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JOINT STREETS and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday January 25, 2017
West Hills Hospital, West Hills
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Committee Co-Chair Anthony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM. A quorum was established.

Those in attendance were Anthony Brosamle, Barry Seybert, Dan Brin, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes, Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. Also present were community stakeholders; Faye C. Barta, Roy Bernard, Susan Bernard, and one additional member of the public.

The November 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Chair Comment: Anthony announced that January is probably be the last time the Committee meets at West Hills Hospital. The new meeting location is set to be at Chaminade.
4. Guest Speaker: Anthony explained Captain Hutchins was the invited guest speaker but was unable to be at the meeting because the meeting day was changed. Myrl will speak to LAPD command and invite him to the February meeting.
9. Haynes Street Pedestrian Bridge: Barry reiterated Ron Rubine's comments at the Board meeting and stated the reopening of the bridge is in process and currently being reviewed by several city departments.
8. Highlander Traffic: Faye introduced herself as a thirty-year resident of the section of West Hills known as the Highlands. She then introduced Susan and Roy Bernard, and Judy Greenfield, who are also longtime area residents. Faye expressed strong community opposition to the proposed performing arts high school being built on the former Highlander Road School site. She thanked the WHNC for the traffic fatality report published on social media and pointed out that all of the fatalities, except those on Roscoe, were within two miles of the site. Faye informed the committee members of an effort to measure community opposition to the proposed school, which collected 378 signatures on a petition at a demonstration held on the street in front of the site. The petition was sent to LAUSD, and Faye said she feels the tone of communications from LAUSD has changed and now reflects more uncertainty regarding the future of the site. Faye provided a copy of a DOT report on traffic at Highlander Rd. and Valley Circle Blvd., 12- West Valley- #39319. Reeyan read to the group some statistics, from a 2009 traffic study that is public information, pertaining to the intersection of Highlander Rd. and Deveron Ridge Rd. Anthony asked Reeyan to post the traffic studies on the committee website. Heidi proposed a poll on social media. A stakeholder emphasized the need to act quickly as LAUSD already has a plan for the site. Roy said demographics in the area have changed recently, Pomelo Elementary School is severely overcrowded, and an elementary school would be the proper use for the site. Myrl suggested

the WHNC Education Committee should be involved. Steve commented that the needs of the community will be determined by LAUSD and that those needs may change. Anthony stated the issue would be on the agenda for the February meeting and asked for draft proposals of actions the committee could take. Dan, Barry, and Faye will form a workgroup to draft a resolution.

5. Metro Bus Parking: Brad reviewed the stakeholder complaint and his observations of the current situation near Valley Circle Blvd. and Victory Blvd. Ron stated Sherman Way Place has safety issues caused by parked buses. Several members complained about the recent increase in buses taking layover breaks on Platt Ave. near Victory Blvd. Anthony asked if anyone knew how to send feedback to Metro concerning complaints. Heidi thinks she knows of a contact on social media. Brad will research communication with Metro. Item tabled until February.
6. Safe Parking Zones: Reeyan summarized the new parking regulations for recreational vehicles in Los Angeles. Anthony asked committee members to identify any streets they think are categorized incorrectly. Item tabled until February.
7. Restrictive Parking Requests: Item tabled until February.
10. Street Repairs: The SAR truck deadline for requests is February 22nd. Barry suggested working with the list from the last time the SAR truck was scheduled in West Hills. Ron will write a resolution asking the city to reconstruct the intersection of Medical Center Dr. and Sherman Way.
11. LA-Vision Zero: Olivia stated that WHNC was not awarded a grant. She proposed future efforts focus on education.
12. Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety: The crosswalk safety-signal upgrade construction at Roscoe Blvd. and Jason Ave. is in progress.
13. Public Comment: None

Committee Co-Chair Anthony Brosamle adjourned the meeting at 9:49 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on: TBD