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Hon. Tom LaBonge  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 480  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Recommendations regarding transportation issues

Dear Councilmember LaBonge:

We recently tackled the issue of how to improve the north-south traffic flow along Bronson Avenue, following a list of recommendations that were put forward by the Oaks Homeowners Association. Your deputy, Daniel Halden, attended the committee meeting and was very helpful in building consensus. We have already sent in the recommendations that were generated to DOT, but wanted to follow up on the larger procedural issues.

Individual residents are always going to have ideas about how to improve traffic flow. DOT's website has more than 4,000 open cases at the moment, including several of ours. We would like to see Council offices adopt an informal policy of referring transportation-related issues to neighborhood councils, similar to how land use cases are expected to go before our PLUM Committee prior to being heard by the local Planning Commission.

While we cannot solve every problem that arises, nor should we try, we believe that it is both appropriate and potentially useful to hold an open, public meeting that is widely publicized before recommendations are taken up by the City Council or DOT. Perhaps we could try this out with a handful of medium-sized issues such as the intersection of Bronson and Franklin per year, with DOT agreeing to expedite the results of our deliberations.

We believe that having our PLUM Committee review land use cases has been a net positive for the City of Los Angeles. The next step, in our mind, is to apply this same concept to another big community concern, traffic.

Thank you,

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Attachment: Minutes of February 2014 Board Meeting