

BCNA Fall 2014 Meeting Minutes

Corinne and Darnell from NBCUniversal

80% in the county and they are surrounded by the City of L.A.
Evolution Plan has no residential component

2010/2011 Comcast bought with a better plan so the residential component was removed.

Transp Mitigation Program was developed when there was a residential component. Comcast kept the TMP intact even though the residential has been removed.

Lighting, noise, traffic, etc had to be worked through with the HOAs surrounding the project. When they went to City Council they got total support. They were approved also by the county with no opposition.

Taking away the residential component, they increased the studio and entertainment elements.

Pat Gibson – Gibson Transportation

They studied a large geo area. They looked at 164 intersections and improved 120 of them.

There are five areas that need to be improved.

A new bus is being added. Three shuttles will be sponsored and paid for by Universal.

1 million people a year ride the red line to the top of the hill. One will go all the way through Burbank to the airport to link Universal to the airport.

L.A. River needed to be beautified. A bike and pedestrian path will be created along the river. One acre of land will be dedicated as a park. 13.5 million will go to the county to make this happen.

100 million to be spend in neighborhoods around the site. Some of these projects for the neighborhood associations are the improvement of El Paseo De Cahuenga Park. New landscaping and park furniture. There will be a tall sound wall to separate them from the freeway view/sound.

Footage was shown of the Orlando Harry Potter. They expect 2 million more visitors to City Walk and Universal as a result of this expansion.

Over 70% of the people who come to the park are from Orange County and San Diego.

70% of traffic goes southbound on the 101.

200 million dollar package is geared toward solving the issue of traffic on neighborhood streets.

Widening Universal Hollywood Dr to 7 lanes.

Adding a pedestrian bridge from the Metro over Lankershim to the park.

WC Fields Drive will increase/be widened.

The access to the parking for the park will increase to 24 lanes so cars don't get backed up.

Right now a new lane is being added to Barham Blvd going right onto WC Fields.

The dead ramps near Barham Blvd will be absorbed to widen Cahuenga.

Why can't Barham Bridge be widened? Barham and Cahuenga EIR was started to study improvements to the Barham Bridge. So much resistance came so this was dropped.

From Forest Lawn to the freeway, a new lane will be added using Universal property.

101/134/170 interchange – Universal must engineer the improvement to add lanes without removing housing.

101 will have four locations where they are doing something with the ramps.

New off ramp will take you off the freeway to Cahuenga at Fruitland. The result is that you can go in and out of the park without ever driving on a neighborhood street.

Lankershim southbound onramp – extend it so that it is longer and wider. The meter will move far beyond where it is. This ramp will store cars instead of letting them back up on Cahuenga..

The new ramp being added was requested by the neighbors to take Universal traffic directly onto the southbound 101 Freeway. Adding the ramp makes it very close to the Barham offramp. The result would be weaving going on – cars increasing as they get on the freeway and cars crossing over slowing down to get off the freeway. Caltrans says that Barham must close. It has a 70% higher accident rate than is acceptable – the guard rail. Has lots of paint from cars hitting it.

Using the new drop ramp takes loads of cars off Cahuenga. So people will have to get off at Lankershim onto Cahuenga – Cahuenga will not be clogged because the Universal cars will be going onto the new ramp directly onto southbound 101 freeway.

HHWNC and CPPOA and Outpost and Knolls asked them to hire an outside company to fund a study for alternatives to the Barham closure.

CRIME REPORT

Presentation from Senior Lead Officer Maggie Dillard & Officer -
Car theft suspect caught in our neighborhood.

Still hearing reports of other thefts of valuables from cars - it's important that people report all thefts so that LAPD can keep track of the volume.

Main message is DO NOT leave valuables in your car.

LAPD is currently on tactical alert since news of the Ferguson indictment just occurred. Officers are on-duty for 12 hour shifts or longer.

Oversized vehicle patrol was a success - now tour van operators want to sit down and discuss with LAPD what are the parameters.