



Cahuenga
Pass
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THE

PASSWORD

The Newsletter of the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Representing the Cahuenga Pass Since 1952

November 2002

**Caltrans has plans working now to
DOUBLE-DECK & WIDEN THE 101 FREEWAY
THRU THE CAHUENGA PASS
WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS !!!**

Find out what's really going on !

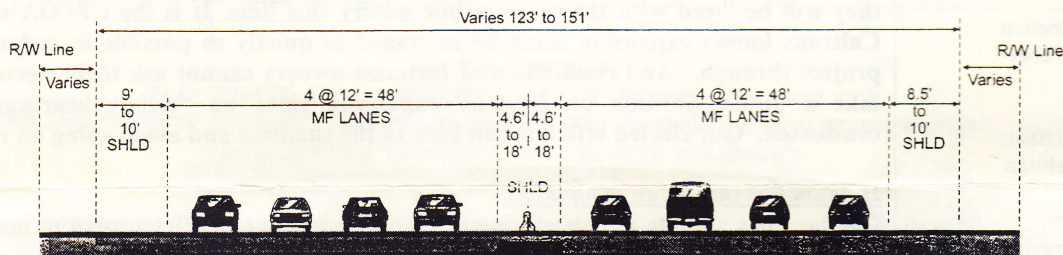
HOLLYWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday November 21 @ 7:30 P. M.

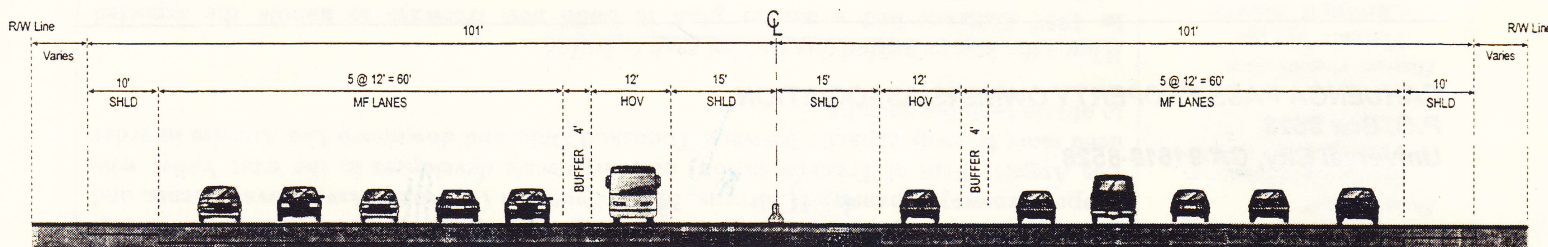
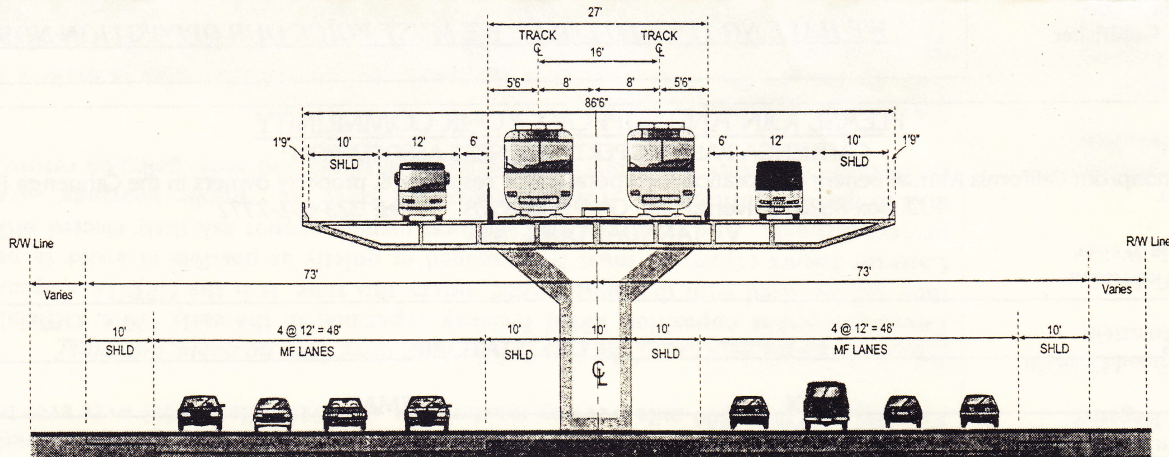
Center for Junior Achievement
6250 Forest Lawn Drive

(Directions from our neighborhood: Barham Blvd. down the hill, turn right on Forest Lawn Drive)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME • EASY-ACCESS PARKING

Below are drawings showing the existing freeway and two proposals provided by Caltrans EXPAND the freeway:



Existing Conditions



Before Caltrans decides to build another freeway ON TOP OF THE 101 FREEWAY, the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Assn. wants **ALL OPTIONS FOR FREEWAY EXPANSION CONSIDERED**. We think it is unfair to place the entire traffic burden on residents near the Hollywood/Ventura Freeway.

**WE DEMAND THAT THIS PROCESS HALT UNTIL PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE HELD
AND RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE PROPERLY
NOTIFIED OF ANY AND ALL HEARINGS.**

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CALTRANS IS PUSHING FORWARD A PROJECT WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Here is what this development may bring:

- **Loss of access to our homes** (Caltrans is considering the elimination of Cahuenga Blvd East & West, or making each street one way)
 - **Condemnation of hundreds of businesses and residences** by eminent domain (Yes, our neighborhood could lose its beloved park)
 - **Noise and pollution effects on our children**, particularly at our local Valley View Elementary School which overlooks the freeway
 - **Noise & vibration** from pile-driving day and night
 - **Closures and diversion of traffic onto Cahuenga and Ventura Blvds** during construction
 - Increased air pollution near the freeway
 - **Visual blight**: Any elevated portion would have to **clear our bridges by 20 FEET!**
 - **Long-term construction impacts**: Estimates predict construction time over 20 years
 - **Steep decline in property values** and/or inability to sell our homes :
- The San Fernando Valley Board of Realtors has instructed its realty agents that as of December 1, 2002, the potential for this expansion ***must be disclosed in all sales paperwork.***
- **Loss of privacy** as hundreds of vehicles per day begin to use our local streets to avoid construction delays on the freeway

Who or what is behind this mega-expansion of the Ventura/Hollywood Freeway?

We believe this project is being speeded through by huge government bureaucracies that support freeway expansion (Caltrans, MTA, Southern California Area Governments, and Los Angeles Dept of Transportation) and large-scale developers in the west Valley who need more freeway capacity between Thousand Oaks and downtown Los Angeles in order to obtain building permits.

What's the history behind this sudden rush to build?

In 1958 Caltrans had a master plan to build new freeways to handle the expected additional traffic through the San Fernando Valley. Under pressure, they abandoned the Reseda Freeway, Whitnall-Malibu Freeway, Pacific Coast Freeway and Beverly Hills Freeway. Of the 1,500-mile freeway master plan, only 918 miles (61%) were ever built.

Why is the public kept out of the loop? Why have there been no public hearings?

Enormous public opposition killed freeway expansion in the early '90's. Officials know they will be faced with the same public outcry this time. It is the CPPOA's opinion that Caltrans knows expansion must be managed as quietly as possible in order to push this project through. And residents and business owners cannot ask their elected officials to take a public position on freeway expansion since no "public hearings" are being conducted. Our elected officials can hide in the shadows and avoid going on record.

How soon is this going to happen?

Caltrans has already narrowed down the options to five. Officials plan to make a decision **BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2002** on the SINGLE CHOICE for expansion. This choice will then be the preferred alternative and the only option to be studied in depth.

WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE! WE MUST VOICE OUR OPPOSITION NOW!

PLEASE JOIN AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

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EMERGENCY

COMMUNITY MEETING !!!

Do you want Caltrans to

**DOUBLE-DECK THE 101 FREEWAY
THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY?**

Date: November 21

Time: 7:30 P.M.

(Meeting Address Inside)