

# Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council



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DATE February 19, 2007

TO: Fidel Ramirez  
North Valley Regional Budget Representative  
Sylmar Neighborhood Council

Vas Singh  
North Valley Regional Budget Representative  
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

FROM: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC)  
Cindy Cleghorn, Chair *Cindy Cleghorn*

SUBJECT: STNC Position on the 2007-08 Mayor's Regional Budget Survey

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council met on February 19, 2007 and adopted the following formal position in response to the results of the Mayor's Budget Survey for the north valley and requests that you make this position known to the Mayor in your meeting with the Mayor on February 24, 2007.

The Sunland-Tujunga Community supports the following budget priorities, and has additional specific concerns regarding the Mayor's 2007-2008 budget which are detailed below.

## Budget Priority No. 1: Infrastructure

The STNC concurs with the results of the north valley regional budget survey results indicating that Infrastructure should be the Mayor's number one budget priority in the Sunland Tujunga community, and requests that specific attention addressed to the following areas:

- Enhanced Residential Street Repair (see attached STNC Street Services Recommendations of December 2005)
- Re-engineer streets / intersections that within 6 months need work again

## Priority No. 2: Public Safety

The STNC concurs with the results of the north valley regional budget survey results indicating that Public Safety should be the Mayor's number two budget priority in the Sunland-Tujunga community, and requests that specific attention be given to the following areas:

- Provide more Traffic Enforcement
- Provide more Patrol Officers

### Priority No. 3: Transportation

The STNC concurs with the results of the north valley regional budget survey results indicating that Transportation should be the Mayor's number three budget priority in the Sunland-Tujunga community, and requests that specific attention be given to the following areas:

- Conduct a new overall traffic study of the Sunland-Tujunga area based upon the fact that the Sunland-Tujunga area is geographically isolated with extremely limited ingress and egress routes. Include the impact of traffic on wildlife in this traffic study.
- Synchronize critical traffic lights in order to slow speeding traffic on Foothill Boulevard and standardize the speed limit on Foothill Blvd.
- Install left turn lights at critical intersections on Foothill Boulevard.
- Enhance bus service within the area, specifically by providing a DASH along Foothill Boulevard through the Sunland-Tujunga community.

Additional Budget concerns of our community do not easily fall within the general categories covered by the survey, but which never the less should be addressed in the Mayor's budget process. These are:

1. The community is concerned and wants better Code Enforcement
  - The community feels that a pattern of weak code enforcement by the City has resulted in an epidemic of out of control developers having their way with the community while the City's code enforcers do not appear to be interested in performing adequate reviews of plans or permits and rarely eyeball the real world conditions on the ground by leaving their offices and driving out to our community to look at the locations concerned. This has resulted in buildings designed to circumvent the City's building ordinances being constructed while the code enforcers at the Department of Building and Safety only discover "after the fact" that the violations have occurred.
  - Our community has become littered with derelict cars cluttering our streets as well as private properties in the community.
  - Our community requires faster response times to neighborhood complaints regarding suspected code violations. Example: 10360 Mt. Gleason in Sunland.

- Our community experiences numerous illegal signage code violations and change of use / use and occupancy code violations; when the community reports these violations the City often does not respond at all or responds after months of complaints.
2. The community requests that the Mayor fulfill commitments made to Sunland-Tujunga by the City in the past few years to staff the North Valley City Hall (NVCH) with representatives from the Departments of Planning, Building and Safety, Transportation, Recreation and Parks, Police, and the Office of the Mayor. Office facilities for all of these departments were built-out in the NVCH several years ago with appropriate office equipment, and these desks and offices await the staff that was promised.
  3. The community requests that the Mayor increase the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's budget so that DONE can, on a citywide level, expand its capacity to perform its educational and outreach responsibilities.

cc: Wendy Greuel

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December 29, 2005

Woodrow Fleming, Service Coordinator  
Department of Public Works – Bureau of Street Services  
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Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for bringing to our attention the urgency of submitting our recommendations for Street Resurfacing/Reconstruction. After attending the December 16, 2005 meeting with Mr. Robertson, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) held an urgent Special Meeting of the STNC board on December 29, 2005. The STNC has reviewed the Assessment Summary provided by your office, physically surveyed several streets in our neighborhoods and voted unanimously to adopt recommendations as shown on the enclosed four pages.

The STNC therefore requests that the Bureau of Street Services consider our eight priority recommendations and survey review report attached.

STNC Street Resurfacing/Reconstruction Priority recommendations:

- 1 – Hirendelle from Las Plumas to Valaho .09 mi. – Reconstruct
- 2 – Valaho from Foothill to existing concrete .10 mi. – Reconstruct
- 3 – Sherman Grove from Jayseel to Kyle .07 mi. – Reconstruct
- 4 – Apperson from Marcus to Glory .06 mi. – Reconstruct
- 5 – Day St. from Glory to Haines Canyon .10 mi. – Resurface
- 6 – Sherman Grove from Wentworth to Jayseel .25 mi. – Resurface
- 7 – Glory from Day St. to Apperson .14 mi. – Maintenance Overlay
- 8 – Hillrose between Oro Vista & Sherman Grove .22 mi – Resurface

In addition to the above priorities, the report includes notes regarding the condition and/or concerns of other sites. Should you require any additional information, please contact Mr. Richard Pozzo, Design Advisory Committee Chairman at 323-666-5316 or myself (number listed below).

We are looking forward to working with on the many street repairs needed in our community. The STNC will continue to monitor and report areas of concern in the year ahead. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this process.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Cleghorn*

Chairman  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
818-353-7135

encl: STNC Street Services Road Survey

copy to: Councilmember Wendy Greuel

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Total Non-Reconstruct distance - .71 mi.

Total Reconstruct distance - .32mi.

*Intersections that need attention:*

Day St. & Pali - .07 Resurface

Haines - Glory - Apperson - .07 Reconstruct

Aminita & Day - .07 Resurface

Mt Gleason & Wentworth - .07 Reconstruct

The big curve on Oro Vista represents a problem – repair solution unknown.

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### Recommendations for some proposed streets:

*Esteban Way* from Verdugo Crestline – it is recommended that the developer seeking to build 6 parcels be required to mitigate the current road.

*Verdugo Crestline* – recommended that this road be capped for dust abatement or mitigated by developer of Canyon Hills project as a fire service Rd.

*Valmont E. of Briedt* – recommended that this be capped for dust abatement.

### FINDINGS

19809 – *Alley SO Hillrose* - dirt track between 2 houses services only 2 or 3 home owners. Needs complete construction for .10 mi.

1931 – *Covert* from Day St. to Tokay .07 mi. Last part of recently finished rd. Not severe relative to other requests. Question as to why it was not finished with the rest of the street. Engineering issue?

*Marcus* from Tujunga Canyon to Foothill – not severe at all, relative to other requests.

*St. Esteban* from Tujunga Canyon to Haines Canyon to Commerce. There is no doubt that this street needs serious attention however in all likelihood, fixing it would eat up the entire budget and more.

*Plainview* from Mt. Gleason to Le Burthen & Tujunga Cyn blvd. Listed as needing resurfacing this stretch will require reconstruction in at least some places as well at .37 mi.

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FINDINGS (cont.)

*Parson's Trail* from Pinyon to cemetery. Needs reconstruction for .26 mi. Services few residents relative to other streets.

*Silverton Ave.* between Apperson & Wyngate. Needs resurface but not badly enough relative to other street requests.

*Marcus North* from Apperson to dead end .10 mi. Street is only half there and truly needs attention BUT services relatively few people.

*Mt. Gleason* from Plainview to Big Tujunga Cyn blvd. .5 mi. Slope below the road needs to be engineered and stabilized before money is spent on road repair.

*Oro Vista @ the curve.* Rippled badly for .15 mi. Needed repair not listed in Road services book.

*21172 Owens St.* from McVine to Oro Vista .2 mi. Not that bad except for gutter crossing the end of the street.

*Kyle St. EAST of Oro Vista .12 mi.* – Street needs reconstruction but services relatively few people as it is short and *not* a thru street.

*Kyle St. West of McVine .10 mi.* – Dead end St. not nearly as bad as the above. Most of the damage seems to be from bad work after Sewer repairs. There is a drainage issue at the end of the road which should be examined before any money is spent on road repair.

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20843 – *Hillrose* from DE W/O Oro Vista .10 mi. Dead end road needs repair but it is *not* a thru street and seems to be little more than a parking lot for an apartment bldg. Drainage issue needs to be resolved as well before fixing the road.

*Hillrose* from Sherman Grove to Oro Vista @ 2.5 mi. needs work but is not severe relative to comparable roads.

It will be noted that the recommendations form connected stretches in 3 different areas of the city.