



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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Committee Members: Anthony Searce (Chair) Olivia Naturman, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof

1. **Call to Order** and Roll Call
2. **Comments from the Chair**
3. **Announcements**
4. **Public Comments** on matters of committee jurisdiction not on the agenda (2 minutes)
5. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes** from the June 23rd, 2020 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting
6. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Bicycle Lane down Shoup Avenue (Update Dan Brin)
7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on designating the palm trees on March Avenue as a cultural landmark
8. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on "Slow Streets LA".
9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Speeding and Racing on Valley Circle Blvd
10. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Committee Operating Rules
11. **Discussion and Recommendations:** on August 25th, 2020 Agenda Items
12. **Adjournment**

Streets & Transportation next meets on Tuesday, August 25th, 2020

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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

SPECIAL JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC (DRAFT) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Revised July 3, 2020

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Brosamle, Tony Scearce, Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-chair Tony Scearce called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. A quorum was established.

The June 2, 2020 special meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

2. Chair Comment: None

3. Announcements: Barry Seybert will no longer be a member of the committee.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Minutes from June 2, Special Meeting: Joan Trent should be added as an attendee. Approved.

6. Utility Box Art Project: Olivia said the all the needed supplies were purchased and the total expenditure was \$70 under budget. CD12 has approved the designs. DOT approval is pending. Other artists have expressed an interest in participating. Brad suggested interested artists can present at the July Beautification Committee as that committee has Clean Streets grant funding already approved and not awaiting the adoption of the WHNC 2020-2021 budget. Olivia will contact artists. Reeyan Raynes asked if she has contacted the Eleven-Eleven Creative Collective and Olivia replied she has. Myrl expressed an interest in painting shared mailboxes. Tony S. said that would be an entirely different approval process.

7. Slow Streets LA: Tony S. explained the program which, at the request of residents, allows partially blocking residential streets for several hours for use as open space for recreational activities. Dan said maybe this could help facilitate block parties. Brad said we have already sent WHNC web and social media notifications, Tony S. suggested publicizing the program to neighbors and neighborhood watch groups. Myrl suggested using the WHNC mailing list. Reeyan Raynes said the city does not market the program for block parties to keep crowds down and Neighborhood Councils can apply directly.

8. Orcutt Ranch Back Gate off Justice Street: Heidi would like that gate open as gps systems direct the public to it and confusion results. At the minimum she asked if a sign could be put up directing traffic to the open entrance. Dan and Heidi will speak with Robert Baker of Recreation and Parks.

9. Left Turn Signal at Vanowen and Fallbrook: Dan described how traffic waiting to turn left backs up. Dan moved to ask the WHNC Board to support a resolution for left turn signals east and west bound. Steve seconded. Faye said there should also be left turn signals on north and south bound Fallbrook. Reeyan Raynes said DOT has already done traffic studies and evaluated the intersection. Anthony Brosamle said requesting four signals may reduce probability of success due to cost. Reeyan Raynes said signal installation is about \$150K per arrow. Brad said Vision Zero LA might provide funding. Dan updated his motion to be four signals.

The motion passed unanimously. Dan will write a resolution.

10. Bike Lane on Shoup: Dan said the Red Car went down the center of Shoup and it is a wide street with room for bike lanes. Reeyan Raynes said this could also be a project Vision Zero would consider funding. Brad said if Shoup is scheduled for roadwork the Committee should move quickly to get the project approved before and restriping. Dan moved to request north and south bound bike lanes on Shoup between Roscoe and Ventura. Anthony B. seconded. Joan said Shoup have lots of cars parked on the street. Olivia will work with Dan to engage Vision Zero.

Vote on the motion

Yes – 9, No – 1 The motion passes. Dan will write a resolution for the WHNC Board.

11. Speeding Along Valley Circle: Item tabled to July.

Committee Co-chair Tony Scearce adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Thanks for sharing this letter and glad to see the WHNC is supportive of bike lanes on Shoup Avenue. I look a closer look at Shoup to see what it would take to fit bike lanes in and here is what I found:


From Ventura to Roscoe, most of Shoup has a width between 62 and 66 feet wide. South of Oxnard, parking is generally only allowed on one side of the street. For this segment south of Oxnard, we're a few feet short of being able to fit bike lanes in. We'd need a continuous width of at least 68 feet while retaining two lanes of traffic, a left turn lane where needed, and parking on one side of the street.

North of Oxnard, with the exception of a portion between Victory and just north of Vanowen, the street is roughly the same width, but parking is allowed on both sides. Here we are far short of the width necessary while keeping the status quo.

For that widest portion between Victory and just north of Vanowen, the street is 74 feet wide. This portion is also scheduled to be resurfaced soon so we are going to see if bike lanes are possible, but it is going to be very tight, if they can fit at all. With the speed limit of 40 miles per hour, there are concerns about squeezing the parking lane and bike lane too much. At minimum, we will reduce the interior lanes and paint a wide shoulder. This was done recently on Riverside Drive in Toluca Lake which is also 40 miles per hour and 74 feet wide.

If there was a desire to explore lane removal to fit bike lanes, I can get into more of the details about what that would entail and require. I did take a quick look at the volumes and pre-COVID, they are on the high side (1200+ in each direction during the peak hour). I am less familiar with parking demand in this area, if there was an appetite to remove parking but happy to discuss that further as well if you are interested.

The other issue is pavement quality. Even if/when/where we achieve the necessary width, the pavement must be certified to be in acceptable condition for bike lanes. This usually means that the street has to be resurfaced or slurry sealed before we can proceed. We may have an opportunity with the Victory to Vanowen segment because it is about to be resurfaced, but as mentioned above, it may not be possible due to the width, unless something is sacrificed.



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