

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee
SPECIAL STAT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00PM

1. Call to Order: STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:12pm. Our job is everything traffic and transportation in S-T. Trees add shade and cooling and may slow traffic.

2. Roll Call/Quorum of three achieved with:

Pat Kramer, chair
Jon von Gunten, cochair and minutes
George Arakel, member

Also attending: Ricardo Flores, Senior Area Representative from CD7

3. Chair's Message:

Pat announced that after 12 years of forming this committee with co-chair Jon von Gunten, she will step down as of December 2016. Whether or not this committee continues will be based on whether other members join and take on a leadership role.

Pat reviewed the upcoming Community Volunteer Event on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026. Ricardo Flores, from CD7, set up this event and we are expecting 25 – 35 UCLA students at 9:00 a.m. to water trees. Our regular volunteers will still show up at 7:30am to get started, while it is cool.

Ricardo said he wants to ensure his volunteers are clearly directed and not standing around. Pat will direct all parties while Ricardo and his two staff members will assist in set up, filling water jugs, and getting coffee & refreshments.

George Arakel said he would be there and bring Armenian pastries. Jon will also attend and be a volunteer driver for the students.

4. Approval of the June 2026 STAT Minutes.

Tabled for the October 2026 meeting.

5. LAPD, LADOT, CD7 Ricardo Flores updates:

Ricardo says LADOT is re-stripping Foothill in Sunland and Tujunga. They are also trying to synchronize signal lights to slow down traffic along the nearly 5-mile-long corridor.

A new lefthand turn signal is in progress on Foothill at Oro Vista.

Pat asked whether he knew about the new Council approved motion to change the process for requesting speed humps. Ricardo did not know about it but said he would check into it. Pat pulled up the ordinance and read the new stipulations which do not allow resident stakeholders to request speed humps or speed bumps but rather, allow LADOT to determine where they will be located based on traffic stats.

6. New law re: speed humps

Speed Hump rules changing so that LADOT will no longer accept applications from public. Speed-hump placement decisions will be "data-driven" and prioritized by need.

Jon voices doubts that it will in fact be stat-driven, but speed humps will go to LADOT and City employees' friends. Pat says there won't be adequate input re the streets' needs. George's experience agrees.

Jon asked what stage of consideration the motion was at. Ricardo said it was finalized in Dec. 2025.

7. Traffic Pocket Card distribution

Pat has the new flyers or pocket cards available to anyone who wants them. Jon handed out perhaps 60 at National Night Out. While Pat received two new requests for tree adoption, it was determined that they came from Melissa, not from NNO.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Neighborhood Watch Updates and Sal Venegas stats – Jon – accidents/fatalities

Jon said he would email Sal Venegas and get the latest stats.

b. Outreach to Armenian community using cards for Tree Adoptions – George

George says he's watching carefully the traffic signal at Foothill and Tujunga Canyon Blvd. which needs a left turn lane going E/W on Foothill as cars cannot get across oncoming traffic. On another note, the manager of TileMax has promised to water the trees by his store and parking lot.

9. Public Comments – Non agenda items. None.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm.

-Minutes by Jon von Gunten-