

Special STAT COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00PM

1. **Call to Order at 6:00pm** by STAT chairperson Pat Kramer
2. **Roll Call: Quorum of 3 achieved with** Pat Kramer, Jon von Gunten, and George Arakel. Also attending: Cindy Cleghorn, STNC Secretary.
3. **Chairperson's Message: Tree Watering 5/31, New Tree Locations**
Meet at S-T Welcome Garden, Sunday at 7:15 to help. It is on Foothill, west of Ralph's on Fenwick in Sunland. The goal is to water 75 trees. The south side is doing better than the north side. Pat has promoted it on Facebook.
Pat expressed concern over Dante Calvo's three absences. While Dante has been helping offline with our STAT committee flyers, his absence endangers our quorum.
4. **Approval of the April 2026 STAT Minutes:** Jon moved/George seconded approval of the April 2026 minutes. The motion carried.
5. **LAPD/LADOT/CD7 update:**
Pat has asked Ricardo Flores, CD7 Deputy, about his attendance at the Traffic Town Hall. He has not confirmed yet. But LADOT is coming and possibly LAFD.
For future tree waterings, Luther from Classy Jewelers has offered to sponsor the water for an upcoming event. Deborah from Back Door Bakery has said they will provide croissants. STNC will provide \$75 for refreshments.
6. **Plans for a Traffic Town Hall June 10, 2026 (Committee assignments)**
 - 10 Jun, 4-6PM, Elks Club. Lydia Grant will buy the pizza. STAT Cmte will show up at 3:30 to set up.
 - Jon will follow up with both SLOs, Traffic Officer Sal Venegas, and new Velley Traffic Captain Johnny to attend. We will do a lot of promotion so we can take note of any stakeholder issues.
 - We need to reinforce to LADOT and CD7 that we don't want Vision Zero nor bike lanes, road diets.
 - We aren't couriers for others' complaints; they must show up and express clearly what they've witnessed.

Issues:

- Would medians on Foothill Blvd. work?
- Jon said bike lanes encourage aggressive drivers to drive in center and left turn lanes to

speed by slowed traffic.

- George reported the intersection Foothill and Tujunga Cyn Blvd. is badly engineered for W/B drivers on Foothill turning left onto Tujunga Cyn Blvd. Pat asked George to present this at the Town Hall.
- Kids on e-bikes/scooters blow red lights and stop signs throughout S-T.

7. S-T Parade: Tree Adoption float.

The latest news is that the parade will go on.

8. Traffic Pocket Card Approved: Plans to translate into Armenian & Outreach to businesses on tree adoptions.

Pat showed George the draft that still needs edits implemented.

George will translate it into Armenian for the reverse side.

It needs an STNC logo, too.

9. Committee Reports:

a. NW Updates and Sal Venegas stats – Jon – accidents & fatalities

Jon related that Tujunga has the lowest Part 1 (serious) crimes in LAPD's Valley Bureau, Sunland has second lowest!

- b. Promos for our committee:** George will hand out the pocket cards to Armenian businesses. George said TileMax managers have committed to watering trees.

10. Public Comments - Non agenda items

Cindy: STNC is sponsoring the Pride event at Sunland Park, Saturday 13 June, 12-4pm and Pat committed to attending.

11. Adjourn, 7:05.

Minutes by Jon von Gunten