



## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Streets & Transportation Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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

**Call to Order** and Roll Call

**Comments from the Chair**

**Announcements**

**Public Comments** on matters of committee jurisdiction not on the agenda (2 minutes)

1. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes** from the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting
2. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Stop Signs at Victory Blvd. and Pat Ave. (Woodland Hills/West Hills border)
3. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Pedestrian Flags
4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Utility Box Art Project
5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Airplane Noise and CF 20-1116
6. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on combining CIS on CF 20-1267 to Committee approved letter to CD 12 regarding excessive vehicle exhaust noise/speeding/reckless driving/ exhibitions of speed
7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Mural on Roscoe Wall
8. **Discussion and Recommendations:** on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting Agenda Items
9. **Adjournment**

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*Streets & Transportation next meets on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020*



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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Revised September 29, 2020

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Scarce, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Also in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Gil Solomon, and Christina Walsh.

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

Comments from the Chair: The Committee will now meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

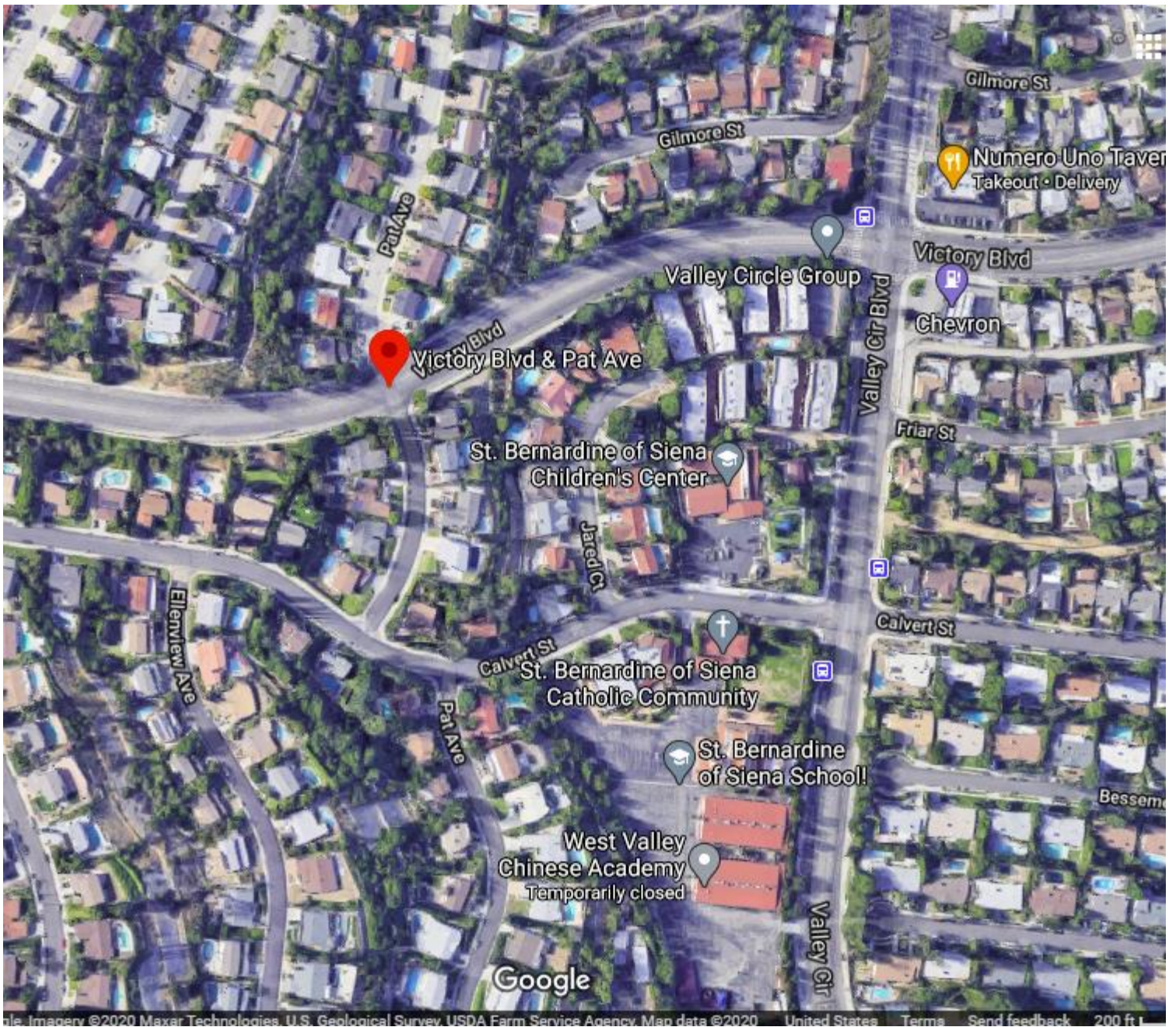
Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Dave W. said his parents live just off Shoup on Sausalito and the alley is in “really” bad shape. The neighbors have been trying to get the paving repaired for years and the CD12 office have not helped. Dave has built a webpage to show the damage.

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes from the August 25th, 2020 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting: The minutes were approved.
2. Discussion and Possible Action: on Stop Signs at Victory Blvd. and Pat Ave. (Woodland Hills/West Hills border): As the stakeholder was not present the Chair tabled this item until October.
3. Discussion and Possible Action: on Pedestrian Flags: Heidi contacted a couple of Cub Scout troops and they seem interested. Aida has placed the item on the WHNC Youth and Education Committee agenda. They would focus on intersections near schools. Anthony has contacted Haynes Street Elementary and St. Bernardine. Thomas asked if there are any studies verifying a safety benefit from the flags.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: on Utility Box Art Project: Anthony gave an update – DOT approval is needed; Eric Moody sent a letter from CD12 a week ago and awaiting a response. Ms. Christina Walsh presented a proposal to have an artwork project dedicated to the ‘Burro Flats Cultural District’ at Roscoe and Valley Circle. She would like to see Native American artists do the painting. The North Hollywood subway station has artwork on this theme.  
Dan moved to recommend approval of artwork at Roscoe and Valley Circle.  
The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: on Airplane Noise and CF 20-1116: Item tabled to October.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: on “Slow Streets LA.”: Item tabled.
7. Discussion and Possible Action: on Bus parking on Platt and Victory: Item tabled to October.
8. Discussion and Recommendations: on October 27th, 2020 meeting Agenda Items: A proposed mural on Roscoe will be on the October agenda. Sidewalk repair will be considered in October.

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

**The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM. (not October 27)**







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## OUR PURPOSE

We are a small, informal group of Studio City residents, made up entirely of volunteers, who want to save our formerly tranquil community, wildlife preserves, and quality of life from the current, focused, NextGen-like flight paths that moved, in late 2016, over the protected Santa Monica Mountains without notice or study - as well as from future proposed procedures that will make these flight paths permanent. We are fighting to move paths away from the High Fire Severity Zone of the Santa Monica Mountains, and for dispersal, higher altitudes, runway rotation and other noise mitigation techniques to ensure that no one neighborhood suffers disproportionately from the roar of almost 200 (and increasing) jets departing Burbank Airport daily. We are focused on raising public awareness, gaining media attention, and building a powerful coalition to fight the FAA, including support by Local, State, and Federal Representatives, the City Attorney, and powerful environmental groups such as MRCA and SMMC.

## TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM

### MOTION

On August 21, 2020, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the construction and operation of a replacement passenger terminal building and improvements at the Hollywood Burbank Airport. The FAA has allowed public comment on the DEIS for only 45 days, with the comment period set to end on October 4, 2020.


The COVID-19 emergency has curtailed opportunities for the kinds of robust public presentations that would typically be associated with a project of this magnitude, and this project may have significant impacts on Los Angeles neighborhoods. Even under normal circumstances, a 45 day comment period would not be adequate for a project of this magnitude, and it would be especially inadequate given the limitations inherent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to allow fulsome and robust participation by all interested parties, particularly in communities near and impacted by the Hollywood Burbank Airport, the comment period should be extended. The City of Los Angeles should have adequate time to consider the impacts of the airport expansion project on the City and participate in the environmental review process to ensure that its interests and those of its residents are protected.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney to draft a letter calling upon the Federal Aviation Administration to extend the 45 day comment period to a total of 120 days, in order to allow all stakeholders, including the City, ample time to analyze the Draft Environmental Impact Statement related to the Hollywood Burbank Airport terminal project and submit their concerns.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST the City Attorney, in concert with the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Planning Department, the Department of Transportation and all other relevant city agencies, to review the potential practical, legal and environmental impacts of the Hollywood Burbank Airport terminal project on the City of Los Angeles, and to submit comments in response to the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement to the Federal Aviation Administration highlighting those impacts and requesting redress and mitigations that will protect the interests of the City and its residents.

Presented by:   
PAUL KREKORIAN (verbal)  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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DAVID E. RYU  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
MITCH O'FARRELL FOR DAVID E. RYU (verbal)

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
NURY MARTINEZ (verbal)  
Councilmember, 6<sup>th</sup> District

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL KORETZ (verbal)  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

DRAFT OF LETTER TO CD 12 AND CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

One of the mandates of the Board of Directors of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) is to promote the interests and concerns of its stakeholders and to assist stakeholders by safeguarding their well-being and safety.

Ever since Valley Circle Boulevard (V/C Blvd) was opened up from the 101 Freeway on the south to and beyond Roscoe Blvd on the north, V/C Blvd and Roscoe Blvd east of V/C Blvd have become centers for reckless driving and life-threatening, excessive displays of speed and exhibitions of speed.

There have already been at least four deaths on Roscoe and several horrific accidents on V/C Blvd. Those deaths and accidents necessitated the City's installation of traffic signals and controls on V/C Blvd at Highlander Road, Bell Canyon, and Dorie Drive, as well as traffic signals and controls on Roscoe at Lena Avenue and Jason Avenue. Unfortunately, the reckless driving and excessive displays of speed have continued.

Recently our stakeholders have warned WHNC that also taking place on V/C Blvd and Roscoe are deadly speed racing and alterations to exhausts on cars, trucks and motorcycles, causing excessive noise and sounds similar to explosions and gunfire, often during the night, awakening frightened homeowners and causing 911 calls to police.

The frequency of the recklessness, excessive speeding and noise could be much lessened or eliminated by increased patrolling by law enforcement both during the day and especially at night and overnight.

WHNC understands that the present demands upon our law enforcement personnel have increased many-fold, but we implore you to immediately address these pressing issues before anyone else is seriously injured or dies. The safety and well-being not only of our stakeholders, but also of the travelers through our neighborhood are at very serious risk.

WHNC respectfully requests these serious issues be addressed and hopefully resolved immediately. Thank you for your anticipated prompt response to this crisis.

Sincerely,

Dan L. Brin, President

Charlene Rothstein, Vice-President

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### MOTION

Throughout the city, a small number of people cause disproportionate disturbance through vehicle exhaust sound enhancements (otherwise known as modified mufflers). Modified mufflers on vehicles of all types can disrupt quality of life, especially in residential neighborhoods, due to their excessively loud noise. Sometimes these modified mufflers allow "backfires" and other loud noises that residents mistake for gunfire or explosions that lead to unnecessary calls for police response. Additionally, these loud noises can have particularly damaging implications for those with special sensitivities to loud noise, such as victims of PTSD.

Presently, there are existing laws that govern noises emitted by vehicles by both the City and the State. LA City Municipal Code § 114.02 and California State Vehicle Codes § 27150(a) and §27151(a) detail the laws surrounding appropriate muffler infrastructure, and neighborhood noise levels. More recently, the state adopted AB1824 which requires officers to issue tickets to people that violate state exhaust noise laws; previously, the tickets issued for this citation merited only a "fix it" warning.

The regulations for modified mufflers should be more heavily enforced and the council should consider whether the current local laws are sufficiently strong enough to address the public safety and quality-of-life issues that modified mufflers pose for our communities and users of the right-of-way.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, in concert with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Office of the City Attorney to report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers, especially in noise-sensitive areas.

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
MITCH O'FARRELL (verbal)  
Councilmember, 13th District



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