



## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

**Monday, February 1, 2021 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, Daniel Osztreicher

**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 December 2020 Streets and Transportation Committee Meetings
2. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Utility Box Art Project next locations
3. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on Saticoy and Woodlake Traffic Survey Request (Brian Begun)
4. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on CIS for CF 21-0002-S30 Fare-Free Transit / State and Local Agencies / Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery / Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278)
5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** on CIS for CF 20-1536 continuation of public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway
6. **Discussion and Recommendations:** on Mural in West Hills
7. **Adjournment**

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**JOHN S. LEE**  
COUNCILMEMBER, 12TH DISTRICT

November 23, 2020

Daniel Brin, President  
West Hills Neighborhood Council  
P.O. Box 4670  
West Hills, CA 91308-4670

Dear Mr. Brin:

Thank you very much for sharing the West Hills Neighborhood Council's thoughts and concerns about street racing and excessive vehicle exhaust noise with me. As maintaining and improving our quality of life is of the utmost importance to me, I do share those concerns.

Street racing has become a large problem across the City, especially within the San Fernando Valley due to our wide streets with long sections of open roadway. That is why I have funded, and will continue to fund, LAPD Overtime and other programs that serve our community. Further, I have asked for additional patrols to enforce the law, to catch and impound street racers.

With respect to your concerns about excessive vehicle exhaust noise, please note that the State legislature has already made it illegal to modify a vehicle's exhaust noise level passed the 95 decibel level. Most likely a by-product of the street racing industry, anyone can now purchase modified vehicle exhaust systems and easily mount them on their vehicles. In discussing both street racing and excessive exhaust noise with LAPD, they remind me that usually those involved in this activity in our communities are from our communities. I have asked LAPD to step up enforcement of the vehicle exhaust law.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my District Director, Eric Moody via email at [eric.moody@lacity.org](mailto:eric.moody@lacity.org) or at 818 882-1212.

Sincerely,

JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District





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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD and STREETS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
Revised January 3, 2021

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Scarce, Faye Barta, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Bonnie Klea, Heidi Manning, Daniel Ostreicher, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.  
Also in attendance: Ms. Tara Vahdani, School Engagement & Data Specialist, LAUSD District 3; Dr. Deborah Bryant; Mr. Carlos Torres.

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. A quorum was established.

Comments from the Chair: The March Avenue street tree historic monument designation was passed by City Council and is before the Office of Historical Resources.

Announcements: None.  
Public Comments: None.  
Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. Pedestrian Flags: Mr. Torres related the 30-year history of the Oakland Student Safety Patrol program. He said there are legal and risk management issues. Steve said he feels there are logistical issues and flags will end up across the street from where they are needed. Dr. Bryant said volunteers are needed to maintain flags. Dan thinks school PTAs can adopt this program. Mr. Torres said crossing guards employed by DOT are not volunteers. Anyone doing this would need to be trained. There is currently a hiring freeze, but it has been years since the last re-evaluation of where crossing guards are needed. Anthony said although it is difficult to do anything when school is not in session it is the perfect time to move forward with planning and we should keep the school principals in mind.
2. Utility Box Project: From the Office of the City Clerk: This would be a community improvement project and that approval would be required, a contract with the artist is required, a release of artwork is required. Anthony said he has a letter of support from the Chumash for the Roscoe box project.
3. Utility Box Art Project Next Locations: Anthony listed the seven suggested locations.
 

Daniel O. moved to adopt 'recommend' all seven locations. Dan B. seconded.  
Yes – 5, No – 5, Abstain – 1  
The motion does not carry.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: on Mural in West Hills: Anthony described this as a “heavy lift” and tabled the item until January 2021.
5. Holiday and End of Year Message to Stakeholders: There was a discussion on what the proper message would be. Saif said he hopes the major Islamic holidays which occur at a different time of year are not forgotten. Brad said making sure all stakeholders feel the message is for them and not excluded by a majority or other group is vitally important.

Steve moved to just say “Happy Holidays at the committee meeting. Myrl seconded.  
Myrl recommended an expertly shot video message be taken to wish the community happy holidays.  
Yes – 5, No – 5, Abstain – 1  
The motion does not carry.

Committee Chair Anthony Scarce adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

## **Utility Box Project Location Ideas:**

- 1. Platt and Vanowen**
- 2. Woodlake and Roscoe**
- 3. Sherman Way and Woodlake**
- 4. Sherman Way and Medical Center Dr**
- 5. Sherman Way and Fallbrook**
- 6. Fallbrook and Saticoy**
- 7. Fallbrook and Roscoe**

**RE: Intersection of Saticoy and Woodlake in West Hills**

One of the mandates of the Board of Directors of the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) is to safeguard the safety and interests of its stakeholders.

The intersection of Saticoy and Woodlake in West Hills is very unique. It has commercial, agricultural and two different types of residential zones on each corner. In addition, these streets are categorized as Avenue II (Department of Transportation), which throughout West Hills have signalized traffic lights.

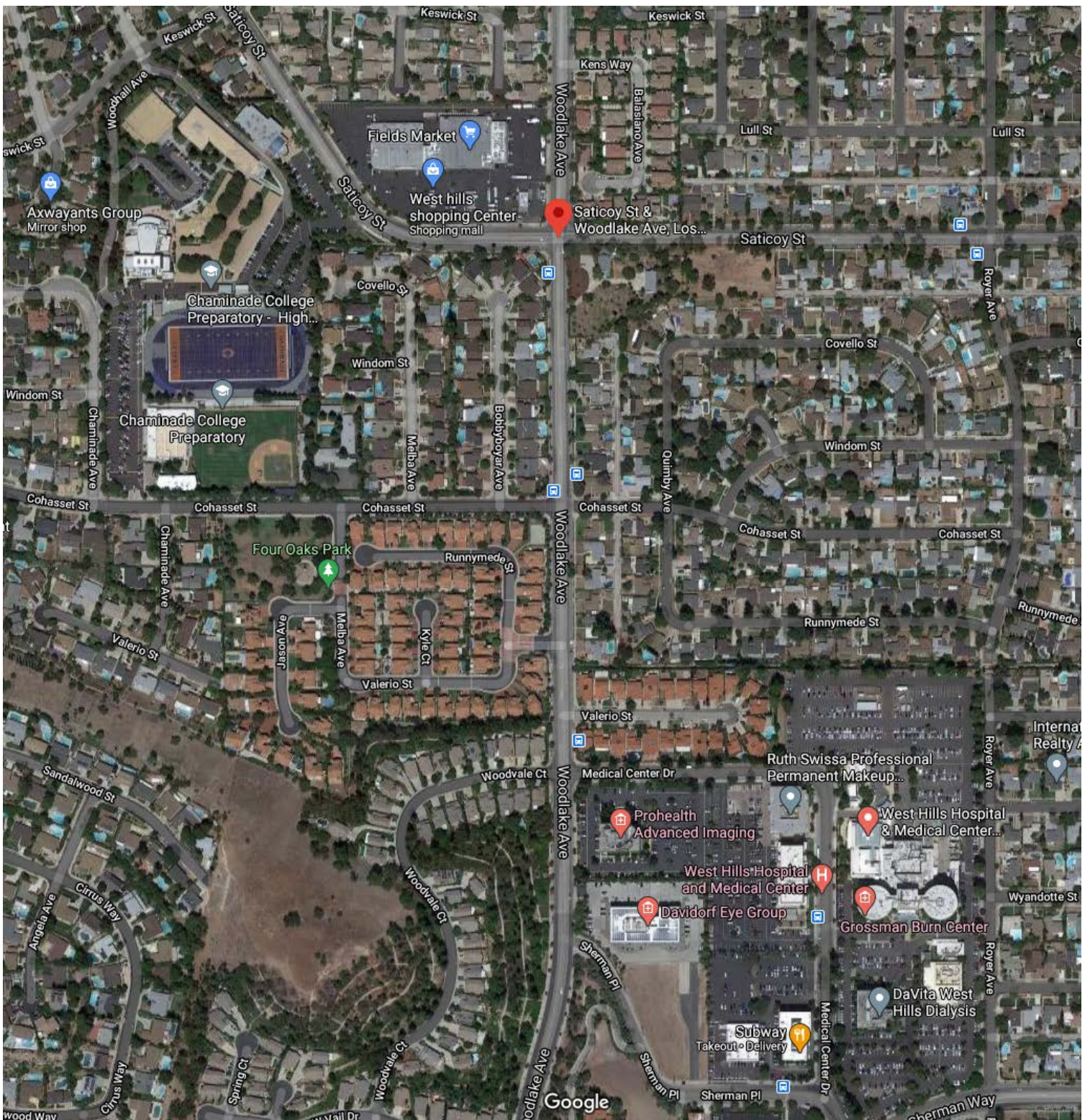
Currently, there are no pedestrian markings and one of the corners is partially blind to cross traffic. Additionally, this intersection is heavily traveled during peak rush hour periods and often cars are not safely approaching or stopping. The stakeholders of West Hills as well as neighboring communities use this intersection. Chaminade High School is one block up Saticoy on the south side, Chaminade's planned expansion to the northwest corner of this intersection and West Hills Hospital two blocks to the south. We believe this intersection requires traffic control lights and should not wait for the additional auto and pedestrian traffic created by the expansion of Chaminade High School to an already unsafe intersection to ensure safe streets for everyone.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council formally request that a traffic study be conducted immediately at the intersection of Saticoy St and Woodlake Ave in West Hills and that all creative and legal opportunities be explored and shared within a reasonable timeframe.

The Neighborhood Council is confident city engineers will concur with our everyday lived experiences.

Sincerely,







## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the provision of reliable and affordable public transportation supports everyone - transit riders who have access to economic opportunity, single-occupant vehicular drivers who enjoy less road congestion, and all people who have cleaner air to breathe; and

WHEREAS, public transportation in the United States has historically been neglected, leading to the social, educational, and economic isolation of low-income and minority communities, as well many who are living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded this situation by necessitating service cuts and reduced service resulting from a severe decline in ridership and steep financial shortfalls for jurisdictions that rely on fare revenue to support their operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, to ensure an equitable post-pandemic recovery, steps must be taken by the Federal Government to allocate sufficient funding to support and sustain transit agencies and ensure that every person has access to affordable and reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, the Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278) was introduced to help states and localities provide fare-free rides, improve safety and quality of transportation, and address transit equity gaps; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that, in the new legislative session, the Federal Government take actions identified in the Freedom to Move Act to promote desperately-needed public transportation as a public good and provide fare-free public transit systems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this, Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit.

PRESENTED BY:



MIKE BONIN  
Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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Committee Meeting Date: 1/19/2021

Board Meeting Date 2/4/2021

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| File # :     | 21-0002-S30   |
| Title :      | Fare-Free Transit / State and Local Agencies / Equitable Post-Pandemic Recovery / Freedom to Move Act (H.R. 7389/S. 4278) |
| Type :       | City's 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program  |
| City/State : | City of Los Angeles   |

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| Summary : | Resolution relative to including in the City's 2021-22 Federal Legislative Program, its position on legislation that would provide funds to state and local agencies to provide fare-free transit. |
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| Motion : | Attached<br><a href="#">S.4278 - Freedom to Move Act</a><br><a href="#">H.R.7389 - Freedom to Move Act</a> |
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| EP Position : | Motion to support the City's position through the Legislative process of the House of Representatives |
| Vote :        |   |

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| “YES” Vote: | Means supporting the City's position to support H.R. 7389/S. 4278 |
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| “NO” Vote: | Means that we do not support the City's support of H.R. 7389/S. 4278 |
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MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS AND  
GANG REDUCTION

The City's current Coordinated Street Furniture Program expires at the end of 2021. Since 2018, the City Council, led by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, held numerous hearings and policy discussions on the topic and on November 26, 2019, authorized StreetsLA to undertake a competitive process and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a successor program, the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) (C.F. 00-1073-S1). Under this authority, the release of an RFP to solicit proposals for STAP is being considered by the Board of Public Works on November 24, 2020.

The expansion and enhancement of facilities that support public transit riders, improve bus stops, and offer wayfinding for visitors and residents alike are among the opportunities presented by the modernization of the street furniture program. The integration of digital elements into this program offers many opportunities for convenience, revenue, emergency and public service messaging, and local benefits; but it also raises the specters of potential privacy infringement, intrusively illuminated signage, and overall aesthetic diminishment. Last week, we heard similar questions and concerns from a number of community members.

These and other outstanding issues of significance require policy guidance from the City Council and, as was the expectation when the City Council last acted on this matter, must be addressed to shape the final design of the STAP and to assure the public that adequate controls are in place to protect neighborhoods and the City's interests. The deliberation and decision making on these issues must be made in a transparent fashion and be resolved before any award to operate the STAP is approved.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:

- Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways;
- A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities;
- How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement;
- Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and
- Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.

PRESENTED BY:

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BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)  
Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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MIKE BONIN (verbal)  
Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON (verbal)  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

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| File # :     | CF-20-01536   |
| Title :      | Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) / Public Engagement / Request for Proposals |
| Type :       | Public Works/Transportation   |
| City/State : | Los Angeles, California   |

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| Summary : | The West Hills Neighborhood Council board SUPPORTS the motion that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) request for proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP and report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals. |
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| Motion : | <p>Support CF 20-1536 in that Bureau of Street Services be instructed to continue the public engagement process while the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Request for Proposals (RFP) process is underway, provide a public report on the proposals received in response to the RFP, and, with assistance from other departments as necessary, report to the City Council within 60 days of receiving proposals regarding any outstanding issues that will shape the final operational details of a contract for the STAP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parameters of digital advertising and/or digital displays to ensure compatibility with their surrounding environments, traffic safety, and land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways;</li> <li>• A policy governing data collection, ownership, privacy and use from devices placed within public rights-of-way or on City facilities;</li> <li>• How advertising proposed within public rights-of-way can be governed and coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to the City and its residents and strict compliance enforcement;</li> <li>• Controls over the content of advertising within public rights-of-way or on public property and the operational means to enforce them; and</li> <li>• Strategies for capital investment necessary to maximize STAP benefits and the re-investment of program revenue into street and sidewalk improvements that facilitate safety, transit use, and mobility.</li> </ul> |
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| EP Position : |  |
| Vote :        |  |

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| “YES” Vote: | <b>YES = YES</b> on the Motion |
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| “NO” Vote: | <b>NO = NO</b> on the Motion |
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