WHNC's November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

# **Monthly Expenditure Report**



Reporting Month: November 2023 Budget Fiscal Year: 2023-2024

NC Name: West Hills Neighborhood Council

	Monthly Cash Reconciliation								
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance Outstanding		Commitments	Net Available				
\$28658.13	\$1903.35	\$26754.78	\$1856.60	\$0.00	\$24898.18				

		Monthly Cash Flo	ow Analysis			
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available	
Office		\$1903.35		\$1356.60		
Outreach	\$33261.91	\$0.00	\$22654.78	\$0.00	\$21298.18	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00		
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$3600.00	\$0.00	\$3600.00	\$500.00	\$3100.00	
Funding Requests Unc	ler Review: \$0.00	Encumbrar	nces: \$0.00	Previous Expenditures: \$8703.78		

			Expenditures			
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC11/01/2023Monthly Maintenance for WHNCGeneral Operations ExpenditureOffice					\$150.00
2	2 RACKSPACE EMAIL & APPS 11/22/2023		WHNC email service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$57.60
3	APPLEONE 3 EMPLOYMENT 11/07/2023 SERVICES		WHNC Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1695.75
	Subtotal:			1		\$1903.35

			Outstanding Expenditures			
#	Vendor Date Description Budget Category Sub-category			Total		
1	HAMLIN CHARTER	10/05/2023	Proxy Payment to re-issue check from FY21-22 that was never received by Hamlin Charter. Approval of an NPG in the amount of \$500 to Hamlin Elementary for a variety of sensory items to he	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$500.00
2	APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES 12/11/2023 WHNC Executive Assi		WHNC Executive Assistant	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1356.60
	Subtotal: Outstanding	9	•	·		\$1856.60

#### WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CONTROLLER'S REPORT 12/31/23

	Item	Committee	Purpose	Budget	Balance	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Spent
	OFFICE											
1		Office	Misc. Expense	\$519.00	\$419.95	\$33.35	\$65.70					\$99.05
2		Office	Rent	\$5.00	\$5.00							\$0.00
3		Office	<b>Committee Printing</b>	\$369.00	\$358.65		\$10.35					\$10.35
4		Office	P.O.Box	\$430.00	\$430.00							\$0.00
5		Office	Apple One	\$17,974.95	\$9,157.05	\$1,695.75	\$2,713.20		\$1,356.60	\$1,695.75	\$1,356.60	\$8,817.90
6		Office	Go Daddy	\$21.17	-\$2.00			\$23.17				\$23.17
7		Board	Web Corner	\$1,800.00	\$900.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$900.00
8		Board	Rack Space	\$830.54	\$435.07	\$70.63	\$73.18	\$69.60	\$62.40	\$57.60	\$62.06	\$395.47
9		Board	I Contact	\$602.40	\$602.40							\$0.00
												\$0.00
		Office Subtotal		\$22,552.06	\$22,552.06							\$0.00
	OUTREACH											
10		Communication	Outreach	\$2,500.00	\$1,607.57				\$892.43			\$892.43
11		Beautification	Refreshment&Snacks	\$600.00	\$550.00				\$50.00			\$50.00
12		Special Events	Outreach	\$5,899.85	\$5,122.43			\$282.52	\$494.90			\$777.42
13		Environment	Outreach									
14		Govt. Relations	VANC	\$200.00	\$200.00							\$0.00
15		Govt. Relations	Budget Advocates	\$100.00	\$100.00							\$0.00
16		Govt. Relations	Congress	\$500.00	\$500.00							\$0.00
17		Govt. Relations	<b>Empower LA Awards</b>	\$100.00	\$100.00							\$0.00
18		Homelessness	Homeless	\$500.00	\$500.00							\$0.00
19		Public Safety	Forums									
20		Streets&Transportation	Outreach	\$0.00								
21		Public Health		\$100.00	\$100.00							\$0.00
		Outreach Total										
22		Elections	Elections	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00					\$210.00
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#### WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CONTROLLER'S REPORT 12/31/23

	Item	Committee	Purpose	Budget	Balance	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Spent
	Neighborhood											
	Purpose Grants											
-	(NPG's)							-	_	-		
23		Youth and Eduction	NPG's	\$3,600.00	\$3,100.00				\$500.00			\$500.00
18A		Homelessness	NPG's									
		Total										\$0.00
	Community											
	Improvement											
	Projects (CIP's)											
20A		Streets&Transportation	CIP's									
24		Beautification	Cleanups									\$0.00
25		Beautification	Special Events									
	GRAND TOTAL			\$36,861.91	\$24,186.12	\$1,949.73	\$3,222.43	\$525.29	\$3,506.33	\$1,903.35	\$1,568.66	\$12,675.79
											\$11,107.13	
	ALLOWED BUDGET			\$32,000.00								
26	Clean Street Gran	 t		\$1,324.83								
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	Rollover			\$4,861.91								
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	GRAND TOTAL			\$36,861.91								

Agenda Item 24-0004 - Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS letter representing the WHNC position on the LAX Noise Roundtable regarding CF 23-1339 and CF23-1489; an expansion proposal at Van Nuys Airport

December 22, 2023

To: Honorable Councilman Lee, et al

In recent years, West Hills has become subject to an influx of air traffic from Los Angeles' two airports.(LAX and Burbank's Bob Hope<sup>1</sup>) One exposure was the result of an FAA flight path change and the other was exposure due to controversial land use developments at the landlocked, general aviation at Van Nuys airport (VNY). The latter afforded an increase of accommodations for private and commercial jet charter activity, which were *void of any responsible mitigation measures…and void of studies to guide a growth balance between the airport and existing communities as well as the region's environmental limitations* as indicated in Council File 23-1339 (Attachment A)

2. Motion 23-1339 is not the first motion in recent years to point out the need concerning development and its process at VNY airport. In 2022, three Valley City Councilmembers (Raman, Krekorian, Blumenfield) jointly locked arms and filed Council File 22-1489 which stated *"Throughout this period of growth and modernization at VNY,* 

< vital operative> groups that help advise the airport on modernization like the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) have not consistently been included or <even> briefed on Requests for Proposals and contract awards for major airport projects. <including VNY>" (Attachment B)

3. WHNC stands in unity with its Valley neighbors and shares concern over past and future land use decisions at VNY that will (A) adversely impact this Valley and the health of its people, (B) fail to explore VNY's revenue boosting potential which includes the commercial lure noted in 23-1339, and (C) ignore the dangerous toxic fume exposures to adjacent valley residents and businesses that are now and will continue to suffer due to the City's failure to ensure capital investment projects critically needed to modernize and reduce VNY's carbon footprint, including power capacity upgrades to afford electrified hangars and ramps for the non-essential, private transient jet traffic which will also allow for a significant reduction of possible toxic significant power unit emissions (APU) from ground operations. Our concern is for the health and well-being of the hundreds of people that this will certainly impact.

For the above reasons and more, including the fact that the Bob Hope Airport is 8 miles from VNY, WHNC strongly urges the City Council to:

- 1. Swiftly adopt CF 23-1339 without amendment and use a variety of independent studies to guide a new Airport Plan and not the "VNY Vision Study" which has excluded WHNC from its public outreach to date.
- 2. Consider the rights, health and quality of life of all the existing communities that make up San Fernando Valley and our peaceful tourist attractions by rejecting any aviation development proposals for VNY that do not directly reduce ground operation emissions and until a new Specific Airport Plan has been studied, developed and implemented per the criteria set forth in 23-1339, and take into account the health and well-being of the people.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Also known as Hollywood Burbank Airport that already provides noise pollution for San Fernando Vallery Residents. Through emissions they also contribute to air pollution across the valley affecting resident health. Although there are economic benefits for this airport the question still exists: "does it mitigate the health issues?"

# PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

# MOTION TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

The Van Nuys Airport (VNY) is one of the busiest general aviation airports in the nation. Despite densely populated residential areas existing prior to VNY's redevelopments over the past twenty years, no mitigation policy measures were created by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to mandate such considerations were implemented.

Over the years, the City has not been provided with a study dictating VNY's general aviation needs, or a study comparing aviation interests with those of community and environmental interests to demonstrate a responsible land use balance for VNY.

The VNY Vision Study was initiated to help inform the Planning Department in their update of the City's Southwest Valley Community Plans: (1) Canoga Park – Winnetka – Woodland Hills – West Hills; (2) Encino – Tarzana; and (3) Reseda – West Van Nuys – Lake Balboa, where the Van Nuys Airport is located, to inform the creation of a Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan to replace the existing Airport Plan and zoning ordinance (Ordinance No. 177327), adopted nearly 18 years ago (CF 05-2286).

Neither the VNY Vision Study or any other planning tool shall replace the need for a new Specific Airport Plan. Community participation and targeted research, study findings and recommendations are essential steps in making any aviation land use decision, including issuing future Request for Proposals (RFPs) related to VNY development. As such, on March 3, 2023 (CF 22-1127), the Council instructed the Planning Department, in consultation with the Los Angeles World Airports, to prepare a Specific Plan for the Van Nuys airport.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Los Angeles World Airports, and in consultation with Council District 6 as Committee Chair responsible for the formation and/or operation of the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan Citizens Advisory Committee, to convene the necessary Citizens Advisory Committee meetings that will serve to provide input during all phases of the development process of the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan and its relevant studies; and which will include at least one local resident/stakeholder from, but not limited to, Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and provide an option for Council District office staff participation.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Los Angeles World Airports, as initially instructed by the Council on March 3, 2023 (CF 22-1127), to prepare a Specific Plan for the Van Nuys Airport (VNY), and thereby replace the Van Nuys Airport Plan and zoning ordinance (CF 05-2286), which was adopted nearly 18 years ago. The Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1. Use the results of a forensic audit of VNY per criteria to be set by the Council to better understand the needs for VNY to remain self-sustaining, determine need or independence from future Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant use, and for assessment and possible reconsideration of the existing Plan's airport land use map, and in consideration of policy needs.
- 2. Outline criteria for economic studies related to VNY, including cumulative impact on the regional environment and surrounding communities, consideration of percentage of suppliers and workers that are located within Los Angeles County, and defining income designated solely for airport infrastructure versus income benefitting the region directly.
- 3. Look at mitigating noise and other impacts from the airport on the surrounding area including jet blast and sound barrier installations between the airport and adjacent homes and businesses, green space to mitigate climate change and pollution factors on both the east and west side of the property, and other opportunities such as tree planting.



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- 4. Define Request for Proposal criteria that contains modernization to meet the City's long term carbon reduction goals, including grey water systems and power capacity upgrades to allow electrified hangars and ramps to reduce emissions from ground operations.
- 5. Establish a community benefit program for the surrounding area.
- 6. Explore how land covered by the Specific Airport Plan can continue to be an economic generator by luring new commercial activity, including possible necessity of filing a formal release with the FAA to change key land use classifications to non-aeronautical where environmental justice and health issues or critical pollution mitigation needs dictate as such.
- 7. Have extensive engagement with airport stakeholders and local residents with defined protocol moving forward.

PRESENTED BY: \_ Mulle

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# OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.:	22-1489			
Council Meeting Date:	March 3, 2023			
Agenda Item No.:	13			
Agenda Description:	TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) covering topics including, but not limited to, list of projects and awards, community engagement, the 2005 VNY Master Plan, environmental impacts, a proposal for future community engagement, and the recordation of VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings.			

Council Action: TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

# Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	YES	de León	ABSENT	Harris-Dawson
YES	Hernandez	YES	Hutt	YES	Krekorian
YES	Lee	YES	McOsker	YES	Park
ABSENT	Price Jr.	ABSENT	Raman	ABSENT	Rodriguez
YES	Soto-Martínez	YES	Yaroslavsky		

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Adopted Report(s)Title Report from Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee\_02-21-23 Office of the City Clerk, City of Los Angeles

### **Council File Number**

<u>22-1489</u>

#### Title

Van Nuys Airport (VNY) / Development Projects / Community Impact / VNY Citizens Advisory Council

#### Last Change Date

10/13/2023

# **Expiration Date**

03/03/2025

#### **Reference Numbers**

Related Council Files: 05-2286; 92-0483-S1; 96-1177; 96-1177-S1

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### Action History for Council File 22-1489

#### Date Activity

10/13/2023 Community Impact Statement submitted by Encino Neighborhood Council. 06/28/2023 Community Impact Statement submitted by North Hills West Neighborhood Council. 05/11/2023 Community Impact Statement submitted by Tarzana Neighborhood Council. 03/23/2023 Community Impact Statement submitted by Encino Neighborhood Council. 03/07/2023 Council action final. 03/03/2023 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51. 02/28/2023 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on March 3, 2023. 02/21/2023 Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee approved item(s). 02/17/2023 Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on February 21, 2023. 02/10/2023 Community Impact Statement submitted by Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. 01/26/2023 Community Impact Statement submitted by Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council. 12/22/2022 Community Impact Statement submitted by Woodland Hills-Warner Center. 12/13/2022 Community Impact Statement submitted by Sherman Oaks NC. 11/30/2022 Motion referred to Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee.