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# HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL JOINT COMMITTEE\* MEETING: HOLLYWOOD BOWL & NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS

#### **AGENDA AND MEETING MATERIALS**

MONDAY MAY 9, 2022 7PM - 8:PM (1.5 HRS)

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- 5. Area 4 (Hollywood Heights/Hollywood Blvd)
- 6. Area 5 (Outpost/Caheunga West)
- 7. Area 6 (Nichols Canyon/Runyon Canyon/Wattles Park)
- 8. Area 7 (Spaulding Square/Hollywood-Sunset Flats)

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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order by Joint Committee Meeting Chair: Chris Wintrode
- 2. Approval of February 9, 2022 Minutes (see Attachment 1: Minutes): Kyrstin Munson
- 3. Introductions (see Attachment 2: Key Stakeholders): Chris Wintrode
- 4. Summary of Joint Committee Objectives and Activities Since Last Meeting (see <u>Attachment 3</u>: Objectives and Activities): Chris Wintrode
- 5. Overview of the neighborhood area in discussion (see Attachment 4: Maps): Brian Dyer
- 6. Review the Endorsed List of Issues (see <u>Attachment 5</u>: Issues Identified and <u>Attachment 6</u>: <u>Pictures Submitted by Neighbors</u>): Chris Wintrode
- 7. Prioritize the Endorsed List of Recommended Solutions (see <u>Attachment 7</u>: Prioritized Solutions, <u>Attachment 8</u>: Traffic Officer Locations, and <u>Attachment 9</u>: Legislative Request Form): Chris Wintrode

**Motion:** The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC) Joint Committee on Hollywood Bowl & Neighborhood Traffic Implications recommend forwarding the prioritized list of solutions identified to the HHWNC Board for recognition and endorsement at the next Board meeting.

- 8. General Public Comment: Chris Wintrode
  - a. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. No discussion allowed. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.
- **9.** Adjournment: Chris Wintrode

#### **Attachment 1: Minutes**

# Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC) Joint Committee Meeting re: Hollywood Bowl and Neighborhood Traffic Implications Wednesday, February 9, 6:00 PM MINUTES

- 1. Meeting Called to Order Chris Wintrode
- 2. Introductions of Attendees Chris Wintrode
  - a. LA Philharmonic and Live Nation: Angela Babcock,
  - b. LA City Council District 4 Nithya Raman's Office: Mehmet Berker, Rachel Fox
  - c. LA City Council District 13 Mitch O'Farrell's Office; Hannah Cho
  - d. LA Department of Transportation: Brian Gallagher, Bhuvan Bajaj
  - e. LA County District 3 Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office, Fernando Morales, Rachel Sherrell
  - f. LA County District 5 Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office, Jason Maruca
  - g. California State Assembly District 46: Adrin Nazarian, Sophia Soudani
  - LA City Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council: Committee Chair & Community Enrichment Chair Chris Wintrode, Area 2 Chair Angela Sanders, Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer, Area 5 Chair Charles Coker, Area 6 Chair Mary Yarber, Area 7 Chair Lincoln Williamson, Transportation Committee Chair Kyrstin Munson, Ex Officio Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin
- 3. Overview of Hollywood Bowl Operations Angela Babcock
  - a. Presented a power point outlining Hollywood Bowl Operations and activities Stratiscope has been working on over the past few years with the community on addressing concerns
- 4. Overview of the neighborhood area in discussion Brian Dyer
- 5. Discussion on neighborhood problems created by Hollywood Bowl events. Motion passed to recommend forwarding the problems identified to the HHWNC Board for recognition at the next Board meeting.
  - a. Traffic congestion preventing emergency evacuation.
  - b. Pass thru traffic excessive speed endangering neighborhood stakeholders
  - c. Rolling through or ignoring stop signs
  - d. Lack of neighborhood parking enforcement
  - e. Full street closures preventing stakeholders' adequate access to their homes in a reasonable time frame
  - f. Noise pollution from traffic, car horns, accidents
  - g. Noise pollution from Bowl events.
  - h. Hollywood Bowl season extensions
  - i. Leased events and their expansion
  - j. Nichols Canyon effects on Del Zorro (no money to fix potholes)
  - k. Pedestrian danger on La Cuesta
  - I. Solutions in one area create problems in others
  - m. Finite amount of road
  - n. Right hand turn at Franklin and Highland speed through and double lane turns
  - o. Neighbors not able to get out of neighborhoods due to Milner and Camrose hard closure

- Milner closure holding Whitley Heights captive residents and forcing exit on traffic impacted Franklin
- q. Outpost Estates has stakeholder capture from cut through, dead end at Camrose/Highland and Franklin blocked traffic
- r. Lack of neighborhood outreach, communication, meetings
- s. Can't turn left at Wilcox from Franklin
- 6. Discussion on possible solutions to the issues identified. Motion passed to recommend forwarding the solutions identified to the HHWNC Board for recognition and endorsement at the next Board meeting.
  - a. Funding additional traffic officers
  - b. Free trolley service from and partnering with Universal parking lots
  - c. Create a "community impact fund" out of event revenues.
  - d. Petition State Legislators to change transportation regulations preventing partial street
  - e. Establish the City's "Slow Street" program on neighborhood streets
  - f. Fully define "nuisance" in LA Phil / Hollywood Bowl contract
  - g. LA Phil / Hollywood Bowl to hold neighborhood meeting(s) at which all stakeholders' can participate
  - h. LA Phil/Hollywood Bowl to provide publicly accessible updates to mitigation progress
  - i. Day to day improvements helping the Bowl evenings
  - j. Study dead end at Sycamore and Fitch
  - k. Impact on Nichols Canyon and further pushout of problems as solutions are implemented.
  - I. Coordination with Hollywood Boulevard Events
  - m. Data correctly recognized for the increased costs to residents
  - n. Add to apps no right turn at Sycamore and Fitch
  - o. Right hand turn light at Camrose
  - p. Chandler La Presa traffic officer
  - q. Lane flipping between North and South Highland and/or Franklin to add extra lane
  - r. Traffic officers at Outpost.
  - s. No right hand at top of Outpost and Mulholland during certain hours.
  - t. State Slow Streets program as well as City.
  - u. Stratiscope to provide to HHWNC Traffic Committee study or alternatives to Milner and Camrose hard closures and present to HHWNC committees for their input
- 7. General public comment opportunity was provided.
- 8. Agreement that next steps was to submit the list of issues and solutions to the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Board for endorsement. A follow up meeting will be scheduled to then prioritize the solutions and begin to work with stakeholders to implement.
- 9. Meeting adjourned

#### **Attachment 2**: Key Stakeholders

#	Organization	Representative(s)	Representative(s) Contact Email	
1	LA Philharmonic and Live	Community Engagement Firm Stratiscope:	<ul> <li>hollywoodbowl@stratiscope.com</li> </ul>	
	Nation (Hollywood	<ul> <li>John Bwarie, Founder and CEO</li> </ul>		
	Bowl/Stratiscope)	Comian Landona of LA Dhillhammania/Liva Nation		
		Senior Leaders of LA Philharmonic/Live Nation	dsong@laphil.org	
		<ul><li>Daniel Song, Chief Operating Officer</li><li>Laura Connelly, General Manager</li></ul>	• <u>lconnelly@laphil.org</u>	
		Mark Ladd, Associate Director Operations	<ul><li>mladd@laphil.org</li><li>nkinard@laphil.org</li></ul>	
		Norm Kinard, Parking/Transit Manager	Inkinaru@iapriii.org	
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2	LA City Council District 4	Emma Taylor, District Director	<ul><li>emma.taylor@lacity.org</li></ul>	
	Nithya Raman's Office	<ul> <li>Mehmet Berker, Field Deputy —</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>mehmet.berker@lacity.org</li> </ul>	
	(CD4)	Cahuenga Pass, Laurel Canyon, Hollywood		
		Hills West (north) & Transportation Aide		
		<ul> <li>Jorge Plascencia, Field Deputy — Studio</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>jorge.plascencia@lacity.org</li> </ul>	
		City, Hollywood Hills West (south)		
3	LA City Council District 13	Marisol Rodriguez, District Director	Marisol.Rodriguez@lacity.org	
	Mitch O'Farrell's Office	Shannan Calland, Field Deputy –	shannan.calland@lacity.org	
	(CD13)	Hollywood	Hector.vega@lacity.org	
	, ,	<ul> <li>Hector Vega, Deputy District Director and</li> </ul>		
		Homelessness Coordinator		
4	LA Department of	Brian Gallagher, Principal Transportation	<ul> <li>brian.gallagher@lacity.org</li> </ul>	
	Transportation (LADOT)	Engineer		
		<ul> <li>Bhuvan Bajaj, Traffic Engineer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>bhuvan.bajaj@lacity.org</u></li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Oliver Hou, Transportation Planning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>oliver.hou@lacity.org</u></li> </ul>	
		Associate		
5	LA County District 3	Fernando Morales, District Director	<ul> <li>FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov</li> </ul>	
	Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office	Rachel Sherrell, Field Deputy	RSherrell@bos.lacounty.gov	
6	LA County District 5	Jason Maruca, Field Deputy	JMaruca@bos.lacounty.gov	
	Supervisor Kathryn			
	Barger's Office			
7	California State Senate	Radmehr (Rad) Nowroozi, District	<ul> <li>Rad.Nowroozi@sen.ca.gov</li> </ul>	
	District 26: Ben Allen	Representative		
8	LA City Hollywood Hills	Community Committee Chair and Joint	communitychair@hhwnc.org	
	West Neighborhood	Committee Chair: Chris Wintrode		
	Council	Transportation Committee Chair: Kyrstin	<ul> <li>transportationchair@hhwnc.org</li> </ul>	
		Munson		
		<ul> <li>Area 2 Chair: Angela Sanders</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>area2chair@hhwnc.org</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Area 3 Chair: Brian Dyer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>area3chair@hhwnc.org</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Area 4 Chair: Lisa Scott</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>area4chair@hhwnc.org</li> </ul>	
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		<ul> <li>Area 6 Chair: Mary Yarber</li> </ul>	<ul><li>area6chair@hhwnc.org</li></ul>	
		<ul> <li>Area 7 Chair: Lincoln Williamson</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>area7chair@hhwnc.org</li> </ul>	

#### **Attachment 3: Objectives and Activities**

#### 1. Joint Committee Objectives:

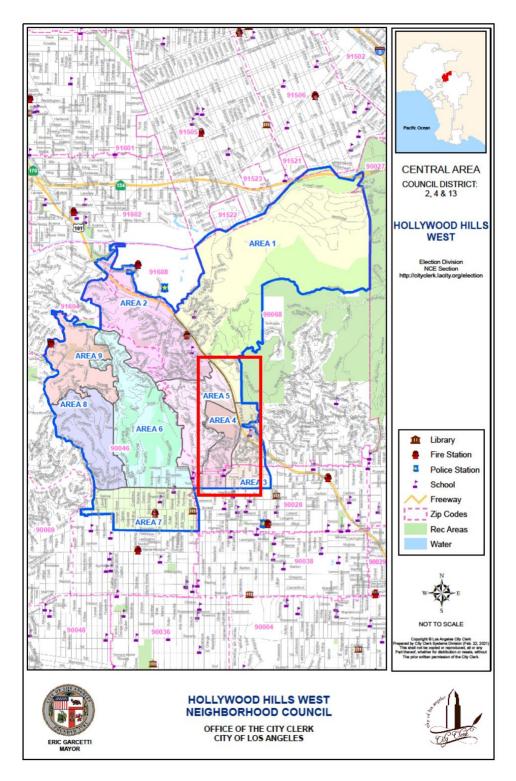
- a. Collate and list the neighborhood traffic related concerns originating from the Hollywood Bowl events
- b. Articulate a list of recommended solutions to address the concerns and prioritize
- c. Work with key stakeholders to advocate and implement solutions
- d. Monitor and measure success of the implemented solutions

#### 2. Activities Since Last Meeting:

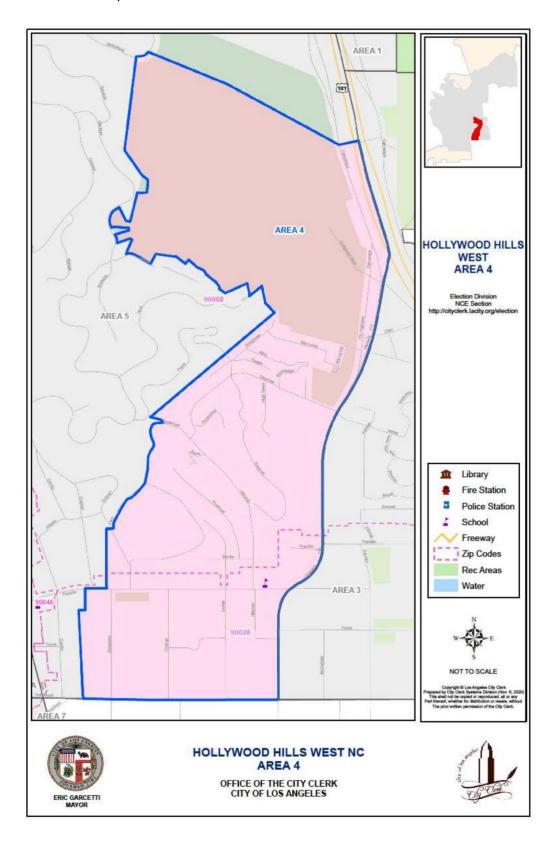
- a. First meeting of the Joint Committee occurred February 9, 2022, with list of issues and recommended solutions presented and endorsed by the HHWNC Board on February 16, 2022.
- b. Angela Babcock, the Hollywood Bowl Community Liaison from Stratiscope, the firm the LA Philharmonic/Hollywood Bowl has engaged, has resigned. The Founder/CEO of Stratiscope, John Bwarie, is the new liaison until Angela's position is filled. John has been briefed and is actively working with HHWNC and the Joint Committee.
- c. The Hollywood Bowl has created a public facing website that lists actions they have taken to address community concerns: <a href="https://www.hollywoodbowl.com/about/our-venues/community-connections-and-outreach">https://www.hollywoodbowl.com/about/our-venues/community-connections-and-outreach</a>
- d. The Hollywood Bowl has agreed to fund a new Traffic Officer at Fitch and Sycamore, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation has approved the request.
- e. The Hollywood Bowl has agreed to fund new Traffic Officers at the following intersections, but the Los Angeles Department of Transportation has not yet approved the request:
  - i. Highland and Franklin (at least 4 LAPD Traffic Cops) to control the traffic light to manually direct traffic
  - ii. Same at La Brea and Franklin (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
  - iii. Same at 101 exit on Cahuenga East (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
  - iv. Same at 101 exit on Odin/Cahuenga (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
  - v. Outpost and Hillside to prevent eastbound Hillside through traffic from turning left onto Outpost Estates unless they are a resident/guest and to prevent northbound Outpost Drive through traffic from continuing onto Outpost Drive unless they are a resident/guest
  - vi. Same at Mulholland and Outpost
- f. The Hollywood Bowl season started April 15, 2022 and includes several Live Nation performances that are expected to draw large crowds (Dave Chapelle, Gwen Stefani, Backstreet Boys, Boys II Men, etc.)
- g. The Hollywood Bowl Live Nation Event, 'Netflix is a Joke Presents: Dave Chappelle and Friends' on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm resulted in traffic issues in the neighborhood (traffic back ups, delays, horns honking, etc.)

#### **Attachment 4: Maps**

Map of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC) showing all of the nine HHWNC areas. The box outlined in red is the area of concern (the area surrounding the Hollywood Bowl venue):

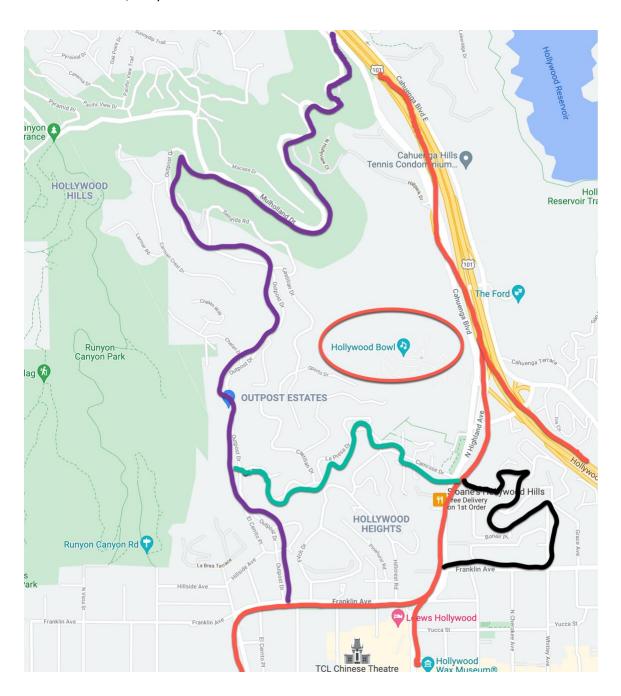


Map of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Area 4. The dark red shaded area within Area 4 is the location of the Hollywood Bowl venue:



Google map of the area focusing on roads/traffic. The legend of the colored lines is below:

- Red line = 101 and Hollywood normal traffic around Hollywood Bowl
- **Purple Line** = people cutting through Hollywood Hills neighborhood (Outpost Estates) to bypass traffic to get to and from 101/Hollywood
- **Green Line** = people cutting through Hollywood Hills neighborhood (Outpost Estates) to bypass traffic to get to and from 101/Hollywood
- **Black Line** = people cutting through Hollywood Hills neighborhood (East of Highland) by taking Milner Road to Whitley Terrace, to Whitley Ave, to Franklin Ave) to bypass traffic to get to and from 101/Hollywood



#### **Attachment 5: Issues Identified**

#### **Summary:**

- Hollywood Bowl events, under the direction of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) by contract with owner Los Angeles County, draws 10K+ people to the area, even more during outsourced LIVE Nation events.
- The LIVE Nation outsourced events, particularly, causes extreme traffic congestion near Franklin/Highland and bottlenecks with people trying to get to the 101 freeway.
- In addition, Hollywood Boulevard events, which shut down the Boulevard, and venues such as the Pantages season at both the Dolby and Pantages, and large Disney events at the El Capitan theater contribute to extra visitors and traffic to the area.
- Recently, Los Angeles County is leasing the Ford Theatre for its season, across the Cahuenga pass from the Hollywood Bowl, pushing more traffic into a limited space.
- Traffic is not being effectively managed around the Hollywood Bowl during events, so people look for ways to avoid/bypass the Hollywood Bowl Highland/Franklin area and cut through local neighborhoods which is causing the issues identified below.

#### **Issues Identified:**

### 1. Neighborhood Streets Not Built to Accommodate the Additional Traffic Caused by Hollywood Bowl Events:

- a. the neighborhood streets are small, often one or two lanes.
- b. There are no traffic lights in the neighborhood.
- c. There are no turning lanes in the neighborhood.
- d. The roads are not built as use for a permanent pass-through or alternative for the major streets like Highland, La Brea, Hollywood, Mulholland, Laurel Canyon, etc.
- e. See Attachment 6: Pictures Submitted by Neighbors.

#### 2. Full Street Closures During Hollywood Bowl Events Creates Additional Problems

- a. Full street closures (not allowing ANY traffic through, including residents or their guests) prevents stakeholders' adequate access to their homes during Hollywood Bowl Events
- b. Full street closures currently occur at Highland/Millner and Highland/Camrose
- c. Google Maps, Waze, and Apple Maps are not able to re-direct traffic unless a street is designated as fully or partially closed.
- d. State law currently prohibits partial street closures (prohibiting pass through traffic, but allowing residents and their guests through) during large events drawing significant traffic to the area

# 3. There is not an Adequate Amount or Effective Traffic Controllers During Hollywood Bowl Events to Manage the Traffic

- The bottleneck of traffic at the Highland and Franklin traffic light intersection exacerbates the traffic congestion, which causes people to try and bypass the area by using smaller neighborhood streets
- b. There lacks any traffic controllers at the following key points:
  - i. Highland and Franklin (at least 4 LAPD Traffic Cops) to control the traffic light to manually direct traffic
  - ii. Same at La Brea and Franklin (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
  - iii. Same at 101 exit on Cahuenga East (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
  - iv. Same at 101 exit on Odin/Cahuenga (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
  - v. Outpost and Hillside to prevent eastbound Hillside through traffic from turning left onto Outpost Estates unless they are a resident/guest and to prevent northbound Outpost Drive through traffic from continuing onto Outpost Drive unless they are a resident/guest
  - vi. Same at Mulholland and Outpost

#### 4. Traffic During Hollywood Bowl Events Makes Emergency Vehicle Access Impossible:

- a. traffic congestion exacerbated by the Hollywood Bowl events makes it difficult for emergency vehicles (fire/ambulance) to respond to emergencies on neighborhood streets, especially in the Hollywood Hills.
- b. See Attachment 6: Pictures Submitted by Neighbors.

### 5. Traffic During Hollywood Bowl Events Makes Resident Evacuation During Emergencies Impossible:

- a. traffic congestion exacerbated by the Hollywood Bowl events prevents the ability for quick evacuation from the Hollywood Hills during emergencies.
- b. See Attachment 6: Pictures Submitted by Neighbors.

### 6. Traffic During Hollywood Bowl Events Makes Pedestrian Access on Neighborhood Roads Dangerous

- a. Many of the neighborhood roads do not have sidewalks and cannot have sidewalks because of the small size of the road (e.g., La Cuesta).
- b. traffic congestion exacerbated by the Hollywood Bowl events makes it difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to walk on the neighborhood roads the hours before, during, and after Hollywood Bowl events.

#### 7. Traffic During Hollywood Bowl Events Creates Noise Pollution and a Nuisance:

a. Excessive pass-through traffic before and after Hollywood Bowl events causes congestion on local neighborhood streets which then in turn causes people to honk their horns due to slow traffic, or people stopping at stop signs, or generally causing traffic stand stills along neighborhood streets, which is affecting the quality of life of neighbors.

### 8. Neighborhood Streets are Getting Run Down by the Additional Traffic Caused by Hollywood Bowl Events:

a. neighborhood roads (e.g., Nichols Canyon effects on Del Zorro, Mulholland effect on upper Outpost Drive, etc.) are getting worn down and damaged with potholes, debris, striping/paint lines worn out, etc. and Los Angeles Department of Transportation either does not have the funds, or the staff to keep them refreshed and maintained.

#### 9. Lack of Parking Enforcement Contributes to Traffic Issues During Hollywood Bowl Events:

a. there is a lack of parking enforcement in the neighborhood (cars parking without permits, parking in no parking zones, etc.) which clogs up the street and exacerbates the traffic congestion during Hollywood Bowl events.

#### 10. Lack of Los Angeles Police Department Enforcement:

- a. during the lead up to and after the Hollywood Bowl events, people try to 'beat the Hollywood Bowl traffic rush' and speed through the neighborhood creates a dangerous situation for the children and other pedestrians in the neighborhood.
- Similarly, rolling through or ignoring stop signs is a frequent occurrence as people try to 'beat the Hollywood Bowl traffic rush' which creates a dangerous situation for children, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vehicles
- c. of note, Los Angeles Police Department are unable to enforce neighborhood speeding violations due to staffing shortages.

#### 11. Extended Hollywood Bowl Season and Outsourced Events Extends the Traffic Problems:

- a. the Hollywood Bowl event season keeps growing in length, and additional large LIVE Nation outsourced events are being added, without a focus on first implementing additional traffic mitigation efforts or other solutions.
- b. The extended season compounds the traffic related nuisance being experienced in the neighborhoods.
- c. The season is now April to November.

# 12. Lack of Neighborhood Outreach and Communication Regarding Hollywood Bowl and Neighborhood Traffic Implications

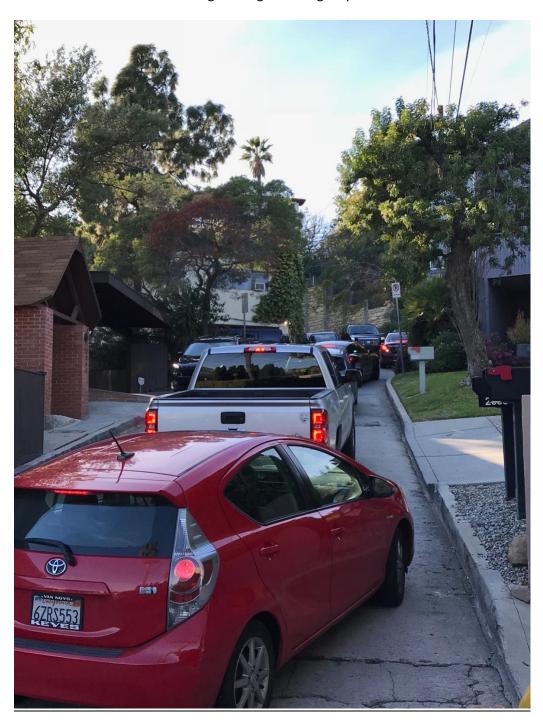
- a. Neighbors have raised the traffic issues related to Hollywood Bowl events for many vears.
- b. Neighbors feel there is a lack of outreach and communication that addresses the problems identified and clearly articulates a plan to implement traffic mitigations or solutions.
- c. Neighbors feel there is a lack of support to implement short term, medium term, and long term solutions by the Key Stakeholders identified in <a href="Attachment 2">Attachment 2</a>: Key Stakeholders.

#### **Attachment 6: Pictures Submitted by Neighbors**

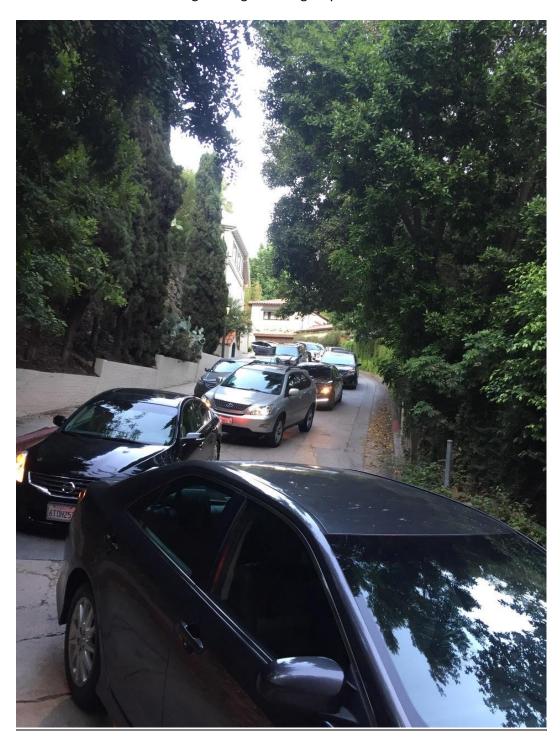
1. Picture taken near 2130 Outpost Drive on October 23, 2021 at 5:44pm during a Hollywood Bowl event. Traffic was at a standstill for 3 hours with continued heavy traffic late into the evening. During this day, there was a leased show at the Hollywood Bowl for "We Can Survive" that started at 6:30pm.



2. Picture taken on N. Sycamore during Hollywood Bowl Events. Very hard, if not impossible, to get an ambulance or fire truck through during an emergency.



3. Picture taken on La Presa during Hollywood Bowl Events. Very hard, if not impossible, to get an ambulance or fire truck through during an emergency.



#### **Attachment 7: Prioritized Solutions**

Here are the list of solutions to address the Hollywood Bowl Neighborhood Traffic Implications issues identified. The list of solutions are organized into three separate tables:

- 1. Short Term Solutions: Could be Implemented in 2022
- 2. Mid Term Solutions: Could be Implemented in 2023-2024
- 3. Long Term: Could be Implemented in 2025 or later

Short Term Solutions: Could be Implemented in 2022			
Priority #	Action Title	Action Description	Parties Involved
1	Fund additional traffic officers on Hollywood Bowl Outsourced Events	<ul> <li>LA Philharmonic to pay for additional traffic officers during Hollywood Bowl event days.</li> <li>See 'Attachment 8: Traffic Officer Locations' for details.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>LA Philharmonic</li><li>LADOT</li></ul>
2	Engage transportation/traffic expert consulting firm	<ul> <li>LA Philharmonic last completed a transportation/traffic study in 2018 by consulting firm Gibson Transportation</li> <li>Engage a transportation/traffic expert consulting firm to         <ol> <li>capture data on the traffic caused by Hollywood Bowl Events,</li> <li>estimate the additional cost/burden on neighbors affected by the increased traffic,</li> </ol> </li> <li>evaluate the recommended traffic mitigations or other solutions, including any impacts on Nichols Canyon or other areas if traffic is further 'pushed out' of the local Hollywood Bowl vicinity,</li> <li>recommend any other short, medium, and long term solutions, and</li> <li>work with the LADOT to implement improvements.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>LA Philharmonic</li><li>LADOT</li></ul>
3	LA Phil to publicize initiatives they are working on to address the traffic concerns on a monthly basis	<ul> <li>Hollywood Bowl/LA Phil to update the public/community facing website         (https://www.hollywoodbowl.com/about/our-venues/community-connections-and-         outreach) with the following on a monthly basis:         <ol> <li>any accomplishments made;</li> <li>any initiatives evaluated but not implements; and</li> <li>any active initiatives that are "work in progress"</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	LA Philharmonic
4	LA Phil to be more inclusive in their Advisory Board Meetings and Senior Management to actively participate in community meetings	<ul> <li>The current Hollywood Bowl Advisory Committee is not inclusive of all community members/stakeholders and is not meeting the entire needs of the community.</li> <li>LA Phil Senior Management is not fully engaging with the community members/stakeholders on the identified issues and proposed solutions. The specific requests are to:         <ol> <li>Make the advisory board more inclusive (add members) to ensure all stakeholder voices are being heard; and</li> <li>In addition to the hired consultant firm, Stratiscope, LA Phil Senior Management to attend the public HHWNC Joint Committee Meetings and actively participate in listening to stakeholders concerns and jointly problem solving and enacting solutions.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	• LA Philharmonic

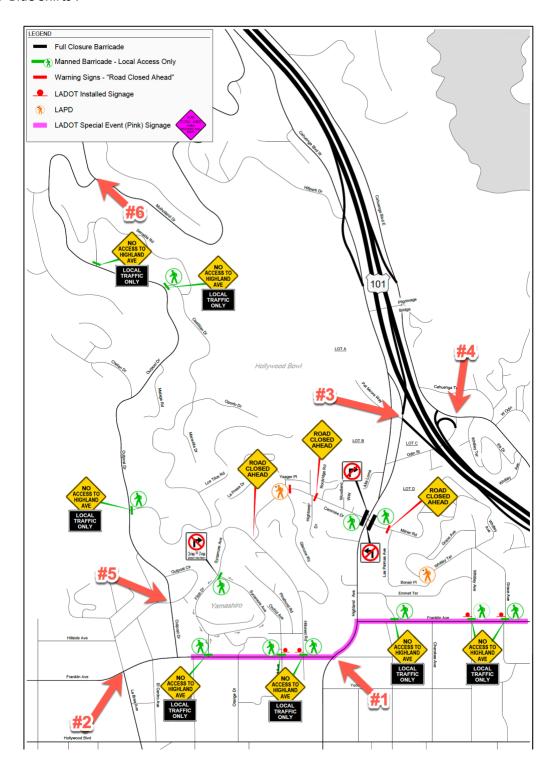
Mid Term Solutions: Could be Implemented in 2023-2024			
Priority #	Action Title	Action Description	Parties Involved
1	Change California State Transportation Regulations to allow for partial street closures during large venue events	<ul> <li>Advocate for state legislation to change to allow local departments of transportation to do partial street closures for large venue events which would allow residents/guests to get to their homes but would prohibit pass through traffic.</li> <li>See <u>Attachment 9</u>: Legislative Request Form</li> <li>Once legislation allows for partial street closures, implement on Camrose, Outpost, Milner and Whitney</li> <li>Once implemented, update Google Maps, Waze, Apple Maps (which would subsequently update Uber and Lyft driver navigation).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LA Philharmonic</li> <li>California State         Senate District 26:         Ben Allen     </li> <li>LADOT</li> </ul>
2	Coordinate with Hollywood Boulevard Events to ensure LIVE Nation events do not occur during the same time as Hollywood Blvd events/street closures	<ul> <li>CD13 hosts a coordination meeting ('task force') each month to coordinate street closures on Hollywood Blvd.</li> <li>CD13 has the authority to grant or deny street closures.</li> <li>Coordinate schedules for the 2023 season to ensure Hollywood Bowl outsourced events (LIVE Nation) do not occur on the same days as any Hollywood Blvd events for street closures and vice versa.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>CD13</li><li>LA Philharmonic</li><li>CD4</li></ul>
3	Establish additional transportation demand management programs like a free park and ride trolley shuttle	<ul> <li>There is a free parking lot (Riverton Park and Ride) at Ventura Blvd and Campo de Cahuenga <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/VKwPGzqAoFAq5MCSA">https://goo.gl/maps/VKwPGzqAoFAq5MCSA</a> that Hollywood Bowl attendees can park for free there and take a shuttle for \$6 to the Hollywood Bowl during events.</li> <li>Establish more park and ride locations outside of the Hollywood Bowl area and make the parking and shuttles free to encourage their use.</li> <li>Collaborate with Universal Studios to start a free trolley shuttle that makes a constant loop between Universal Studios and the Hollywood Bowl to further encourage patrons to park at the Universal Studios garages/lots and take free trolley/shuttle to the Hollywood Bowl.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LA Philharmonic</li> <li>LA DOT</li> <li>CD4</li> <li>CD13</li> </ul>

	Mid Term Solutions: Could be Implemented in 2023-2024 (CONTINUED)		
Priority #	Action Title	Action Description	Parties Involved
4	Restrict all single occupancy vehicles from parking at any of the Hollywood Bowl on-site parking lots	<ul> <li>Reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles coming to the Hollywood Bowl by removing their ability to buy a parking pass, or increase the cost significantly for single occupancy vehicles.</li> <li>LA Philharmonic operations would announce and advertise the change to 1) reduce traffic by encourage the use of carpooling, park and ride lots, and other alternative forms of transportation, and 2) increase sustainability efforts and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</li> <li>LA Philharmonic operations would not sell a parking permit to any single occupancy vehicles the day of a show, and redirect single occupancy vehicles to the park and ride locations north near Universal Studios (or alternatively increase the parking permit costs significantly for single occupancy vehicles).</li> </ul>	LA Philharmonic
5	Implement 'Day-to-Day' street/traffic improvements that will mitigate increased traffic during Hollywood Bowl events	<ul> <li>Add a right hand turning signal light at Camrose to assist neighbors from exiting from their homes from Camrose onto Highland</li> <li>Create a 'dead end' at the northern point of Sycamore and Fitch, to 'close the loop' and prevent traffic from going through the neighborhoods. A 'Yamishiro Loop'</li> <li>Evaluate adding a no right turn sign on Outpost Drive going North onto Mulholland, to prevent pass through traffic from using Outpost Drive as a pass through to get to the 101 freeway</li> </ul>	• LADOT • CD4
6	Establish a "neighborhood/ community impact" budget line item that is funded and reported on annually	<ul> <li>The Hollywood Bowl generates significant revenues from leased events, such as LIVE NATION, events.</li> <li>Take a portion of those revenues and create a separate "Neighborhood/Community Impact" budget/account that is funded and reported on annually. Post the financials/report publicly online for neighbors to see the investment made in the community to help address the nuisances made by Hollywood Bowl events.</li> </ul>	LA Philharmonic

		Long Term: Could be Implemented in 2025 or later	
Priority #	Action Title	Action Description	Parties Involved
1	Create a "slow street" on Outpost Drive	<ul> <li>LADOT to make Outpost Drive a "slow street" that is pedestrian/bike friendly and discourages non-resident/non-guest car pass thru traffic.</li> <li><a href="https://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-slow-street-your-neighborhood">https://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-slow-street-your-neighborhood</a></li> </ul>	• LADOT • CD4
2	Improve Highland between Franklin and the 101 to 'lane flip' during Hollywood Bowl entry and exits	<ul> <li>A traffic study was completed to establish lane flipping between North and South Highland and/or Franklin to add an extra lane during Hollywood Bowl event entrances and exits</li> <li>LADOT has not yet approved of the concept. Advocate for the implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>LADOT</li><li>CD4</li><li>CD13</li><li>LA Philharmonic</li></ul>
3	Add provisions to Lease Agreement Upon Renewal to Address Neighborhood Concerns	<ul> <li>The Hollywood Bowl Lease Agreement is currently effective from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2034 between the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. Request to add provisions in the lease renewal as it is negotiated in 2032 to:         <ol> <li>Define nuisance to include the traffic caused by Hollywood Bowl events in the local surrounding neighborhoods. On page 13, Section 6.2 of the Hollywood Bowl Lease, it states that the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association shall not "commit any nuisance or knowingly do or permit to be done anything which may result in the creation or commission of a nuisance".</li> </ol> </li> <li>Require a special "neighborhood/community impact" budget line item to fund efforts to proactively address traffic mitigation efforts for the surrounding neighborhoods.</li> <li>Limit the number of subleased events to external organizations like LIVE Nation.</li> </ul>	• LA County Supervisors
4	Explore the creation of a Red Line Metro station at the Hollywood Bowl	Work with State, County and LA City officials to explore the addition of a Red Line Metro station at the Hollywood Bowl as one possible long-term traffic reduction solution.	<ul> <li>LA County Supervisors</li> <li>CD4</li> <li>CD13</li> <li>LA Philharmonic</li> </ul>

#### **<u>Attachment 8</u>**: Traffic Officer Locations

The following map shows what locations will be staffed for Hollywood Bowl events (full street closures and traffic directors). For reference on nomenclature: Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Traffic Controllers are in 'Brown Shirts' vs. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Traffic Cops are in 'Blue Shirts'.



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The request is to fund the following <u>additional</u> 'Brown Shirts' and 'Blue Shirts' (see the image above with the red arrows and corresponding numbers below):

- 1. Highland and Franklin (at least 4 LAPD Traffic Cops) to control the traffic light to manually direct traffic
- 2. Same at La Brea and Franklin (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
- 3. Same at 101 exit on Cahuenga East (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
- 4. Same at 101 exit on Odin/Cahuenga (at least 2 LAPD Traffic Cops)
- 5. Outpost and Hillside to prevent eastbound Hillside through traffic from turning left onto Outpost Estates unless they are a resident/guest and to prevent northbound Outpost Drive through traffic from continuing onto Outpost Drive unless they are a resident/guest
- 6. Same at Mulholland and Outpost

#### **Attachment 9: Legislative Request Form**

#### 1. PROPOSAL TITLE:

a. Partial Street Closures for 10,000+ Events

#### 2. PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

a. Sponsor legislation to allow local departments of transportation the ability to partially close selected neighborhood streets to through traffic, while keeping the streets open to residents/guests during large events (10,000+ people in attendance) to help large venues (e.g. the Hollywood Bowl, Dodgers Stadium, SoFi Stadium, Levi's Satdium, etc.) manage traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods (i.e. 5 mile radius from the venue).

#### 3. PROBLEM:

- a. Current state laws are restricting the City of Los Angeles' ability to address neighborhood traffic issues brought by the increase of single occupancy vehicle traffic to large events. Specifically, local departments of transportation are unable to partially close public streets to thru traffic during large event days while also allowing residents and their guests/visitors the ability to get to their homes. The streets must remain 100% open to all traffic, or 100% closed which restricts access of residents trying to get home during large events if a street is 100% closed. Thru traffic has the following problems:
  - Traffic congestion that makes it difficult for emergency vehicles (fire/ambulance) to respond to emergencies on these small neighborhood streets, especially in the Hollywood Hills
  - ii. Traffic congestion that would make emergency evacuations difficult/impossible.
  - **iii.** Excessive speeding which creates a dangerous situation for the children and other pedestrians in the neighborhood (of note, Los Angeles Police Department are unable to enforce neighborhood speeding violations due to staffing shortages)
  - iv. Rolling through or ignoring stop signs which also creates a dangerous situation for children, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vehicles (of note, Los Angeles Police Department are unable to enforce neighborhood speeding violations due to staffing shortages)
- **b.** See <u>Appendix A</u> on additional context on why partial street closures are not allowed according to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.
- c. In California Senate District 26 specifically, the Hollywood Bowl draws ~17,000 people during the season, many of which are driving single occupancy vehicles to the events. Traffic is a particular problem at the Highland/Franklin area which is a major entry point and exit point to/from highway 101 and Hollywood. People look to bypass the Hollywood Bowl area by driving through the surrounding neighborhoods (particularly driving up Mulholland and down Outpost Drive to get to Hollywood, or Driving on Franklin, up Outpost Drive, onto Mulholland or on Camrose up to Outpost/Mulholland) to get to the 101 to avoid the traffic around the Hollywood Bowl. Recently, the Hollywood Bowl has closed Camrose Drive to all traffic, in an effort to help prohibit people from cutting through the neighborhoods, but residents are unable to get to their homes during the 100% street closures. See <a href="Appendix B">Appendix B</a> with a relevant map of the area surrounding the Hollywood Bowl in Assembly District 46 and Senate District 26.

#### 4. SOLUTION:

a. Similar to our California Assembly District 46 Assemblymember Nazarian's sponsorship and recent passage of AB 773 (Slow Streets Act), passing legislation to the California Vehicle Code to allow local departments of transportation the ability to partially close public streets to thru traffic (while allowing residents and guests the ability to pass) to help manage traffic during large events (projected attendance of 10K or more) within a reasonable radius from the event (i.e. 5 miles) would solve the problem, increase pedestrian/cyclist safety, and preserve and improve the surrounding neighborhoods affected by the large draw of traffic to massive events.

#### 5. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

**a.** See <u>Appendix A</u> on additional context on why partial street closures are not allowed according to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

#### 6. COST:

- a. Sponsoring the legislation has no cost.
- **b.** Providing the ability for local departments of transportation to enact carries no cost.
- c. Implementing partial street closures, if approved by the local departments of transportation, would incur costs for signage and the costs for traffic attendants/enforcement during the day of large events. These costs would be born by the large event companies/venues as part of their normal operating costs.
- **d.** While up to each local department of transportation to implement, the infrastructure already exists for partial closures in the Hollywood Hills as neighbors already have an online portal for which they can purchase parking passes and visitor passes so that they have a hang tag to display on their vehicle to get through to their homes during partial road closures.

#### 7. LIKELY SUPPORT:

- **a.** All large California event venues that have seats for an audience of 10,000 or more that are interested in neighborhood relations. The Hollywood Bowl has already signaled their support. Other large venues include:
  - i. Rose Bowl
  - ii. Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
  - iii. SDCCU Stadium
  - iv. SoFi Stadium
  - v. Levi's Stadium
  - vi. Oakland Coliseum
  - vii. California Memorial Stadium
  - viii. Dodger Stadium
  - ix. Stanford Stadium
  - x. Angel Stadium
  - xi. Petco Park
  - xii. Oracle Park
  - xiii. Bulldog Stadium
  - xiv. CEFCU Stadium
  - xv. Dignity Health Sports Park
  - xvi. Banc Of California Stadium
  - xvii. Hornet Stadium
  - xviii. Charles C. Hughes Stadium
  - xix. Oakland Arena
  - xx. SAP Center At San Jose
  - xxi. Staples Center
  - xxii. Chase Center
  - xxiii. Golden 1 Center
  - xxiv. Honda Center
  - xxv. The Forum
  - xxvi. Earthquakes Stadium
  - xxvii. Cow Palace
  - xxviii. Pechanga Arena
  - xxix. Long Beach Arena
  - xxx. Stockton Arena

#### 8. ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:

- a. Increases pedestrian, bicyclist and vehicle safety
- **b.** Supports the preservation of local neighborhoods/communities
- **c.** Provides a tool for which large venues can use to help mitigate traffic in the local communities surrounding their venues
- **d.** Makes no demand/requirement, rather provides options for local departments of transportation to implement if they choose to do so

#### 9. LIKELY OPPOSITION:

a. If not implemented or communicated well, neighbors may be opposed to closing streets to some vehicular traffic

#### **10. ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION:**

- **a.** Keep streets open and less regulations
- **b.** Hard to enforce/implement
- **c.** Creates more traffic/delays with people trying to get to the 101

#### Appendix A:

# Additional context on why partial street closures are not allowed according to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

According to the 2018 Dixon study initiated by Councilmember David Ryu, the width and/or configuration of some of the roadways near the Hollywood sign often results in congestion, especially during peak periods on weekends and holidays, which can inhibit emergency vehicle access. This has implications for the Hollywood Bowl neighborhoods. The report suggests temporarily closing streets during 'peak' periods of traffic in the interest of public safety, and offers as one example San Francisco's 2014 temporary closure of Lombard Street, a popular tourist attraction often referred to as the "Crookedest Street in the World" that experiences significant traffic congestion, especially on weekends and holidays.

California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21101.6 specifically prohibits the closure of any street to deny or restrict the access of certain members of the public to the street, while permitting others unrestricted access. This law notes that it is intended to codify the Court of Appeals decision in the case entitled City of Lafayette v. County of Contra Costa.

In 1987, Senate Bill 733, authored by Senator Quentin Kopp, was enacted to amend the law to allow San Francisco to selectively limit vehicular access on the congested portion of Lombard Street to residents, those with business on that street, and emergency vehicles. This bill included a sunset date of January 1, 1990. While this bill was eventually enacted, it is unclear if San Francisco ever utilized this authorization prior to its 1990 sunset date.

However, in 2014, in response to public safety concerns, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board approved on a pilot basis the temporary closure of the congested section of Lombard Street from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from June 21st through July 13th, and on Friday, July 4, 2014. During this pilot closure, vehicular access was still offered to residents, those with business on the street, and public safety vehicles. News reports following the pilot closure noted that, during the temporary closure, pedestrians freely wandered in the roadway and onto private property, turning the street into more of a park setting, and causing some conflict with authorized vehicles attempting to travel this street. Given the specific prohibition against selective street closures in CVC Section 21101.6, it is unclear how San Francisco was able to implement their pilot closure.

According to the LADOT, the City of Los Angeles adheres to the restrictions in CVC Section 21101.6 and will not implement temporary street closures that include selective access provisions. In 1994, Citizens Against Gated Enclaves (CAGE) successfully sued the City of Los Angeles and the Whitley Heights Civic Association to challenge the installation of gates that would have restricted access to the Whitley Heights neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills to residents, their guests, and emergency vehicles. The decision was appealed and both the Appellate Court (March 23, 1994) and the California Supreme Court (June 2, 1994) upheld the original court's decision that the City permit authorizing installation of the gates violated CVC Section 21101.6. The City was ordered to rescind the permit and arrange for removal of the gates, pillars, and any associated signage. Selective street closures, therefore, are not feasible in the City of Los Angeles.

#### **Appendix B:**

A relevant map of the area surrounding the Hollywood Bowl in California Senate District 26 and Assembly District 46:

**Red line** = 101 and Hollywood normal traffic around Hollywood Bowl

**Purple Line** = people cutting through Hollywood Hills neighborhood (Outpost Estates) to bypass traffic to get to and from 101/Hollywood

**Green Line** = people cutting through Hollywood Hills neighborhood (Outpost Estates) to bypass traffic to get to and from 101/Hollywood

**Black Line** = people cutting through Hollywood Hills neighborhood (East of Highland) by taking Milner Road to Whitley Terrace, to Whitley Ave, to Franklin Ave) to bypass traffic to get to and from 101/Hollywood

