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**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
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**SPECIAL General Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, September 19, 2024  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228409581>  
Meeting ID: 872 2840 9581  
7:15 PM**

Every person wishing to address the Board virtually may join by clicking on the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89206524158> or by dialing (669) 900-6833 or (888) 475 4499 and entering Web ID # **872 2840 9581** and then pressing #. When prompted by the presiding officer to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Public comment on any agenda item will be limited to 1 minute per person and a total of 30 minutes unless adjusted by the presiding officer. Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the "General Public Comment" period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

**This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).**

1. Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President
2. Roll Call
3. **Discussion / Action:** that STNC approves Draft Letter of support for the Arizona crossing. Support is for the City of Los Angeles, California's grant application for the Oro Vista Culvert Replacement at Big Tujunga Wash Southern Steelhead Passage Planning Project, which is being submitted to the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's FY 2023 National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage) Grant Program. Draft Letter attached.
4. Adjourn.

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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 SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (669) 444-9171, and enter **872 2840 9581** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to **TWO** minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(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.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

***The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder***

***volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities. Unless otherwise specified, all items on the meeting agenda are for Discussion and Possible Action and may be taken out of order at the discretion of the President. This is an online virtual meeting, please understand that there may be some connection delays from time to time.***

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September 5, 2024

**DRAFT**

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
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Gloria M. Shepherd, Executive Director  
Federal Highway Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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RE: City of Los Angeles FHWA Culvert AOP Grant Application for the Oro Vista Culvert Replacement at Big Tujunga Wash Southern Steelhead Passage Planning Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg and Director Shepherd,

COMPANY NAME is pleased to support the City of Los Angeles, California's grant application for the Oro Vista Culvert Replacement at Big Tujunga Wash Southern Steelhead Passage Planning Project, which is being submitted to the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's FY 2023 National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage) Grant Program.

This planning project will explore alternatives for replacing the culvert at Oro Vista Avenue to promote fish passage for the endangered southern steelhead species. This upstream location currently presents a significant barrier to aquatic connectivity between the Pacific Ocean and the southern steelhead's upstream spawning habitat. In addition to concerns for aquatic organism passage, local flood risk and the culvert's declining structural integrity warrant investigation into improving the infrastructure.

The Project will support NOAA's Southern California Steelhead Recovery Plan that aims to recover anadromous steelhead and ensure the long-term persistence of self-sustaining wild populations of steelhead, and ultimately to remove the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. Southern steelhead runs have experienced sharp declines, and they are now the rarest and most critically endangered steelhead population on the West Coast.

#### HOW THE PROJECT WILL BENEFIT OR AFFECT YOUR ORGANIZATION

Identifying the best design solution for the culvert and conducting the necessary permitting and planning will further the City's progress towards project construction, which will benefit fish passage, reduce flood risks and improve transportation access for the area's communities. I urge you to consider the City's application to assist with funding this vital project.

Sincerely,

Lydia Grant, President, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
cc: Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez