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Encino Hills Traffic Calming Plan - FAQ

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1. **<u>What is the City's plan to calm traffic in the Encino Hills?</u>**
    - LADOT is implementing a three-phase plan to calm traffic in the Encino Hills. LADOT has installed a suite of turn restrictions and other signage options in the Encino Hills with the goal of reducing the overall flow of cut-through traffic in the neighborhood, specifically through the community *to* Hayvenhurst/Calneva and *to* Sepulveda Blvd.
    - Phase 1 began in 2023, with an initial traffic study, multiple rounds of community engagement, and the design of targeted turn restrictions.
    - Phase 2 began in March 2026, with a tactical trial of targeted turn restrictions and an accompanying survey. As of November 30, 2026, the survey will close, and LADOT and CD4 will begin to study and design a suite of potential solutions to be implemented during the third phase of the project.
    - Phase 3 will involve the installation of speed mitigation measures, such as speed humps/tables, gateway treatments (similar to those at Escalon Dr/Hayvenhurst), painted medians, and other treatments. It could also entail the installation of additional or alternative turn restrictions.
2. **<u>What prompted the City and Council District 4 to take action?</u>**
    - Cut-through traffic has worsened significantly over the past decade with the increased usage of GPS navigation apps such as Google Maps and Waze, which have increasingly routed traffic through the Encino Hills. Encino Hills residents have advocated for measures to reduce the flow of traffic and implement traffic safety measures in the neighborhood, and in 2021 residents successfully advocated with Council District 5 to secure $50k in funding set aside for traffic mitigation in the Encino Hills.
    - When Council District 4 was redrawn to include Encino during redistricting, the CD4 team looked into reports from the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) and the Encino Property Owners Association (EPOA) that the $50,000 had been exhausted. What we found instead was that there was $150,000 in neighborhood traffic calming funds available for the Encino Hills, and only the Encino Hills, from development mitigation fees.

- With the continued advocacy from residents and the ENC and the EPOA, CD4 solicited advice from LADOT. The department advised that the neighborhood traffic calming funding could be used to implement a multi-phase traffic calming plan, with CD4 and LADOT jointly managing the outreach and planning efforts. The resulting community engagement process has involved a survey filled out by hundreds of Encino residents, traffic data collection and analysis by LADOT, and numerous presentations to community groups including the Encino Neighborhood Council, Encino Property Owners Association, and Lanai Rd Elementary stakeholders.

3. **When did the traffic calming plan go into effect?**
    - The tactical trial of turn restrictions went into effect in March 2026. The trial will last for at least one year, though this is subject to change.
4. **What are the turn restrictions?**
    - The turn restrictions are in effect on weekday mornings during peak hours only – from 7-10am – and consist of right turn and left turn restrictions, depending on the location. The turn restrictions will be in effect at intersections in the Encino Hills selected to inhibit cut-through traffic headed to Hayvenhurst/Calneva or Sepulveda Blvd. Additionally, "No Right-Turn on Red" signs have been posted at three Eastbound intersections on Ventura Blvd: Woodley, Firmament, and Petit.
    - A map of the turn restrictions, created by the Encino Neighborhood Council, can be found here.
5. **Will the navigation apps be informed of the new turn restrictions?**
    - Yes. LADOT and CD4 work with the relevant GPS apps to ensure the turn restrictions are observed. If you notice an issue with a navigation app, this can be reported directly to the app, as well as to encinohillstraffic@lacity.org.
6. **How will the impact of the turn restrictions be evaluated?**
    - Throughout the first six months of the tactical trial, Council District 4 and LADOT have collected feedback from residents via an online survey. Additionally, LADOT is collecting on-the-ground traffic data during the tactical trial period. These sources of data will inform the next steps the City will pursue in Phase 3 of the traffic calming project.
7. **What will be included in the next phase?**
    - Based on the results of LADOT's traffic count data as well as the results of the survey, the third phase could include such potential mitigations as implementing additional turn restrictions and/or adding select features to slow street traffic, such as speed humps/tables, gateway treatments (similar to those at Escalon Dr/Hayvenhurst), painted medians, and other treatments.

- In light of overwhelming community support, CD4 has initiated the process to install speed humps on Lanai Rd, adjacent to Lanai Road Elementary School.

8. **Why are the turn restrictions only in effect for the morning rush hour, and not the evening?**
    - The 2023 survey and 2024 traffic data counts revealed that the morning rush hour was the greatest concern for Encino residents. In consultation with the Encino Neighborhood Council, CD4 and LADOT made the decision to conduct the tactical trial for the 7am-10am window.
9. **I live in the Encino Hills and my street has a turn restriction. Do I have to follow this turn restriction, even if I live in the neighborhood?**
    - Yes. In the State of California, turn restrictions on public streets legally must apply to all vehicles, regardless of residency. Residents may have to take a different and less convenient route during the weekday morning peak hours of 7-10am when the turn restrictions are in effect.
10. **How do I contact Council District 4 and LADOT to give feedback about the project?**
    - Stakeholders can always reach out to encinohillstraffic@lacity.org to ask questions and provide written feedback. During the tactical trial, stakeholders should fill out the online survey to register feedback.
11. **How can I stay up-to-date on the project?**
    - Council District 4 will provide updates on our webpage, cd4.lacity.gov/encino-hills-traffic, as well as our newsletter. CD4 representatives also regularly attend meetings held by community organizations such as the Encino Neighborhood Council and the Encino Property Owners Association. You can email encinohillstraffic@lacity.org at any time with questions or concerns.