

The Valley View

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February 2006

Legislative Highlights

Infrastructure Bond

Wendy introduced a motion that will ask Governor Schwarzenegger to provide Los Angeles with its fair share of transportation dollars as he moves forward with his infrastructure bond.

Wendy will travel to Sacramento with Mayor Villaraigosa in the coming days to ask legislators to earmark funds for mass transit in Los Angeles.

Rim of the Valley

Wendy asked her council colleagues this month to support federal legislation that would study the feasibility of expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

The Rim of the Valley Corridor contains rare ecosystems and encircles the mountains above the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo Valleys as well as Pasadena's Arroyo Seco.

If expanded, the size of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Green Arrows are a Go!

There is nothing that frustrates drivers more than the inability to turn left! Turning left in Los Angeles has become an adrenaline inducing sport and an unwanted exercise in patience. Every single day I spend way too much time awaiting my shot at turning left onto Laurel Canyon from Moorpak because there is no left-turn signal.



The traffic crisis in our city is going to require long term solutions and significant investment, but in the meantime, there are so many things we can do to ease bottlenecks, help alleviate driver frustration, enhance safety, and hopefully shave a few minutes off of our daily commutes.

Last year I asked the Department of Transportation (DOT) to examine the need for additional left-turn signals citywide. In response to that request, DOT officials presented a report to my transportation committee this week and announced plans to add 450 left-turn signals to Los Angeles intersections over the next four years. DOT officials said there are a multitude of intersections where left-turn arrows would help move traffic more smoothly, relieve congestion, and enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians. The San Fernando Valley will receive 163, or 40 percent, of those signals.

DOT has determined that there are approximately 450 approaches – intersecting major streets - that meet the criteria for installation of left-turn signals. The total number of left-turn signals in the City of Los Angeles will increase from 1,700 today, to 2,100 in four years.

The total cost of the installation is approximately eight million dollars and will be funded over the next four years as part of the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control program and various Street Lighting Improvement Projects or DOT's annual Signal Design work program.

We have a traffic crisis in this city that has a chokehold on Los Angeles residents. If we're going to fix traffic, we have to

would double.

Upcoming Events

Wendy will hold office hours
Saturday, February 18, 2006
Valley Plaza Library
12311 Vanowen St.
North Hollywood
Please call Joaquin Macias at 818
755 7676 to schedule an
appointment.

The City of Los Angeles will observe
President's Day
Monday, February 20, 2006

look at every dollar and option available to us to get our city moving again.

Go Red for Women



February is American Heart Month, and this year I am proud to support the American Heart Association's efforts to increase awareness about heart disease for women by declaring February 3, 2006 "Go Red for Women" Day

in the City of Los Angeles.

"Go Red for Women" is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness of heart disease and inspire women to take charge of their cardiovascular health. To commemorate this special day, Councilmember Janice Hahn and I asked our fellow colleagues and city staff to wear the color red to demonstrate our support for women and the fight against heart disease.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States and claims the lives of over 480,000 American women every year - that's about one death per minute.

We have a health crisis on our hands, and it is one that we can regain control of by empowering women with the tools and information they need to take charge of their health and prevent cardiovascular disease.

More women die of cardiovascular disease than the next six leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and even scarier, only 13% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk.

By increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year. To go red for women and join the movement to wipe out heart disease, please visit the American Heart Association's website at www.goredforwomen.org.



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