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8:00p.m.**

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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Avo, Chair
 - a. Meeting Called to Order by Avo at 8:00 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Lisa Petrus, Lindsay Imber, Tom Materna, Michael Fishman, Gregory Wright
2. Administrative: Reviewed and approved minutes of Aug Meeting. Lisa brought the motion. Avo 2nd the motion. **Approved Unanimously**
3. Comments by Public Official
 - a. N/A
4. Chair's Report: N/A
5. Presentation:
 - a. Plans for new Bike Infrastructure in Sherman Oaks:
 - i. Planning for Stress Free Connections Program by Terence Heuston. Severin Martinez and David Somers
 - ii. Severin Martinez is a transportation planner for the [Los Angeles Department of Transportation \(LADOT\)](#). Severin Martinez helps ensure that the people of Los Angeles can get around safely and affordably by all modes of travel, in ways that are both equitable and sustainable.
 - iii. David Somers is a transportation planner with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in the Transportation Planning and Policy Section. As a part of this work, David is leading efforts to adopt sustainable transportation metrics that informs how the City reviews land use and transportation projects that incentivize reliance on transit and active transportation in Los Angeles. David also helped re-write the rules to guide public right-of-way improvements, and helped develop the Mayor's Great Streets Challenge program, a participant-driven program that empowers the public to redesign their streets in the vision of complete streets.
 - b. Severin is an LADOT Transportation Planner. He worked with Street Free Connections and with the Mobility Plan of 2035. The focus was on NEN=Neighborhood Enhanced Networks: these networks look for Lower Traffic streets, with More walking and biking being done streets, and having added Greens and stormwater capture options.
 - c. The focus now is on Central city for now. They have Measured streets Stress, which means is it safe for Bike and walking. Level of Travel Stress (LTS) at intersections, looking at which intersections are safer to cross. They found that Streets with lower traffic have lower noise pollution and you get to know your neighbor and lowers stress. The Focus is on Critical Intersection. The Next Step would be Work Shops. Sherman Oaks has a few possible spots.
 - d. Public Comment: Kira Durbin

- e. Comm Discussion: Lisa asked about funds and slower streets. Severin said slow streets may become more permanent and LADOT will try to collaborate. Terrence said we need an audit. 3 steps: 1) How to connect to LA River 2) Neighborhood Networks, 3) Mobility Plan. What's politically feasible. Next step is the bike audit. Gregory said to open the tunnel from Tyrone under Ventura. David Somers, Completing networks and neighborhood streets.
6. General Comment on Non Agenda Items:
 - a. Kira Durbin: Asked who is the CD4 Rep for LACBC.
7. Discussion items:
 - a. Parking improvement Ideas: Summary of Vision Comm Solutions. Lisa gave a summary of ideas for Parking areas, such as city parking areas because they have funds to build parking lots
 - b. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project: Updates. 5 options were discussed. Public Comment. Kira Durbin. Discussion: Lisa and Gil said Oct 1st is the end of public comment. MERO is now working on the EIR. The committee agreed and voted to do nothing
 - c. Hillside Traffic: Congestion is not as bad with street signs in the hillside but traffic is back. Public Comment: Kira: Update on why we don't have traffic Cops
8. Announcements by Traffic Committee members– Lisa brought a concern about the CAC meeting, saying some attendees claimed to be speaking on behalf of the SONC. She said Jeff Hartsough sent in a written comment, saying SONC supports fair distribution. Gill said we have to follow the rules regarding who speaks on behalf of SONC.
9. Next Meeting –Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Oct 13th. Next SONC Board Meeting Sept 13th.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm