



# Best Practices For Addressing Traffic Concerns

## Stellar Example –

- To address regional transportation & traffic issues and work together to solve similar concerns, Robert Ringler helped create *a traffic committee that meets monthly* that was once a subsection of West LA's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), but due to its success is now standing alone as a committee of the West Bureau handled by the Deputy Chief of Police. *In addition to the participation of 7 NC, the MTA, Police Department, Department of Transportation, and appropriate Council offices are also present. There are 17 community traffic reports each meeting.* Some of the accomplishments of traffic committee include getting more police enforcement and training volunteers to move speed trailers.

The West LA CPAB was created in 1994 and it's traffic committee gained a new chair a few years afterwards. Over the period of several years, Robert Ringler molded the traffic committee into what it is today. Also the Chair of the Traffic Committee of his Neighborhood Council, Robert realized that there was no point in having the same people come to meetings twice. Soon, many city departments were involved, as well as community organizations. By using CPAB as a tool, the NC's were finally put on an agenda. The idea is that rather than having various city departments facing an abundance of complaints that would require collaboration with other departments, each NC can bring in their own priority issues and have all the appropriate city departments and personnel present.

**Challenge** – with a long agenda and dozens of reports, it is best if the *transcribed minutes are edited!* This may take a lot of time, but in the long run, it will save time and keep people reading the minutes.

**Benefit** – a great incentive for NC to get involved is that it allows community members move away from the problems on each street and *towards a more community perspective & regional approach.*

## Special thanks & acknowledgement to those interviewed:

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## Best Practices for Addressing Traffic Concerns:

- ❖ **Hold meetings early in the morning**
  - Around 8AM, that way people who just have to take off just about an hour or so of work
  - Once a month is enough
- ❖ **Create an e-mail listserve**
  - That includes all potential attendees of the meeting, listed below
  - Send out weekly updates from Public Works & emergency traffic reports
  - Use it to set up meetings, send out meeting times, ensure attendance, or as a forum for discussion
- ❖ **Meet with Council offices constantly**
  - Invite your Councilmember to attend the meeting
  - Have a Council representative attend each meeting
- ❖ **Get regular updates from DOT**
  - Especially the Community Programs & Parking Enforcement Division
  - Have a DOT representative from each division attend every meeting
- ❖ **Involve all police**
  - Departments & divisions in the area, include the Los Angeles School Police
- ❖ **Work with at least 3 NC's in the area**
  - Request a representative give a NC traffic/transportation report
  - Assign traffic report representatives to specific neighborhoods within the NC
- ❖ **Get the MTA on board**
  - Get updates on all new bus lines and route changes
- ❖ **Have an overall vision**
  - That is both realistic and lives up to the potential of such a comprehensive collaboration
  - By staying focused!
- ❖ **Keep everyone accountable**
  - By including all citizens, city officials, and department representatives
  - By transcribing & sending out the minutes
- ❖ **Think as a group**
  - Don't forget to think big
  - Use this opportunity to achieve feats difficult to do as a single NC

*The most efficient way to address traffic and transportation concerns is to "work together and work as a group"*  
*Robert Ringler*

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