

**GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)  
 AGENDA for: Monday, March 2, 2009 7:00 PM  
 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602**

**1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order Start Time:**

**2.**

**Attendance:** (please mark X=present EX=excused AB=unexcused absence:

Jay Goldberg	Craig Strong	Jack Thomas	Janice Eaton	Sol Ajalat
John Adair	Steve Hampar	Frank Banyai	Wendy Mogul	Betsy Mogul
Rob Benavidez	Alice Roth-			

**Cahuenga Street Improvement Project Ad Hoc Committee**

John Moskal-	Christine Farnon-	Mary Garcia-		
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**Guests:**

**Motion:** To Approve February 2009 Minutes.

**1.1 Action Item(s) and Response and/or Resolution in Progress**

**ONLY NEED TO DISCUSS IF ACTION/ RESPONSE/RESOLUTION HAS OCCURRED**

**1.1.1 Cahuenga Street Improvement “Downgrade segment of Cahuenga” (see detail below under section 3.1.5)**

**ACTION ITEM:**

- 11/3/2008 Terry sent to Tom La Bonge on November 3, 2008.
- 12/01/2008 Terry sent a second letter to Ed Reyes, LA Planning Chairman.
- 01/05/2009 Jay and Mary G. will write letter to Ed Reyes. Name of project is Cahuenga Street Improvements NOT Widening.
- 01 /12/2009 Jay/Gene K/Terry Davis submitted letter to Ed Reyes and CC: Tom LaBonge

**RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:**

- 02/02/2009 No answer to letter yet.
- 02/23/2009 Letter resubmitted to Ed Reyes (wrong email address first time and no response to FAX).

**1.1.2 Cahuenga Street Improvement “Traffic and speed considerations” See Section 3.1.7)**

**Traffic and speed considerations (see detail below):**

Request that the city paint a “SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING” sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga and prevent U-turns,.

- 12/01/2008 Brian Gallagher said he is issuing work orders for pavement markings. Should be done within 30 days.
- 01/05/2009 **Waiting for report from Brian**

**RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:**

- 02/02/2009 **No Action**

**1.1.3 Cahuenga Street Improvement “Cahuenga/Camarillo: No Right Turn on Red” (see detail below under section 3.1.2)**

01/20 2009 **GTLNC Board passed.**

**Motion:** That the GTLNC Board support the recommendation by DOT that would prohibit southbound right turns on a red light at the intersection of Cahuenga/ Camarillo during peak hours as determined by DOT.

**ACTION: Jay sent email to Alice Roth requesting that Brian respond to this item.**

02/02/2009

**1.1.4 Cahuenga Street Improvement “Remove sign saying Universal Studios exit @ Cahuenga off 134 freeway.” (see detail below under section 3.1.10)**

01/05/2009 Update PS&T Committee Motion to Board

01/20/2009 GTLNC Board Passed

Motion: That GTLNC to request La Bonge immediately request removal of sign directing freeway traffic to exit Cahuenga to go to Universal City. All traffic signs should show exit at Lankershim.

01/26/2009 Jay Goldberg wrote letter and send to Jerome Williams, GTLNC President for review

02/02/2009 **Letter distributed 02/02/2009**

**1.1.5** **Trash Bin Raiders** In alley by Wendy's house...noisy and man yells.

**ACTION:** Wendy draft a letter to La Bonge and send to Terry to review and email to City contacts and to cc: email to Jay, Wendy and Karen.

**01/05/2009** Issue tabled. **02/02/2009** No Action

**2. On-Going Business** (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

**2.1** **Local Crime**, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lead Officer

**2.2** **Door-to-door solicitors**- Tim Saito, Section of the City Code that requires door-to-door solicitors to carry a license.

**2.3** **Neighborhood Watch**, Steve Hampar

**2.4** **CERT Training**, John Adair Next Series starts January 14, 2009

**02/02/2009** No Report

**3. Work In-Progress Status** (Public Input limited to 3-minutes), **Brian Gallagher**

**3.1** **Cahuenga Street Improvement Project** (decimal extensions 1, 2, 3, correspond exactly with original items regarding Cahuenga Street Improvements by North and South groups)

**12/01/2008** Update In bidding process. August 2009 to start Contract Award.

**3.1.1** **Solid White Lines (Striping Plan)** to identify street parking on the west side of Cahuenga from Magnolia to Camarillo in places where the street briefly widens (example 4800 block)and is taken by drivers to be an extra lane.

12/01/2008

- Brian said this was In the "Scope" calendar of those small changes that include the drop off area in front of the school scheduled for design by 2009, executed 2010. Brian was reminded that this item was separate from the Scope matters and was asked why it had to wait. He said they can't do it now because it is "tied to Incremental changes" on Cahuenga.
- PS&T Committee asked what those incremental changes were; Gallagher said he didn't have them now but would **send a copy** of the plans to the GTLNC address, and the office could distribute it to committee members. (not received by GTLNC Office as of 12/29/2008).

**01/05/2009** **Jay Goldberg will contact Alice Roth requesting that the offer from Brian regarding the Cahuenga Street Improvement Project Plans be sent to the GTLNC office.**

**02/23/2009** **Jay emailed Alice asking that the plans be sent to the GTLNC office.**

**3.1.2** **"No Right turn on Red"** on the corner of Camarillo and Cahuenga.

12/01/2008 Update

- Gallagher agreed that visibility was too poor to make the turn on a red, and DOT'S solution was a new item that was mentioned at the last GTLNC Board meeting that of REMOVING THE CROSSWALK.
- Item was DOT'S PLAN of Crosswalk Removal on Camarillo, west side of Cahuenga. Very controversial discussions. At first Brian seemed adamant that the crosswalk must be removed in interests of traffic because he claimed that pedestrians will hold up Cahuenga's southbound vehicles making right turns. He wanted to require pedestrians on the west side of Cahuenga approaching Camarillo to cross over to the east side of Cahuenga, cross Camarillo, then cross back to Cahuenga.
- Points were made by committee opposing his questionable arguments: There are too few pedestrians to tie up traffic turning right (Brian assumed that most parents walking their children to school were coming from the south, and was told that almost all of them come from the north so don't get down to Camarillo). Also, most south-bound vehicles on Cahuenga don't turn right on Camarillo because of the long lights at Lankershim/Vineland/Camarillo, so they wait to turn right when they get to Riverside or Moorpark.

**01/05/2009**

**Motion:** That the GTLNC Board support the recommendation by DOT that would prohibit southbound right turns on a red light at the intersection of Cahuenga/ Camarillo during peak hours as determined by DOT.

**3.1.3** **(Dead issue due to cost to residents) Pedestrian lighting** on Cahuenga in dark areas.

**3.1.4. (Denied) "Photo Enforcement Signal"** on Cahuenga at the intersection of Camarillo.

12/01/2008 Update

Red Light Photo. Not enough accidents. Not enough money to do now per Brian.

**3.1.5** (See above Section 1.1.1) **Downgrade segment of Cahuenga** from Secondary Highway to Collector Street. Continuing big issue for residents in this area.

**3.1.6** **(Done) Ambulance sirens & speed.**

**3.1.7** (See above Section 1.1.2) **Traffic and speed considerations.** In October Marie A. brought up the continuing concerns over parents making U turns in front of the school; and need for "Slow/School Zone" painted on the pavement for vehicles approaching the school from the south.

**3.1.8 Cahuenga: left turn arrows:** Gallagher said they will be on Riverside, maybe Moorpark. Not on Camarillo.

**01/05 2009** No Action

**02/02/2009** No Action

**3.1.9 Permanent speed displays**

- Brian plans to install special ??? on Cahuenga at Huston, Biloxi and Whipple.
- He referred to something like at on Moorpark and Elmer, and offered to email a photo to GTLNC to distribute to Jay's Committee.
- **PS&T Committee** (GTLNC Office did not get the photo as of 01 08 2009).

**01/05/2009** No Action

**ACTION:** Jay Goldberg will contact Alice Roth requesting that the offered photo of a permanent speed display sign per Brian be sent to the GTLNC office.

**02/02/2009** No Action

**02/23/2009** Jay emailed Alice asking that the plans be sent to the GTLNC office.

**3.1.10 Universal Studios sign** needed for Lankershim off ramp on 134 fwy.

**01/05/2009 Update** Remove sign saying exit @ Cahuenga.

**Motion: That GTLNC to request La Bonge immediately request removal of sign directing freeway traffic to exit Cahuenga to go to Universal City. All traffic signs should show exit at Lankershim.**

Motion carried.

**3.2 Forman Avenue at alley:** red painting the curb (north-east of the alley)

**12/01/2008** Will get red curb on both North and South of alley

**01/05/2009** No Action **02/02/2009** No Action

**3.3 Riverside and Talofa Crosswalk** (Trader Joe's corner)

11/3/08 No Update 12/01/08 No Update 01/05/2009 No Update **02/02/2009** No Action

**3.4 Trader Joe's Alley at Forman**

The City may red paint more of the curbs for safety when vehicles leave the alley.

**01/05/2009** No Update **02/02/2009** No Update

**3.5 Camarillo and Ledge:** (North West corner) Difficult to cross in vehicle and Heidi D.-tree stump removal-sidewalk buckled

11/3/08 To Committee 12/01/08 No Update

**01/05/2009** No Update **02/02/2009** No Update

**3.6 Proposed Speed Limits (40 MPH) on Riverside between Clybourn and Van Nuys Boulevard**

12/01/2008

- Gallagher reported that the speed zone has been 35 but the limits expired, so they need another study by Valley traffic. One study showed average speed of 45, another of 40.
- He said that generally, the speed zone is determined by how fast the traffic is going, so if the study shows the average speed on Riverside is 45; city will re-set the zone to 45!!! If it's 40 that allows for radar enforcement.
- timing the traffic lights at one speed, or not timing them, does not seem to affect the speed the vehicles travel.

**01/05/2009 Update**

**Motion that GTLNC request that speed limit on Riverside Drive Clybourn and Sancola remain at 35 MPH and NOT be raised to 40 MPH.**

**ACTION:**

**02/02/2009** Reviewed by Brian Gallagher subsequent to meeting at CD-4 with City Staff, Toluca Lake Homeowners Association Representative, Chamber of Commerce and Jay Goldberg by cell phone.

**02/23/09** Jay emailed Alice asking if any further action (letter) is needed from GTLNC.

**3.7 Ponca Stop sign on Moorpark and Ponca S/W corner.**

11/06/2008 Request four-way stop signs needed.

**ACTION ITEM:** Betsy M. asked Alice Roth to pursue the request regarding the installation of four-way stop signs on Moorpark and Ponca.

11/2008 **RESPONSE AND/OR RESOLUTION:** City denied.

**12/01/2208** **Moorpark and Ponca shrub blockage problem**

Brian will refer to Urban Forestry to take out the parkway shrubs that are blocking visibility.

**01/05/2009** No Update

**02/02/2009** City approved.

**3.8 Paty's crosswalk at Riverside/Clybourn** Discussion, Bob Greene, Owner of Paty's

**01/05/2009** Item on PS&T Agenda

**Recommendation: That Brian Gallagher explores solution-possible flashing light.** Carried.

02/02/2009

**4. New Business (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)**

**4.1** Need a GTLNC Public Safety & Traffic Committee Member to track monthly Accomplishments (per GTLNC Executive Committee) that will roll into the year end GTLNC Accomplishment Report for all Committees and Board actions that will be posted on the website and used in the GTLNC Newsletter.

02/02/2009

**4.2 Median at Forman/Clybourn**, Neville Harrison

**4.3 Chairperson needed:** for April 6<sup>th</sup> PS & T meeting  
and someone to give PS & T Report at GTLNC March 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

**5. Event/Meeting Calendar**

**5.1 Earth Day** (Environmental Affairs Committee April 19<sup>th</sup> 10 AM-1 Pm)

**5.2 FYI MTA/Universal Development Plans AKA River Walk** See GTLNC website for updates [www.gtlnc.org](http://www.gtlnc.org) (Home page and/or Planning Committee page)

**6. Wrap-Up and Close Meeting**

**Meeting Dates for 2009:** (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) **NEXT: April 6**

**Time:** 7:00 PM **Location:** 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Toluca Lake, California 91602

**7. TICKLER FILE: (to be followed up and reviewed at a future date)**

**7.1 Camarillo and Clybourn** Adding a traffic signal

11/3/08 No Update      12/01/08 No Update      01/05/2009 No Update      **02/02/2009**      **No Action**

Neighborhood Council Meeting Agendas are posted for public review: Discovery Shop bulletin board on west wall, Ramsey-Shilling Real Estate, 10205 Riverside Dr.; Toluca Lake Car Wash, 10515 Magnolia Blvd.; North Weddington Park Recreation Center-Bulletin Board; North Hollywood Public Library, as well as on the GTLNC Web site [www.gtlnc.org](http://www.gtlnc.org).

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