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JOINT STREETS and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 30, 2016
West Hills Hospital, West Hills

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Tony Brosamle, Committee Co-Chair

Those in attendance were Tony Brosamle, Barry Seybert, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. Also in attendance were: Alex Davis, a guest speaker from VICA, and stakeholders Kathy Louis, Ramy Louis and Joe Rosenson. A quorum was established.

The April 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Tony announced the addition of Olivia Naturman and Brad Vanderhoof to the Committee.

Tony introduced the invited guest speaker Alex Davis, Legislative Affairs Manager for Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) and a member of the Valley Coalition for Transit. Alex spoke about Measure M, a measure on the November ballot. Measure M would add a half cent to the LA County sales tax and an additional half cent when Measure R expires (effectively continuing the Measure R increase) with the revenue used for transportation infrastructure. Alex will ask the WHNC to support the passage of Measure M.

CIS concerning CF 15-1006: Reeyan asked for a motion to open discussion, Tony seconded. There was no opposition. Dan proposed a rewrite of the proposed CIS. Dan's rewrite was accepted as a friendly amendment. Tony explained that most of the West Valley traffic surveys are out of date and this makes enforcing speed limits difficult for law enforcement. Barry expressed a concern, based on a previous DOT presentation, that posted speed limits may increase as a result of traffic surveys as speed limits are set at eighty-five percent of the prevailing speed. Dan said that posted limits have a maximum based on road conditions and are not solely determined by traffic surveys. Reeyan recommended the website GEOHUBLA to the group. Tony proposed the group approve the CIS to support CF 15-1006 – "Enforcing Safe Travel Speeds" and send it to the Board. Reeyan seconded. The CIS was approved by unanimous consent.

Restricted Parking on Royer Avenue: Steve has had discussions with Ken Firoozmand, LADOT West Valley Chief Engineer, concerning the stakeholder requests for signage restricting the parking on Royer Ave. north of Sherman Way. Ken stated that two hour parking is used to free up parking for other users and this is not applicable to Royer. Parking restrictions cannot be used to target specific vehicles. Steve stated that parking restrictions require a petition signed by two thirds of the residents on a block. Dan suggested asking for the same type of signs which prohibit overnight parking of oversize vehicles on Platt, Roscoe, and Sherman Way. Barry reminded the group that a major issue is criminal activity emanating from the parked vehicles and urged residents to make repeated calls to LAPD narcotics officers. Reeyan informed the group that Royer has a street classification of low traffic and low density and would be a low priority for parking restrictions. He also stated that after DOT approval a vote of the full LA City Council would be required. Joe stated that the residents need

the WHNC to help them get any government action started. Joe has contacted Councilman Englander's office and has not received any assistance from CD12. He asked how the residents can place a motion before the Board.

Barry made a motion to request the Board recommend no oversize vehicle parking on Royer. Joe stated this would be acceptable to stakeholders on Royer. Tony seconded. The motion will say "No overnight parking for oversize vehicles on both sides of Royer". The motion will use the same wording found on the Platt Avenue signs when presented to the Board.

Roll Call Vote: Barry – Yes, Tony – Yes, Dan – Yes, Heidi – Abstain, Steve – Yes, Reeyan – Yes, Ron – Yes, Olivia – Yes, Brad – Yes

The motion passed Yes 8, No 0, with 1 Abstention

Dan gave a review of the SAR truck activity. He had inspected the repairs on Chatlake Drive and found the work unsatisfactory. Dan has asked the Bureau of Street Services for an accounting of how much time the SAR truck spent at locations in West Hills. This item was tabled until September.

Reeyan announced there is a plan to restripe Roscoe Blvd. to create a shoulder for parking in front of Orcutt Ranch at the expense of parallel parking on the north side of Roscoe. Tony stated some people associated with Fairwinds feel WHNC is responsible for the no parking signs impacting Fairwinds' employees. Reeyan apprised the group that the council office is working with Fairwinds to resolve the parking issue.

Haynes Street Pedestrian Bridge: Barry stated an inspection has been scheduled by city engineers to determine the condition and structural integrity of the bridge. Ron Rubine will provide an update at the Board meeting.

LA-DOT has provided the traffic study for the intersection of Sherman way and Shoup Avenue. Tony will post.

Roscoe / Jason Intersection: Reeyan reported the approval of a crosswalk with pedestrian activated LED warning lights in the pavement for this intersection.

Public Comment: Reeyan – The HOA for the homes at the west end of Victory Blvd. wants to replace the gate at the entrance to the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy parkland. The HOA also wants to make these homes a gated community. Reeyan advised the committee should keep apprised of developments concerning these issues. Ron – There are trees in the median on Medical Center Drive which should be removed.

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:30 PM at West Hills Hospital, first floor Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM by Tony Brosamle and Barry Seybert.