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October 26, 2017

Attention: Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Elected Officials

At our October 26, 2017 board meeting the Sylmar Neighborhood Council (SNC) voted unanimously in support of the attached Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council's (STNC) letter requesting that the LADOT and elected officials take the following actions on Foothill Boulevard between Sunland Park to the east and Wentworth Street to the west: 1) immediately remove the bollards and barriers and, 2) restore that section of road back to its former two lanes in either direction.

Our communities (Sylmar, Lake View Terrace, Sunland-Tujunga) are all prone to large-scale fires and other natural disasters, and we share the 210 Freeway as our primary emergency evacuation route. As the 210 Freeway has a history of closures during such disasters, alternate/secondary evacuation routes are essential to ensure the safe evacuation of our communities. For the community of Sunland-Tujunga, the aforementioned section of Foothill Boulevard serves as their secondary evacuation route. The SNC stands behind the STNC in its request, which seeks to avoid unsafe traffic conditions, such as those which occurred recently during the La Tuna Canyon fire evacuation.

Respectfully.

President

<u>Attachment</u>: Copy of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's 9/17/2017 letter to the attention of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Elected Officials

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