

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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Mr. Brian Gallagher
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RE: Request for DOT Left-Turn Studies on Foothill Blvd. at Oro Vista Avenue and
Mt. Gleason Avenue Intersections

Dear Brian,

On behalf of our stakeholders, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) would like to formally request an investigation and traffic engineering assessment, specifically for left turn arrows being added to existing traffic signals at two major intersections in our community. The requested intersections are Oro Vista Avenue and Foothill Boulevard and Mt. Gleason Avenue and Foothill Boulevard for east and west drivers traveling on Foothill Boulevard.

Both intersections experience heavy traffic volume between 7:00am-9:00am and 3:30pm-7:00pm. Both intersections are highly accessed by driving, cycling and walking pedestrians. Having left turn traffic signals for the traffic traveling Eastbound and Westbound on Foothill Boulevard will greatly improve the safety of our residents utilizing them. Traffic flow would also be positively affected.

The Sunland-Tujunga population has grown steadily over the past 10 years and traffic volume has increased right along with it. The increase in the number of auto collisions on Foothill Boulevard has been massive. This year alone there have been 10+ auto collisions on Foothill Boulevard and more tragically, there was a fatality at the McVine/Foothill Blvd. intersection in October 2013. Yet, there have been no modifications or upgraded traffic signals to better handle the increase of traffic volume. The last traffic signal upgrade in Sunland-Tujunga was for the addition of a left turn arrow to the signal at the Sunland Boulevard/Fenwick intersection, petitioned for by our then sitting Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.

Oro Vista Avenue/Foothill Blvd. Intersection

- On September 24, 2014, a very bad accident occurred at this intersection between a motorcycle and a car. The motorcycle rider ended up under the car and was fortunate to not have been seriously injured.
- Our current STNC board Secretary was involved in an accident (another vehicle hit hers) when trying to make a left-hand turn in 2014
- Intersection has a high volume of pedestrian traffic between the hours of 7:00am – 9:00pm.

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Mt. Gleason Avenue/Foothill Blvd. Intersection


- Back in 2012 the STNC requested that DOT perform a study on this intersection for the purpose of adding left turn arrows for all Foothill Blvd traffic. The recommendation from DOT was to add a “no left turn sign” for north-bound traffic on Mt. Gleason. This change did nothing to address the left-turning eastbound and westbound traffic on Foothill Blvd at the intersection.
- Westbound traffic on Foothill Blvd is in a down-hill mode before this intersection, therefore arriving at and traveling at a higher speed through it; making it extremely dangerous when attempting to make a left hand turn during the above-mentioned rush hour times.
- One of our current STNC board members disclosed that he almost lost his life in an accident at this intersection in 2005. Another board members’ close family friend was hit straight on when attempting to make a left hand turn back in 2010.

Our STNC Region 4 Representative, Maureen O’Byrne, collaborated with a local resident, Lynne Robin Green to create an online petition (at thepetitionsite.com) to support our cause specifically. A copy of the final petition is enclosed for your review and has 124 resident stakeholders signatures of support.

In conclusion, the STNC fully supports the community request of adding left turn traffic signals to both these intersections and would like to formally request that DOT conduct left-turn traffic studies at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your support and assistance in making our community a safer place to reside in. Please let us know when you are able to complete the studies so we can schedule a presentation to the community.

Sincerely,



Mark Seigel
President
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilman Felipe Fuentes, Council District 7

TO THE CITY AND TRAFFIC DIVISION OF SUNLAND TUJUNGA

thank you for signing this..OUR PETITION and desires to get this done--are NOW at the Dept of transportation .SUNLAND TUJUNGA .YES!

	Name	From	Comments
1.	Lynne Robin Green	tujunga, CA	THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS IN SUNLAND TUJUNGA. PLEASE JOIN ME IN TELLING OUR CITY PLANNERS THAT WE URGENTLY NEED THESE 2 LEFT TURN SIGNALS AT THESE (2) IMPORTANT CRUCIAL INTERSECTIONS. PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE OUR CITY MUCH SAFER!
2.	Meghan Jenks	Tujunga, CA	
3.	Paige Thatcher	LVT, CA	
4.	Joe Barrett	Tujunga, CA	
5.	Michael Higby	Sunland, CA	Difficult, unique and unsafe intersection, left turn signals will help to calm traffic and reduce collisions.
6.	Jill Adams	Tujunga, CA	
7.	Charlotte Yerke	Sunland, CA	
9.	Thomas Boehm	Nürnberg, Germany	
10.	Anita Hunsaker	Tujunga, CA	
11.	Eugene Rapposelli	Tujunga, CA	
12.	nicole causey	tujunga, CA	
13.	Margaret Ritchie	Sunland, CA	
14.	Tim Cheung	Vancouver, Canada	
15.	Maureen O'Byrne	Sunland, CA	
16.	patricia hood	sunland, CA	
17.	Milena K	Serbia, Serbia And Montenegro	
18.	Rebecca Stoker	Glendale, CA	
19.	Judy Talamantes	Pomona, CA	This is a very dangerous spot, please install a left turn light at this intersection.
20.	Patricia Pieropan	Sunland, CA	
21.	Gail Carlson	Tujunga, CA	

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22.	Robert Forsberg	Tujunga, CA	
23.	Nanci Roberts	Shadow Hills, CA	
24.	Chantel Gray	Sunland, CA	
25.	Kittie Lessa	Tujunga, CA	
26.	Brenna Conlon	Sunland, CA	
27.	Jackie Sanders	Sunland, CA	
28.	Melinda Eubanks	Tujunga, CA	
29.	dagmar karin dag	Buenos Aires, Argentina	
30.	Liliana Sanchez	Tujunga, CA	Thank you for being the voice of concern in our community.
31.	Coleen Scaggs	Sunland, CA	
32.	Henry Weinberg	Santa Barbara, CA	
33.	Doreen Carrillo	Sunland, CA	
34.	mauricio carvajal	Santiago, Chile	
35.	Laila Lawyer	Tujunga, CA	
36.	Christina Cormier	Sunland, CA	I have seen very dangerous driving at both intersections with people trying to make a left while waiting 3 or 4 lights just to a make a turn. Mount Gleason is very busy with the school and people heading into the canyon. Ora Vista has an incredible amount of traffic heading into the canyon at all hours.
37.	Perry Gorrell	Tujunga, CA	
38.	dianne kemble	Sunland, CA	
39.	Shirley Shimek	Sunland, CA	
40.	Ed Meares	Tujunga, CA	
41.	Renee Hart	Sunland, CA	
42.	Aida Baghdasarian	Sunland, CA	
43.	Christine Hodges Huck	Arleta, CA	I grew up in Sunland/Tujunga and visit it often. We need left-turn signals to make it safer to turn at the 2 locations cited.
44.	Melissa Reischman	Tujunga, CA	
45.	Tami Alamillo	Sunland, CA	
46.	Joie Hancock	Sunland, CA	
47.	nancy killian	sunland, CA	
48.	Suzan Macgugan	Tujunga, CA	
49.	Ana MESNER	Ljubljana, Slovenia	

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50.	Karen Zimmerman	La Crescenta, CA	Left hand turns on Foothill Blvd. are not easy when a left hand turn signal is not available: They are particularly difficult AND dangerous at Oro Vista and Mt. Gleason. My family and I urge the city to help motorists and their passengers by creating left hand signals for these two intersections.
51.	Rose Roma	Austin, TX	
52.	Grant Ackerman	Sunland, CA	
53.	Matt Walker	Tujunga, CA	
54.	Roberto Meritoni	Asso, Italy	
55.	Wendy Manson-Myers	Los Angeles, CA	
56.	shari halvorsen	Bellingham, WA	
57.	John Forbes	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	
58.	Susan Dennis	Tujunga, CA	
59.	Maethese Cassar	Gudja, Malta	
60.	Serdar Murat	Vienna, Austria	
61.	Alexandra Squiers	Tujunga, CA	This is a simple way to prevent accidents.
62.	jennifer Zapp	Sunland, CA	
63.	Cassie Wagner	Tujunga, CA	This needs to be at all intersections through the Sunland/Tujunga Corridor. I believe is much safer for bicyclists and pedestrians too.
64.	Keith Wagner	Tujunga, CA	
65.	Gayle Lundquist	Sunland, CA	
66.	Carole Osgood	Tujunga, CA	
67.	Crystie Ventress	Sunland, CA	
68.	Edmund Novy	Tujunga, CA	
69.	Kylie Robertson	Clontarf, Australia	
70.	Karen Jarvis	Tujunga, CA	
71.	Sofia Rosales	Tujunga, CA	
72.	Monica Minjares	Tujunga, CA	
73.	Misty Tamburelli	Burbank, CA	
74.	Heidi Geyer	Shadow Hills, CA	
75.	Allan Roman Reyes	Sunland, CA	
76.	johanna Villard	Tujunga, CA	
77.	Jakub Kousal	Libstat, Czech Republic	
78.	Maria Pavlou	Attiki, Greece	

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79.	Judy Young	Sunland, CA	
80.	nancy shannon	Sunland, CA	It will save lives
81.	nelly luboff	tujunga, CA	
82.	Laci Hooven	Alverda, PA	
83.	Sheila Andrews	Tujunga, CA	We have too many accidents on Foothill Bl. We need these safety measures.
84.	Ginger Hill	Lyman, SC	
85.	Candy Peak	Burbank, CA	We would appreciate these turn signals to keep us safer!! - Candy Peak, Realtor-Broker PEAK Real Estate Network (CalBRE Lic: 00983698)
86.	Deborah Kitsch	Sunland, CA	
87.	Karl Kitsch	Sunland, CA	
88.	larry robertson	tujunga, CA	
89.	Kirstin Hedblom	Sunland, CA	
90.	Julie Huffman	Sunland, CA	We could also decrease the speed limit on Foothill, for that matter! 40 mph in front of Ralph's seems weirdly excessive!
91.	Deirdre Dowling	Sunland, CA	At Oro Vista and Foothill during rush hour times, it is almost impossible to make a left-turn, people run the light all of the time, it is a really bad intersection that needs a left turn arrow signal. Thanks for listening!
92.	Aileen Trombatore	Sunland, CA	
93.	Marica De La Lastra	Tujunga, CA	
94.	Jennifer Saterpelon	Tujunga, CA	
95.	Christina Gomes	Tujunga, CA	
96.	Alan Garner	Sunland, CA	
97.	Dana Stangel	Sunland, CA	
98.	Kristine Allen van Meter	sunland, CA	
99.	Victor Cassara Jr	Tujunga, CA	
100.	Virginia Gonzales	Sunland, CA	
101.	Silvia Ascencio	sunland, CA	
102.	Mindy McElhone	L.V.T., CA	
103.	Victor Cassara Sr	Sunland, CA	
104.	Ruth Cassara	Sunland, CA	
105.	shyla culver	Sunland, CA	
106.	Doug Chapin	Shadow Hills, CA	

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107.	tina parma	sunland, CA	
108.	Marlene Head	Sunland, CA	
109.	Amber Sandoval	Sunland, CA	
110.	Charles Morris	Sunland, CA	
111.	Kathy Butterworth	Sunland, CA	
112.	S Eshbach	Sun Valley, CA	
113.	Charla Knapik	Tujunga, CA	
114.	Olivia Bull	Sunland, CA	
115.	Eryn Severino	Sunland, CA	
116.	Theresa Stanley	Sunland, CA	
117.	Kurt Koesler	Shadow Hills, CA	
118.	Katherine Kean	Tujunga, CA	
119.	Wendee Lee	LA, CA	
120.	Velia Moore	Denver, CO	
121.	Sabrina Sanchez	Sunland, CA	
122.	LIUSKA RINCON	tujunga, CA	
123.	Karen Harlan	Tujunga, CA	
124.	Virgie Halteman	Sunland, CA	