



Encino Neighborhood Council

(A Certified Neighborhood Council)

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NOTICE AND AGENDA ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday September 15th, 2025
4:45PM, Via Zoom**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Traffic & Transportation Committee Members:

Laure Stevens* (Co-Chair) **Present**
Diane Rosen* **Present**
Roy Nwaiser* **Present**
Rachel Perry* **Present**

Stakeholders:

Laurie Kelson (Co-Chair) **Present**
Ryan Levey **Not Present**
Amy Kanarek **Present**
Lissa Morrow **Present**
Chuck Hand **Present**

Alternates:

Vicki Jarvis **Not Present**
Jess Whitehall **Not Present**
Pilar DeFreest* **Present Seated for Ryan Levey**

* Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate, no more than 5 Encino Neighborhood Council Board-Members or Alternates may be seated at a time to vote during a committee meeting

1. **Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. Determination of quorum. Meeting Called to order 4:47PM**
2. **Code of Civility and meeting rules. Comments by Co-Chair Laurie Kelson, reading of Code of Civility**
3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies. Denton Cohen, CD4 Present - Update on Traffic Cut Through Traffic Mitigation Plan for Encino Hills; project is in funding stages, Signage to be ordered as soon as funds are transferred to LADOT.**

4. **New Business – Motion, Discussion and Voting may be taken on all items:**

- A. **CalTrans Presentation - Amestoy Pedestrian Bridge Renovation and Louise Avenue overpass.** Caltrans Public Information Representative Colleen Park, Project Manager and Design team will attend and provide a presentation on the proposed renovation project for the Amestoy Pedestrian Bridge. [MAP LINK](#)

Presentation from Caltrans team on pedestrian bridge renovation project.

Project Materials & Presentation:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:7fd9667c-b067-47e8-bc47-c5b5612f51db>

See meeting zoom recording for presentation from Caltrans:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gsxGHahSY6P20L3h7jnRYHalCr-MlrTNxIw4yYLbyq6-3AcZ8PUBnmo9ftOHLko.8fT0YXfViSGPK25I?startTime=1757980317000>

Some information/bullets Discussion of CalTrans current community survey..information provided by Caltrans: on the project:

- Update Letter From Caltrans: [Update Letter](#)
- As a Department that serves the people of this district and the state of California, one of our goals is to develop an integrated transportation system that provides reliable and accessible mobility for all travelers. Since their construction in 1958, the Amestoy Avenue and Louise Avenue bridges have not been updated. This project was initiated after inspections found that the bridge railings for both structures need to be updated to meet current standards, as well as needing improvements to curb ramps to meet accessibility standards. The project has a webpage with current information: tinyurl.com/amestoyovercrossing
- **The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)** has expressed official support in favor of maintaining the pedestrian crossing at Amestoy Avenue. LADOT's Transportation Planning & Policy division conducted a connectivity analysis to measure the impacts of removing the pedestrian bridge, and found its removal would greatly impact connectivity to hundreds of jobs for thousands of Encino residents, as well as impacting access to one school.
[LADOT Report on Amestoy Pedestrian Bridge](#)
- Caltrans will keep the community informed as we evaluate this project addressing pedestrian connectivity across U.S. 101 in Encino, which is programmed for work in **2028**. It is currently in the Environmental Phase (Phase 0) which can take a year or more, and involves public input, as well as studies, documents, and processes required by state and federal law.
- **An online survey is available here:** <https://tinyurl.com/amestoybridgesurvey>. The survey will remain open until December 31, 2025. We do not want the community to feel limited in the time they have to give comments. There will be ample time and opportunities to give feedback.
- There will be environmental scoping meeting/s this fall, likely both an in-person event and virtual. We will do outreach for a month in advance to raise awareness and give the entire community enough notice to attend.

Discussion and questions. The project will take approximately 3 years to complete. Demolition of the bridge is not being considered at this time. Concerns were voiced about fire hazards and lack of maintenance by Caltrans of vegetation on the side / shoulder of freeway. Landscaping to be designed with fire safety in mind and deterring homeless camping under the bridge.

Louise Avenue upgrades were also discussed. Making pedestrian walkways ADA compliant and adding a bike lane.

- B. **Updates on the Encino Hills Traffic Survey and Cut Through Commuter Traffic Mitigation plan.**

[Traffic Calming Survey Information Link](#) [Traffic Calming Responses Link](#) **Update from Denton Cohen 4 Stages, funding being transferred.**

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items are limited to ONE MINUTE (1) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's

discretion. Public calling in, please press *9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those that are using the Zoom Webinar please use the raise your hand feature to speak.

7. **Committee members comment on non-agenda items.**

8. **Adjournment. 5:38PM**

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(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

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