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**Granada Hills North NC Board Meeting
at Saint Euphrasia School Auditorium,
11766 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills, 91344
Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible Board action

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome/Introductions/Calendar.
- B. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies
- C. Public Comment on non-agenda items (limited to two minutes).
- D. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.
- E. Motion to approve the February 5, 2018 Board meeting minutes.
- F. Executive Committee
 - 1. Update from Ad Hock office search Committee.
 - 2. Motion to require that any time a city department or a city authorized entity undertakes any project that will cause an unusual traffic, safety or hazardous situation in any community, the City should mandate that such department shall give a minimum of 90 days notification to the NCs in the affected areas and also affected neighbors, so any relevant issues can be addressed by the Community.
 - 3. Motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for additional promotional Emergency Preparedness items.
 - 4. Motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 for Outreach items.
- G. Treasurer Report: Brian Allen
 - 1. Motion to approve the January and February MERs.
- H. Planning and Land Use Committee Report: Kyle Ellis
- I. Citywide Issues Committee Report: Sid Gold
- J. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report: Keren Waters
 - 1. NC Election planning update.
 - 2. Motion to approve May 11, 2019 for our next Shred event.
- K. Public Safety Committee Report: Ray Pollok
 - 1. Motion to purchase approximately 1,000 reflective green safety snap bands with GHNNC logo and website address to replenish our depleted stock. Cost not to exceed \$1,200
 - 2. Motion to allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for up to \$1,000 in support of the 12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on or about Saturday, October 12, 2019. (see attached application).
 - 3. Motion to send a letter to CD 12 and LADOT asking for a written response as to why there has been no action on the 5-1-2018 motion from GHNNC on a traffic study needed for the GHNNC area and the 11-6-2018 motion on No Turn Signs onto Balboa. (attachments 1 & 2)
- L. Emergency Preparedness Report: Bill Hopkins.
- M. Board member Comment on Non-Agenda Items.
- N. Adjournment

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR AL CONCEJO VECINAL 3 DÍAS DE TRABAJO (72 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR CONTACTE A GHNNC, at 818 923-5592.

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE

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To: Councilmember Englander
Council District 12

Sent Via Electronic Correspondence

From: Board of Directors
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Date: November 20, 2018

Regarding: Placement of Signs to Alleviate Traffic Congestion in the
Granada Hills Community

Dear Councilmember Englander:

At Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council's November 06, 2018, General Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted 13-1 (with 1 abstention and 1 ineligible) in favor of adopting the recommendation and report of its Public Safety Committee regarding the placement of 'No Left Turn' and 'No Right Turn' signs in specified locations in the Granada Hills Community.

Pursuant to this motion, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council has drafted this letter requesting that you favorably consider the attached recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Ellis
Secretary
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Enclosure

Motion to the LADOT and CD12 that signs reading “No Left Turn 4-7 PM except Saturday and Sunday” be placed on the following feeder streets where they intersect the west side of Balboa Blvd.: Westbury Dr., Lisette St., Tennyson Pl., Orozco St., Sesnon Blvd., and Timber Ridge Dr. Also on sign reading “No Right Turns 4-7 PM except Saturday and Sunday” be placed on Woodley Ave. where it intersects the east side of Balboa Blvd. Mapping attached.

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Sent Via Electronic Correspondence

From: Board of Directors, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Date: May 03, 2018

Regarding: Neighborhood Traffic Concerns in Granada Hills

Dear Sir or Madam:

At Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council's May 01, 2018, Board Meeting, the Board passed the following resolution regarding traffic conditions in the Granada Hills North Neighborhood:

Motion for the City to conduct a full-fledged traffic study of the GHNNC area by no later than the end of the year in order to find ways to reduce gridlock and traffic on neighborhood streets.

The vote was unanimous with fifteen in favor. Pursuant to this motion, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council has drafted this letter requesting that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation conduct a traffic study, and develop methods to reduce the negative traffic conditions affecting our community.

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council anticipates addressing this issue in future meetings, and will send any additional comments, suggestions, and requests as they are adopted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Ellis
Secretary
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Removing Gridlock on Residential Streets in Granada Hills

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Adopted by the PLUM Committee on May 23, 2018



Image Credit: Palo Alto Online¹

The Problem

Into the already problematic situation of increased numbers of cars on City roads, increased population, and lack of viable public transportation options, new transit applications have made it possible for frustrated drivers to make their commutes slightly faster by avoiding the impacted freeways and driving through residential streets. Although the time saving is minimal, the people engaged in this type of activity still view it as preferable to experiencing the exact same (or slightly worse) gridlock on freeways. Unfortunately, the gridlock on local streets creates a significant detriment to the people living in those communities, where residents no longer have easy access to local amenities, emergency services take longer to respond, and frustrated commuters imperil children, the elderly, and other residents by driving dangerously in their pursuit of a faster commute.

¹ From the December 16, 2016, article by Sue Dremann "Gridlock frustrates local drivers and residents," available at: <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2016/12/16/gridlock-frustrates-local-drivers-and-residents>

Suggested Solutions

Long Term – The only identifiable long-term solution is to develop a regional transportation system that takes large numbers of commuters off the road, making freeways the best option for car transit. The type of capital construction needed to move the 10 million residents of Los Angeles County will not be able to affect any change in the short run, and so different solutions are necessary to measurably impact the problem while we wait for the MTA to figure out what projects need to be constructed and perform the construction. Even with these significant impediments:

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council recommends that the City take all reasonable actions to design, build, and begin operations for rapid public transit projects serving to link Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale with urban centers in Los Angeles.

Short Term – Additionally, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council has identified several possible actions the City could take now to mitigate the issue of our neighborhood streets being used as replacements for the impacted highways in the short term:

First. (Traffic Controls) – Placing no turn signs that prohibit left-hand turns into neighborhood streets from Balboa Boulevard during periods of high use and reducing the amount of cars able to enter neighborhood streets through the timing of traffic signals.

Second. (Physical Barriers) – The City should also make driving through residential neighborhoods less enticing for commuters through the placement of physical barriers. Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council recommends that the City place speed bumps in the internal neighborhood streets and rumble strips along Balboa and Sesnon Boulevards. Additionally, while we acknowledge that bicycle lanes, and dedicated bus lanes (with physical separation between the public roads to prevent cars using the bus lanes) may also play some role in reducing the amount of commuter traffic on the roads, the community has not identified them as improvements that would significantly reduce the commuter traffic on the residential streets.

Third. (App Modification) – The City should meet with the companies developing the applications that route commuter through residential roads and modify the software to help reduce the numbers of people on residential streets.

Fourth. (Public Transit) – The community considers local public transit as the least useful option for resolving the issues of commuter use of residential streets. Nevertheless, hyper-local public transit is another way to look at the problem by reframing it in terms of access issues for local residents & emergency services, and as a possible way to reduce the new hazards presented from the large number of commuter vehicles on residential streets.

By modifying the delivery of transit services to (1) significantly increase the availability of local public transit during rush hour, (2) redesign how transit is delivered on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis in order to emphasize access to local services and amenities (i.e. grocery stores and parks), and (3) provide dedicated public

transportation lanes/corridors that can only be used by transit and emergency services in order to guarantee good service.

In theory, if presently impacted roads featured dedicated bus lanes, all buses ran on a 10 minute schedule during the hours of 6AM to 9AM and 4PM to 7PM, and the busses ran in relatively short loops within the neighborhood that emphasized access to local services and amenities, then residents would have a viable option for accessing those services regardless of gridlock. These changes would need to be paired with some type of advertising campaign and possibly free ridership in order to inform and entice people to use the improved system. Additionally, the City could make the free ridership specifically tied to one or two routes that only run internally within the neighborhood, and either make that local service entirely free or free to residents of that neighborhood – fares for travel occurring between neighborhoods or on a regional basis could be increased to make up for this type of program.

Conclusion

In summary, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council recommends:

- The City make all reasonable efforts to more quickly build rapid public transit from the communities of Santa Clarita, Palmdale, and Lancaster direct to the urban centers in Los Angeles, including but not limited to Downtown, Santa Monica, Hollywood, and Woodland Hills.
- The City place additional traffic controls such as ‘no turn’ signs along Balboa Boulevard to reduce the numbers of cars entering residential streets during high-traffic hours.
- The City place speed bumps on residential streets in the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council area.
- The City place rumble strips on Sesnon Boulevard.
- The City meet with the software developers who create driving applications and develop a software modification that reduces the number of cars on residential streets.
- The City conduct research to explore the feasibility and utility of a free, hyper-local public transit service for residents of Granada Hills that would allow them to travel during high-traffic hours.