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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, January 22, 2026
4:00 PM, Via Zoom**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

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 **Present**

Amy Kanarek **Present**

Lissa Morrow **Present**

Chuck Hand **Present**

Alternates:

Vicki Jarvis **Not Present**

Jess Whitehall **Not Present**

Pilar DeFreest* **Present Promoted to panelist**

* 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 4:05PM**
2. **Code of Civility and meeting rules. Comments from Chair Laurie Kelson**

3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies. Denton Cohen CD4 Encino Field Deputy / Silva Abramian DOT Present.**
Denton Cohen with CD4 Reported that 2 speed humps were installed on January 12th on Genesta Ave. In front of Encino Charter Elementary.
4. **New Business – Motion, Discussion and Voting may be taken on all items:**

- A. **Updates on the Encino Hills Traffic Survey and Cut Through Commuter Traffic Mitigation plan.**
[Traffic Calming Survey Information Link](#) [Traffic Calming Responses Link](#)
- **Denton Cohen CD4 Reported that the mitigation plan is under way, turn restriction signage has been ordered and signs will be installed by end of February is the tentative timeline. Link to website is above with the map of turn restrictions.**
 - **MAP:**
https://www.google.com/maps/@34.1462359,-118.5002198,3948m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!6m1!1s1I98qC2wOGEhVkkGJ0A9ESJjFcMv1ZdY?entry=tту&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDEyMS4wIKXMDS0ASAFOAw%3D%3D
 - **Timeline for tactical trial was discussed, feedback survey, ENC T&T will review questions on the survey. Need for outreach from residents. How the survey feedback will be used and the feedback will be used in the next phases of the traffic mitigation plan.**
 - **Discussion about stop sign on Calneva and Alginet Drive.**
 - **Discussion about how survey data will be collected.**
- B. **Discussion and possible action to support the proposed traffic mitigation plan near Chic-fil-A at White & Ventura Intersection. The drive through at the Chick-fil-A restaurant has been an ongoing problem causing traffic congestion at the intersection of Ventura & White Oak. There are some proposed solutions that have been presented to the DOT.**
- a. **Extend white lane divider line approximately 30 feet to the south to maximize use of two northbound lanes on White Oak south of Ventura Blvd per design plan for Chick-fil-A traffic consultant (Jano)**
 - b. **Eliminate the pedestrian crosswalk on east side of Ventura/White Oak to mitigate the impacts of right lane traffic backup on northbound White Oak because vehicles cannot turn right because of pedestrians using that crosswalk AND the current situation is extremely unsafe for pedestrians because most vehicles turn right even when pedestrians are still within the crosswalk (LAPD does not have resources to consistently and regularly enforce Vehicle Code violations). This mitigation measure, which will allow all vehicles to either turn right or go straight in the right lane will significantly improve the flow of northbound traffic on White Oak and be SAFER for pedestrians who can still access the south side of Ventura by using the crosswalk on the west side. This was done at Hayvenhurst and Ventura and it works for the benefit of northbound traffic flow, right turns and improved safety for pedestrians. This is supported by the Chick-fil-A traffic consultant.**
 - c. **Adjust signal timing as appropriate to facilitate northbound traffic on White Oak and alleviate the backup into the residential neighborhood, This is also supported by Chick-fil-A traffic consultant.**
 - **Current Status: The case (ZA-2017-4754-CU-SPPA-SPP-PA 1-1A) is under appeal, with the Encino Neighborhood Council voting unanimously in September 2025 to support the revocation.**
MOTION: The ENC TRAFFIC/Transportation Committee approves the following additional traffic mitigation measures jointly requested by Chick Fil A and EPOA.
 1. **Extend dividing lane white line northbound White Oak approx 30 feet to better provide two traffic lanes**
 2. **Eliminate east side pedestrian crosswalk to allow vehicles to turn right (East) onto Ventura Blvd and eliminate backup of vehicles**
 - 2a. **(ZA-2017-4754-CU-SPPA-SPP-PA 1-1A)ENC no longer supports the removal of the drive thru if the 3 traffic mitigation recommendations are implemented.**

3. Adjust signal timing to allow more time northbound White Oak as needed.

Kelson/ Stevens. Vote: 8 Yes /1 No / 0 Abstentions

Stevens- Yes / Kelson- Yes / Nwaisser -Yes / Kanarek -Yes / Hand -No / Morrow -Yes / Levey -Yes/ DeFreest - Yes / Rosen - Yes.

C. Discussion: SAFRR State Alliance for Fire Road Regulations & Encino Traffic Evacuation Plan.

- a. Discuss the need for a robust evacuation plan for Encino in the event of a large-scale wildfire especially given the severe traffic congestion. Perhaps working with SAFRR.

<https://www.firesaferoadregs.org/public-safety>. **Speaker Wendy Sue Rosen / SAFRR**

And discuss:

A City Council motion [25-0848](#) made by Traci Park was approved in October 2025 that asked for a 30 day study on the evacuation capacity of our streets so we would be in compliance with [AB 747](#), a state law that required these studies to be done at least every eight years. The city has never done an AB 747 capacity study and so far we have not seen a report back on the council motion. **Revised Council File 25-0848**

- [AB 747](#) (2019) is a California law requiring cities and counties to update their general plan safety elements to include detailed analyses of evacuation routes for disasters, focusing on their capacity, safety, and viability under various emergency scenarios like wildfires. This mandate pushes local governments to move beyond just listing roads, using data-driven modeling and expert input to ensure realistic, effective evacuation plans for residents, especially in high-risk areas.
What AB 747 Requires

- Safety Element Updates: Local general plan safety elements must address evacuation routes for hazards like fires and geologic events.
- Route Analysis: Jurisdictions must identify, map, and analyze evacuation routes, assessing their:
 - Capacity: How many people they can handle.
 - Safety: Identifying potential bottlenecks or hazards.
 - Viability: How well they work in different emergency situations.
- Integration: Cities can use existing hazard mitigation plans or emergency plans to fulfill these requirements by summarizing and referencing them.

Discussion about the need for a wide scale emergency evacuation plan for areas of Los Angeles and Encino especially prone to wild fires, but this would apply to other emergencies that would require evacuations. The revised council file has been attached to the minutes which references other areas of Los Angeles and applies to council districts other than CD11. T&T Committee recommends supporting the City Council Motion with a CIS. ENC encourages Nithya Raman to support the CF and include strong language to include all the hillside, fire prone areas, in CD 4.

Motion: The ENC Traffic & Transportation supports the Revised Council File [25-0848](#) and recommends supporting the City Council Motion with a CIS. ENC encourages Council Member, Nithya Raman (CD4) to support the motion and include strong language to include all the hillside, fire prone areas, in CD 4.

Motion Made: Kelson / Stevens 2nd 8 Yes / 0 No / 1 Absent

Vote: Stevens -yes / Nwaisser -yes/ Kelson -yes / DeFreest -yes / Rosen -yes / Hand -yes / Levey -yes / Morrow -yes / Kanarek -Absent

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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7. Committee members comment on non-agenda items.

Nwaisser reminder about ENC Homelessness Townhall 02.05.2026

Update on parking enforcement on Ventura Blvd. during rush hour & anti grid-lock enforcement.

Community member voices concern about safety at intersection of Lousie & Burbank

8. Adjournment. 5:10PM

Announcements: Please see the Encino NC [website](#) for announcements of other events and to join our mailing list.

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