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**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Traffic & Transportation Committee**

**Dec 8th 2021
8:00 pm**

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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Avo, Chair
 - a. Meeting called to order by Avo at 8:07 pm
 - b. Roll Call: **Present:** Avo Babian, Tom Materna, Lisa Petrus, Artin Sodaify
2. Administrative: Reviewed and approved minutes of Nov Meeting. Lisa brought the motion to the floor. Tom 2nd the motion. **Approved Unanimously.**
3. Comment by Public Officials: N/A
4. General Public Comment: N/A
5. Chair’s Report:
 - a. Avo pointed out that Artin had been working remotely and advising on Parking issues, and he is joining us tonight. He will follow up on Parking issues and ideas for solutions
6. Presentation:
 - a. Parking Presentation: Presentation delayed till next month.
7. Motions:
 - a. **To Support City Council Motion 21-1132:** Relative to instructing the City Administration Office with the City’s EV Task Force, to convene a Zero Emissions Transportation Infrastructure working group made up of representatives from Various City Dept with the participation of representative from County, LA Metro and Metro link, to meet various objectives and related matters. Avo Brought the motion to the floor. Artin 2nd the motion. **Passed Unanimously.** Avo explained the details of the motion which is a push for more EV infrastructure for the future in LA.
 - b. **To have SONC Support Alternate 6 option:** in the most recent EIS Draft Report by LA METRO. Avo brought the motion to the floor. Tom 2nd the motion. **Motion Passed: 2-1-1 Yeas:** Avo Babian, Tom Materna. **Neas:** Lisa Petrus. **Abstain:** Artin Sodaify. Discussion: Lisa said she has no true preference between Alt 5 or 6, but she does see one more station in Alt 5 in Sherman Oaks, and sees the high development and density on Sepulveda as creating more riders. Tom said if it goes down Van Nuys, it will stimulate more development. So Alt 6 is less expensive.
8. Traffic Committee Buisness
 - a. Sepulveda Corridor Project: Same Discussion as above
 - b. Hillside Traffic: Apple has found that routing requests on their app are up 45% while Google has traffic down overall. What that tells me is that more people are driving yet spending less time at places (such as work), while construction is up big time. Which all in all means more traffic (still less than pre-COVID in bulk volume), restrictions are 100% effective at eliminating map app route-throughs, but lack of police interest in conducting traffic enforcement means there are no consequences for moving violations in residential areas, which is where cut-throughs occur. Which is actually an interesting sociological point.....what happens when you mix people continuing to drive recklessly (skills learned and/or perpetuated when few cars were on the road during the pandemic), rule/law fatigue, and absent law enforcement? The most obvious answer is increased violation of posted traffic signs (still, obviously, less than

pre-mitigation, pre-COVID), and at some point there may be a balancing act that organically occurs, but we're looking at an atmosphere of legal contempt which is made difficult by what appears to be apathy within the sworn community itself.

9. New Business– NA
10. Next Meeting –. Next Traffic and Transportation meeting, Jan 12th. Next SONC Board Meeting Dec 13th
11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm