

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council



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Attention Department of Transportation and elected officials

On behalf of the stakeholders in Region 1, the community of Sunland-Tujunga and in reaction to over 1000 petition signers throughout our local Foothill communities, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Transportation and all agencies related to traffic control in the City of Los Angeles, be notified to immediately remove the bollards and barriers starting at Foothill Boulevard by Sunland Park going west to Wentworth Street, with complete restoration of two lanes of traffic in either direction.

These recommendations come after experiencing the recent La Tuna Canyon firestorm which closed down the 210 Foothill Freeway at Sunland Boulevard for days and forced tens of thousands of motorists onto a single lane in either direction East & West on Foothill Boulevard while thousands of residents were fleeing their homes due to mandatory evacuations.

Based on the extreme difficulties caused by the reduction of lanes on our only main thoroughfare from the installation of seldom-utilized bike lanes; and taking into account the hours of delays and gridlock traffic caused by the lane reductions during this emergency disaster; and based on how these very concerns were expressed to our City officials and Department of Transportation reps when the lane reductions took place earlier this year – specifically, our concerns about how the single lanes would cause gridlock to motorists and impact our emergency services in a disaster; and based on the occurrences of at least three traffic accidents in this same area of Foothill Boulevard during the fire as motorists were trying to get out quickly we are requesting immediate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Krystee Clark".

Krystee Clark

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council President

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council voted to support this motion letter at their public meeting on September 13th 2017