

## Community Impact Statement - Draft v2

### Re: Green Street Initiative

The Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports and requests the City of Los Angeles to implement a *Green Street* program throughout Woodland Hills - Warner Center, specifically in the following areas along Ventura Blvd:

1. Between DeSoto and Winnetka Avenue
2. Between Fallbrook Avenue and Sale Avenue

We understand that there might be private funding for development of a median along Ventura Blvd between DeSoto and Winnetka and we request that the City ensure that that project be built consistent with the Green Street parameters.

It is our understanding that the City has a budget within the Safe, Clean Water Program and funds within this budget would be used to pay for this project. It is also our hope that we continue to expand this program throughout the streets of our local communities.

As noted by the EPA, a green street is a stormwater management approach that incorporates vegetation, soil, and engineered systems (e.g., permeable pavements) to slow, filter, and cleanse stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces (e.g., streets, sidewalks). Green streets are designed to capture rainwater at its source, where rain falls. A traditional street is designed to direct stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces into storm sewer systems (gutters, drains, pipes) that discharge directly into surface waters, rivers, and streams. As we have seen with the increased frequency of significant rainfall in a concentrated amount of time while still having a limited amount of annual rainfall, our neighborhood is not utilizing stormwater in an efficient manner.

#### Existing Conditions

- Water runoff picks up pollutants from the road as it drains into local waterways
- Low permeability increases flooding
- Water damage on roadway
- Lack of vegetation

If the City of Los Angeles approves and implements a Green Street program throughout Woodland Hills - Warner Center, the Post Green Street Conditions would include:

- Source control of stormwater to limit the transport of pollutants to stormwater conveyance and collection systems
- Restoration of predevelopment hydrology to the extent possible
- Roadways that help protect the environment and local water quality
- Increased air quality via increased vegetation
- Enhanced community aesthetics

