

## STAT Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2022!

1. **Call to Order:** STAT Chairperson Pat Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: A quorum was established with five STAT committee members: Pat Kramer, Jon von Gunten, cochair; Barbara Rowe, Leny Freeman, and George Arakel. Also attending were: STNC board member Belinda Woodruff, VHHS Leadership Club member Tyler Johnson, STNC board member Cindy Cleghorn, and an unidentified visitor.
2. **Vision and Purpose:** Pat stated the purpose of the committee: to optimize traffic/transportation safety and other factors, primarily along Foothill but also feeder streets.
3. **CD&, LADOT and LAPD:** Last communication from City was Eve Sinclair's March email encouraging stakeholders to adopt trees and listing the City's effort to help trees survive. They have been doing an inventory of our trees and will be working on 1,000 trees in Tujunga this summer and another 1,000 in Sunland in the next fiscal year: pruning, planting, and removing dead trees. Pat shared a map of trees inventories that was a part of this email. Its data is from Urban Forestry Department, but document's origination date is unknown.

Pat was told that Michael Schneider is lobbying for Vision Zero at many NCs in the City. Vision Zero includes engineering efforts such as bollards and traffic barriers. Sylmar is already getting "vision zeroed" along Foothill Boulevard which is causing massive slowdowns and traffic backups. This fits right in with City's Vision Zero plans, which are one-size-fits-all and are largely inapplicable here, due to this corridor's single main street ingress and exit.

LAPD Traffic Officer Joel Flores sent stats of traffic deaths, hit and runs, and other traffic accidents throughout the Foothill Division and the City. We are up 100% for the most recent four weeks measured, as compared to last year. Several LAPD divisions had had more fatalities than we did though. We discussed the results and lacking a legend for Offc. Flores' stats, interpretation was uncertain. K=Killed. A=Accident. TC=Traffic Collision.

Cyclista Babz says she'd feel safe cycling in S-T, partially thanks to our many stop signs and bike lanes.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Pat read the February 2022 minutes: **(Leny/Barbara) moved approval of the Feb. 2022 STAT meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.** There was no meeting in March.
5. **Public Comments**  
Cindy Cleghorn mentioned the STNC Meet and Greet this Saturday at 10:00 AM at Backdoor Bakery. There will be a Diversity Training for all NC members as approved by a City ordinance. She also announced the Crescenta Valley Park Country Fair this weekend.
6. **Billboard Discussion:** At our February meeting, Jerry Sherman brought up the possibility of up a slow-down billboard paid for by insurance companies or the insurance industry. Jon vG suggested we call vehicle insurance agents to compare our rates to other areas. Most agree to do so. Aim is to correlate greater safety to lowering auto insurance rates. Jerry was not present for discuss so no action was taken. We can also check whether our insurance companies would like to help us fund

a traffic-safety billboard? Start with: "Do you think fewer traffic accidents would benefit your agency?"

**7. Committee Reports:**

George Arakel asked which parts of Foothill are most dangerous. Pat says that going downhill is always dangerous, and that going west past Joselito's is a well-known dangerous curve. Leny asked who exactly installs bollards, etc. Pat responds it's LADOT.

- 8. Future Tree-Centered Event:** STAT will organize another largescale tree mulching event for June 11st with STNC participation and the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club. Pat is requesting funding of \$350.00 from STNC for mulch. Outreach has also requested funding for refreshments. **(Leny/George) moved to approve this STAT Committee event on June 11, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.**

- 9. Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30PM.

-Minutes by Jon von Gunten-