

Minutes of Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Safe Traffic and Transportation (STAT) Committee 24 March, 2026

1. Call to Order.

6:19 on Tuesday, March 24th, by Pat Kramer, President

2. Roll Call/Quorum.

Pat Kramer, Chair

Jon von Gunten, Cochair

George Arakel, member

Cindy Cleghorn, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Secretary

3. Chairperson's Message: Traffic Tickets, Traffic Pocket Card, Adding new STAT members.

Re traffic/speed cams in Los Angeles. Pat read from Pico Neighborhood Council, Nolan Thomas, Sustainability Committee chair about upcoming traffic cams:

"It was approved. Authorized LA and four other cities. Were allowed 125 such cams, distributed evenly. Use laser to detect 11 mph over limit, photograph and send ticket to registered owner. Part of problem is lack of enforcement. Speed cams may help, equitably. Speed is a major factor in causing accidents and worsening their results. Tickets are \$50 for just over limit. Moneys will go to traffic-related improvements. Data privacy is rather strict. Cannot be used outside of DoT. San Francisco saw 72% reduction in speeding at measured intersections."

Jon related that our one traffic cam will be installed on Foothill at Newhome, east of Sunland on/offramp of 210.

George said we need some indicator telling drivers that someone is about to cross street, as he's seen in Glendale. Useful at schools and into evening and night. Pat said we should request this light up crosswalk via Ricardo and CD7.

Traffic Violation Pocket Card: Language could be:

"Are you driving safely? Traffic safety helps keep YOUR family safe, too!"

As big as a playing card, laminated. Need art work. Use as outreach, at NNO. Give anonymously to scofflaw drivers. Include an explanatory plug for STAT.

Seemingly, only STAT, Outreach and Land Use are active STNC committees.

Pat reviewed the contest that Damian Kevitt of SAFE started a Street Art Safety program. Film, posters, etc. see at: www.streetsareforeveryone.org/

They have free PSAs which Pat will get permission for us to use.

Dante suggested a float for the July 4th parade with "Adopt A Tree" program.

Jon has heard—per verbal data, NOT confirmed!—that CD7 won't waive the \$14K parade permit fee, and DOT will charge \$8K for usual cleanup. Bearing these unexpected costs for the first time will likely kill off the parade—on America's 250th Birthday.

4. Approval of the Feb. 2026 STAT Minutes.

Pat moved to approve, Jon seconds. Passed unanimously.

5. CD7 Ricardo Flores recommendations: New tree locations.

Pat has list of 18 trees from Ricardo. Most are in Sunland. Jon and pat scoped out half of the locations where empty tree wells have been approved for new trees. Now we just need businesses or people to commit to watering them.

6. Plans for a Traffic Town Hall in May at NVCH. On hold temporarily.

Some weekday night for two hours.

Pat will ask Ricardo, who is currently on vacation, so he's temporarily unavailable. April 18th Earth Day outreach to public at Finn Park. City departments, exhibits. Parking at Von's.

April 4th Tree Watering at Ralphs in Sunland.

8. Tree Work Days and Next tree care event: April 25th.

9. Plans for a Field Day to Valley traffic. On hold temporarily.

10. Outreach to businesses on tree adoptions. George is canvassing Armenian owned businesses.

11. Committee Reports:

Jon to email Venegas 15th of each month for traffic stats.

NW Updates and Sal Venegas stats – Jon – accidents/fatalities

Jon delivered info from Neighborhood Watch: "Part 1" (serious) crimes are down, but burglaries from homes, stores and vehicles are up.

George took photos at 7-11 at Tujunga Cyn / Foothill intersection. There's only adequate time at that light for two cars to make the left turn. He will take a video.

Promos for our committee/Tree locations – Dante – laminated cards.

Outreach to Armenian community using cards for Tree Adoptions - George

10. Public Comments: Jon suggested this idea for tree cards:
"With you, a tree will live. Without you, it will die."

11. ADJOURNED: 7:23 p.m.

Minutes by Jon von Gunten