

## **Safe Transportation & Traffic Committee**

### **MONTHLY Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 6:00pm

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL - Welcome by STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer.**

Roll Call: Pat Kramer, chair; Jon von Gunten, cochair; George Arakel, member; Susan Denning, member; and Natalie Cruz, member. Quorum achieved with five STAT members. Cindy Cleghorn joined the meeting as a STNC boardmember and an unidentified call-in user arrived at 6:57.

#### **2. Motion to approve minutes from October 2024 meeting.**

Pat reviewed the October 22, 2024 board meeting minutes. Jon moved to accept the minutes with George seconding the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **3. Chairperson's Message: Review of Tree Watering at Ralphs, STAT holiday party at Jon's - Dec. 15th, 5 p.m., should we do a mulching event in December?**

Pat said the last tree-watering event at Ralph's on November 16, 2024 went really well. All 41 trees on both sides of Sunland Blvd. from Fenwick to Foothill watered in 90 minutes. There were 14 volunteers. Pat Kramer and Natalie from this committee. one from Sierra Club, plus local volunteers.

Attendees for the STAT holiday party at Jon & Karen's home are up to a count of 8. We may need to do a mulching event in January.

#### **4. LAPD Traffic Stats for year and month.**

A resident told Pat of a traffic fatality at Foothill and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. the previous evening, but that information proved false per Traffic Officer Sal Venegas. A male was injured, not killed, and a motorist was reportedly handcuffed.

George observed that this intersection's visibility is bad, and it has frequent violators. Susan Denning encountered Officer Caloca and discussed protesters and counter protesters near that corner on Foothill by the Albertsons parking lot. Officer Caloca said it was not currently a problem.

#### **5. Updates from CD7, LADOT, CA High Speed Rail.**

No reports from any.

#### **6. Interactive Tree Adoption chart and postcards - Outreach for campaign.**

Natalie showed her interactive tree map of 152 trees in Sunland. Each tree's note is editable, but that entails opening each one to edit. We will be asking people to adopt the trees on the chart first and once that is done, we will plan to care for the trees in Tujunga by getting the agroperm removed. We will need to do a count of the trees in Tujunga to find out which still have agroperm.

## **7. Public Comments.**

**Jon** synopsized the parking problems of Tujunga resident Ed Condit on his narrow hillside street, exacerbated by terrible new delays in reaching LADOT via City Call Center. Jon recontacted LADOT's evening Lieutenant Monique Serrato, who in 7/23 eagerly offered help with local issues.

**Leny Freeman** sent Pat his report to Caltrans about Lowell onramp's ramp metering lights not working.

**Cindy Cleghorn** reported a huge traffic mess on Foothill Boulevard which Pat said was due to accident at e/b 210 at La Tuna Canyon. This is representative of our single-access problem in S-T. She also talked about the need for candidates for the STNC board and the upcoming election. There are few applications for several open seats. McGroarty Art Center is hosting a Chili Bowl event on December 7 & 8 with artists, music, food and an art fair. She also mentioned complaints about motorcycle riders at the top of Haines Canyon.

**Natalie** reported on the LA City Tree Committee she attended (Sustainability Committee). Metro railway might take out 500 trees. They must be replaced 2 for 1, but not necessarily in same area. Orange Line has allegedly done this well. KT Travers also attended. The meeting covered and discussed that we should NOT top trees, and how to trim them. She said there is an overall map of all City trees, which she promised to forward to Pat.

**8. Committee Reports:** Jon spoke about a speed sign program in Glendale. Pat said that Hamlet of Great Caesar's Banquet Hall said he's not responsible for two trees being chopped up pretty badly in front of his business. He invited Pat to come see the 100+ he says he's planted there.

From Neighborhood Watch, Jon reported that, overall, S-T crime is down, but GTA is up due to key fob cloning and leaving key in cars at stores, gas stations, schools. LAPD calls this the "Foothill Taxi Service."

**9. Next STAT Meeting: January 28, 2025, 6:00pm.**

**10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm.**