



Minutes
BABCNC Virtual Traffic Committee Meeting on Zoom
Thursday June 9, 2020 7:00pm

1. Call to Order & Welcome to the Group – Chair, Irene Sandler, called meeting to order at 7:09
2. Committee Roll Call: Attending were the following committee members:

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Irene Sandler, Chair	X		Robin Greenberg	X	
Larry Leisten	X		André Stojka	X	
Wendy Morris	X		Gail Sroloff	X	
Pamela Pierson, MD	X		Patricia Templeton	X	
Leslie Weisberg	X		Maureen Smith	X	
Patricia Murphy	X		Joyce Page	X	
Philip Enderwood	X		Maureen Levinson	X	

3. **Introduction of Non-Committee Attendees:** Virginia O’Brian, Natalie Maysh, Moclief Miner, Graham Green, Jarrett Thompson, Madelynn Taras, Ellen Evans, Captain LaTonya Allen (LADOT ticket enforcement) and Tim Fremaux (LADOT Sr. Transportation Engineer, Valley and Western District). Robert Schlesinger came online at 8pm.

4. **Approval of June 9, 2020 Agenda:** André moved; Gail seconded, all approved.

5. **Approval of February 13, 2020 Minutes:** Minutes from February 13th were amended to reflect that Pamela suggested having a stop sign installed on eastbound Mulholland at Nicada, not on Nicada at Mulholland where there is already one, to reduce the number of serious accidents at that intersection. The amended minutes were approved with 3 abstentions, Wendy, Philip and Maureen Smith. Irene noted that Cathy, our wonderful office manager broke her wrist and will have surgery on Thursday. All wish her a speedy recovery to full strength; Wendy took notes for the minutes in her stead.

6. **General Public Comments**

7. **Chair’s Report – Irene Sandler**

8. **Representatives of Elected City Officials/Agencies Present:**

- CD4 Madelynn Taras, Deputy Representative for Councilmember David Ryu
- CD5 Jarrett Thompson, Deputy Representative for Councilmember Paul Koretz
- Update on Re-routing of WAZE Traffic During an Evacuation Follow-up of motion by Paul Koretz in 2017, following local state of emergency of Creek and Skirball fires on December 5 and December 6, 2017 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-1407>
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Western Area, Captain LaTonya Allen
- Tim Fremaux, LADOT Sr. Transportation Engineer, Valley and Western District

Gail asked Jarrett for an update re Red flag Fire days and general No Parking signs that have gone missing. He indicated a request has been sent but no reply received to date. Since Captain LaTonya Allen was here, attention was turned to agenda item 12 re parking and party houses, out of order.

9. Two Council File Updates RE: Waze – Philip Enderwood

- Mobile Mapping Applications (Apps) / Impact to Neighborhood City Streets / Reduce Hazards / Feasibility Report

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0304>

- Waze GPS Navigation Software Application / Re-Route Traffic Violation / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Ordinance Amendment

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-1213>

Discussion of Council File 18-0304 re LADOT's ongoing discussions with digital mapping firms. The Pilot for Sherman Oaks was not done because WAZE wouldn't cooperate, and others also refused. Tim said the digital maps firms will incorporate any street changes that he sends them but will not modify their program for "us". Bob asked if WAZE pays attention to the no L or R turn signs posted. Tim said – in theory, yes. Philip will do a Webinar and make it available to us regarding use of WAZE and open platforms.

10. Links to "Slow Streets" Program:

Application: <http://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-slow-street-your-neighborhood>

Map: <https://navigatela.lacity.org/slowstreets/>

FAQ: <https://ladot.lacity.org/sites/default/files/documents/slow-streets-faq.pdf>

11. Discussion & Possible Motion on Slow Streets: Re view, possible approval of application with LADOT's Western District to roll out Slow Streets to the BABCNC territory. Homeowners associations and other not-for-profit entities are welcome to submit closures on their own. – **Philip Enderwood**

Philip and Patricia led discussion. Patricia said only "local" streets are eligible. LADOT and NC and City Council will work together to decide which requests are selected. Individuals cannot submit, but there is no preference given to a NC submission over an HOA submission. Larry spoke about a slow street section of Walgrove, not a local street but it may not have had a slow street sign and it could be a section that only goes a couple of blocks before ending. Madelynn noted that CD4 has not had any streets reviewed. Mountainous terrain is not suitable.

[8:30 – Larry and Madelynn left the meeting.]

12. Discussion & Possible Motion on Parking for Party Houses to address cars illegally parked for parties, which negatively impact access for residents' and emergency vehicles.

Captain LaTonya Allen, with parking enforcement, took comments and questions regarding parking and party houses. Patricia also asked about the red curb extension and parking signs needed on Roscomare up near Mulholland. She replied as to these concerns, that while she is over parking enforcement, what we are asking about is in the purview of district engineering. We can email her at latonya.allen@lacity.org and she will work on it with engineering.

Philip noted that Party Houses are causing major traffic obstructions by parking everywhere, very unsafe. Cpt. Allen replied that this is an LAPD issue; need to work with the SLO. Philip replied that this issue has been under discussion with the SLO since October 2017. Cpt. Allen requested an email on this so she can follow up with Captain Tom at LAPD.

Irene noted that temporary no parking for construction is also a big problem. Answer: For blocked driveways call 213-485-4184 all hours all days and they will respond. Same for any unsafe conditions but if it is just regular parking then they must have a no parking sign there to ticket.

Madelynn confirmed that for other non-safety parking issues, if the signs have been removed, they cannot ticket; the code on the signs is needed for the ticket. The person responsible for posting the signs has to call to say the signs have disappeared and request more. There is a catch 22 here plus Tim Fremaux acknowledged that they are way behind/overworked so don't hold your breath for signs to pop back up and be sure to file a police report about the missing signs.

Bob Schlesinger confirmed that DOT knows where all the signs should be and how long a red curb section should run. Patricia asked Tim for a copy of this information so we can run a check. Tim said it is not in a readily digestible format.

Jarrett said for missing signs send your Field Deputy the location and issue and they will forward it to the correct division. Cpt. Allen said if there is an ongoing problem at a particular time/day, send her an email and she will try to get an officer there at that time.

It was noted that the problem is enforcement. Would a Preferential Parking District (like Westwood has) help? Every time you want to have more than two cars of friends over you have to apply for, pay for, and get additional temporary permits. Bad actors will just park there anyway if they want so all you are doing is harassing the locals. Not so easy when there aren't "blocks". "SWAY" house and the like were discussed. It is illegal to use a residential building for commercial purposes. This may eventually help us.

13. Discussion & Possible Motion: To submit a letter to the Mayor supporting any effort of City Council requesting that City Employees be scheduled on shifts and continue teleconferencing work to perpetuate the benefits of less traffic, cleaner air, and an improved quality of life. – Pamela Pierson, M.D. André moved, Wendy seconded, and the 9 committee board members still there all voted yes. Those members were: Robin, Irene, Wendy, Pamela, Leslie, André, Gail, Patricia, and Nickie.

14. Discussion on Auto Racing on Beverly Glen and other canyons in the BABCNC: Virginia O'Brian spoke about the out of control racing and donuts on Mulholland at Beverly Glen. She and her neighbors call LAPD West non-emergency number, 310-444-0701, every time but they never respond in time. Whitcliff and Mulholland is also a bad spot, per Maureen Smith. Mulholland and Roscomare gets its share of racing also. Ari Gold (formerly of PSP) is the head of this group, called "Ari and Cars." They have a twitter and web presence and are being "followed." Hard to catch up to and then it will take a lot of tickets before it makes a difference to them. Best is to mitigate by using obstructives in the street. Yellow candlesticks at M x BG may help and Jarrett is working with Tim to see if this can happen. A rumble strip could also work, but they are noisy so disruptive all the time. Patricia requested to Tim for yellow candlesticks at Mulholland westbound for the turn onto Skirball. This needs a follow up email.

15. Discussion: Use of Electronic This is Your Speed Signal Beverly Glen– Ed Cain
Asked about these signs, Tim responded that the electronic speed signs only help slow traffic a little and they are costly and prone to breaking down.

Pamela asked Tim Fremaux about having two (2) left hand turn lanes at Mulholland and Skirball. André noted this intersection is so bad in the morning he never even tries. Patricia said it can take her half an hour to get to the freeway onramp from Roscomare & Mulholland. Jarrett requested an email about this problem.

16. Update & Discussion Following Meetings on Airport Noise Abatement – Wendy Morris
After the meeting in February, the TF voting members submitted almost 100 individual recommendations to HMMH, the facilitator, who consolidated them into 19 recommendations to be voted on at the March meeting. Then COVID hit and the March meeting was delayed until May 6th and 7th for 3.5 hours each night over ZOOM. 16 recommendations were agreed upon. A very brief summary is that the pain should be shared equally, no community should bear the brunt of the burden, and things should go back to how they were in 2007. The consultant said he would get the recommendations letter ready to be sent out by the end

of the following week, which was May 15th. However, as of today, June 9th, the letter has still not been sent to the FAA. The Encino Neighborhood Council Airport Committee thinks a joint letter from the various NCs south of the 101 in support of the 16 Task Force recommendations and seeking urgency in getting the short-term actions implemented immediately will help. Wendy concurs. This will be added to the BABCNC agenda for the June 24th BABCNC meeting.

17. Update & Discussion on Sepulveda Pass Transit Project – Irene Sandler

18. Report by Committee Members on local concerns and possible solutions, follow up to previous items

19. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Notes for minutes were prepared by Wendy Morris.

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