



CANOGA PARK – WINNETKA – WOODLAND HILLS – WEST HILLS

Executive Summary

In the summer of 2017, Los Angeles City Planning embarked on the process to update the Southwest Community Plans of the San Fernando Valley which include the following three Community Plans: Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills, Encino-Tarzana, and Reseda-West Van Nuys. During the Fall of 2018, Concept Workshops were held in order to present the Proposed Concepts for each Community Plan which were based on prior feedback received during the previous year. The Concept Workshop for the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan was held on November 3, 2018 at the Westfield's Rose Goldwater Community Center located at 21710 Vanowen Street in Canoga Park. A second workshop which included the proposed concepts for the three Southwest Valley Community Plans was held on December 6, 2018 at the Marvin Braude Building Constituent Service Center Community Room at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys. The following is a summary by topic of the comments received at these events.

Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan Concepts Workshop

(November 3, 2018)

Environmental

- Pollution in Santa Susana contamination site
- Concerned about aging infrastructure: water, pipes, sewers etc.
- Water concerns with more people introduced to the area
- Concerned about noise (Freeway, soundwalls needed)
- Air Quality issues
- Added Traffic and Pollution increase
- Sound walls for properties adjacent to Freeway
- Ensure water quality remains good
- Concerned about water resources aging infrastructure
- Concerned about hazardous materials on sites in the area
- Concerned about greenhouse gas emissions and air quality
- Concerned about noise from industrial properties and car traffic
- Need to strive towards zero emissions
- Concerned about where the old oil fields are located
- Concerned about hazardous materials on site
- Business noise
- Santa Susana hazardous materials
- Concerned about water resources in the future



- Build-Out at Warner Center not keeping up with mobility mitigations.
- Concerned about contaminated soil (old Rocketdine site).

Current Conditions

- Concerned about trash kept in close proximity to residential properties
- Lots of graffiti on street and sidewalks

Winnetka

- Public safety is a high concern for the residents in West Valley. Women would feel safer taking public transportation if the lighting, security, and cleanliness in commercial areas was improved. The malls, hotels, and restaurants would benefit from the use of private security to improve experience for patrons.

Services

- Increased population requires additional police services
- Need more streets to have street cleaning
- Need more police and fire department services in West Hills

Woodland Hills

- Desire for more public facilities especially elementary schools. Highlander Elementary recently demolished.

Current & Proposed Development Projects

- Opposed to the 15,000-seat stadium on the corner of Oxnard and Topanga Canyon. Concerned with noise and transportation.
- Promenade redevelopment: traffic, noise, pollution, parking concerns
- Concerned about high density apartment for homeless (not zoned for residential - 7621 Canoga Ave)
- Stadium proposal at Warner Center – Impact.

Housing & Development

- Need for affordable housing; Tools needed for more housing production
- Unaffordable apartments
- Need housing for homeless/elderly/mentally ill people.
- Opposition to apartments

CONCEPTS WORKSHOPS
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS – WINTER 2018



- High rise buildings a concern
- Character change concerns: demolition of single family for multi-family
- Concerned about new housing not providing enough parking
- Building too many apartments
- Would like to see consistency with architectural style
- Affordable Housing slowing down development.
- Too much development too quickly.
- Height and Ventura Blvd.
- North of Ventura Blvd. cross street Fallbrook. Smaller lots consider changing land use.
- 5006 Topanga Canyon – New construction is out of scale.
- Canoga Park CD3 – More density
- Saticoy/Winnetka – See if FAR can be higher 1.5 to 2/3 FAR. Match R3
- For Low Residential Concept Area, change to a lower land use from proposed Very Low II to Very Low.
- Expand Low Residential Concept Area concept area south to Leonora

Walnut Acres Estates

- Keep RA-1 Zone, farm animals, preserve very low density, semi-rural character. Prefer no change to zoning regulations.
- Retain RA 17,500 lot sizes and 70-foot lot width. No future flag lots to preserve animal keeping in neighborhood.

Canoga Park

- Transit areas need to provide apartment houses off Boulevards.
- Too many single-family areas to transit district

Winnetka

- Developers need to build the retail portions and apartments. Can't foster a live/work environment if retail businesses are not built in tandem.

Outreach & Community Input Concerns

- Concern about comments provided not being taken into consideration in the final plan product
- Neighborhood Councils to be more involved earlier in the Planning Process
- Worried that Community input is not being taken seriously
- Concerned about notification of public meeting need better outreach
- Need longer amount of time for public comment for CEQA process



- Need better transparency with public comments/outreach
- Mail out ballot to reach out more people.

Other Comments

- Concerns about mix socioeconomic community
- Geographic Boundary of the CPU
- Warner Center Mobility Fee – Where and what it gets spent on.
- Change Re-Code board picture to single-family
- Treeland near Calabasas

West Hills

- Want northern boundary (Roscoe Blvd) extended northerly to Nordhoff to avoid confusion to what is NC boundary and the existing Community Boundary.

Traffic & Transportation

- Vanowen has too much traffic congestion
- Need more people to use the bus system
- Desire better public transportation network
- Better public transportation: priority signal or grade separations
- Bike lane protection through bollards
- Traffic issues near 101 Freeway (Ventura/Woodlake) and Valley Circle
- Traffic congestion when adding apartment
- Street improvements. Encourage people to use public transit
- More jobs within the neighborhood to reduce the travel distance and reduce traffic congestion
- Would like to use public transit if it was better
- Parking & traffic concerns throughout Ventura Blvd
- Parking distribution along Ventura
- Traffic on Canoga Blvd. through Warner Center
- Transportation options throughout Warner Center
- Support for reducing lanes and including diagonal parking along Ventura where the re-design is proposed
- Parking structures in TNP area
- Concern with the parking within TNP area



Woodland Hills

- Well-designed so residents can give their concerns about over development of Woodland Hills (i.e. pollution, traffic, green space, trees, bike safety)
- Need for Calabasas to Pasadena light rail/subway on grade separation.
- Need Granada Hills to Long Beach including a stop at LAX rail line.
- Subway moves people 5 times faster than cars stuck in slow traffic. People will get out of their cars onto subway/light rail to
- get to downtown, Pasadena, Sherman Oaks, LAX, the beach and museums.

Winnetka

- In planning, high activity areas with hotels, restaurants, bars, malls, there should be “rideshare/taxi/Uber/Lyft drop-off and pick-up points at key designated areas.

Green/Open Space

- Lack of green spaces
- More trees and more parks
- Need more green spaces
- Open space

All Southwest Valley Community Plans Workshop

(December 6, 2018)

Housing / Development

TNP Areas:

- Eliminate agricultural zones
- Clean up split zoning, i.e. no parking zones combined with commercial zones
- Convert industrial uses to commercial/multifamily
- Be more aggressive with multifamily zoning
- Desire for more businesses and restaurants that could serve the local community

Canoga Park & Main Street Sherman Way:

- Height is too high to respect the main street, historic nature of that stretch of Sherman Way
- Desire for real social housing
- Cooperative living (co-op) opportunities



- A requirement for solar power
- General good quality housing that can serve the work force and service industry employees

Outreach/Community Input

- Need more input from stakeholders like Elvis' Barber Shop, the antique store owners, Follow Your Heart, and the nursery/hardware store

Transportation

- Public car charging stations

Other Comments

- Document referenced: Democracy @ Work by Richard Wolff