

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2013 6:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission was convened at 6:35 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Nuckols and Sherman. Staff present: Transportation Manager Dennis Woods and City staff Zneimer.

**2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

The Commission approved (3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent) April 16, 2013 Regular meeting minutes with corrections.
(Evans, Sherman)

3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Evans informed the Commission that he spoke to Habib Balian, CEO of the Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority, about a bridge at the Fremont/Grevelia Gold Line Crossing. Mr. Balian said he did not know of any studies for a possible bridge at that location.

The Commission talked Fremont Avenue at their last meeting and passed the following motion 3 ayes and 0 noes: The Freeway & Transportation Commission recommends that Metro investigate the safety and efficiency of the Gold Line crossing at Fremont Ave and Gervelia St, to see if the signal at that intersection is necessary. Also they requested a review of the sidewalk closure on one side of the street. Additionally, the Commission asked that there be a safety review of the gate crossing arms and how the counter-balance on the arms can strike a passing pedestrian walking on the sidewalk (they used the example of the gate arm at Glendon Way and El Centro Ave).
(Sherman, Evans)

4. STAFF COMMENTS

Transportation Manager Woods informed the Commission about Metro's willingness to send Metro staff to present an update on the SR-710 North Study at the South Pasadena City Council meeting on July 3, 2013. The Commission expressed their desire to have a representative from CH2M Hill present and not just Metro staff members. Mr. Woods recapped what occurred during "Bike LA Week," in South Pasadena and how it reinforces South Pasadena commitment to multi-modalism.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MONTEREY RD/PASADENA AVE

The Commission discussed the item but took no action.

B. SR-110/FAIR OAKS INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Commission began the discussion talking about the Fair Oaks Improvement Project AECOM report. The Commission reviewed the written update from Public Works informing them that a draft report will not be ready until June 7th at the earliest. The Commission discussed the item further and passed the following motion 3 ayes to 0 noes:

The Freeway & Transportation Commission suggested that once the AECOM report is submitted to Public Works for review, that one of the current City Council members who served on the Design Advisory Group (DAG), which include Mayor Schneider, Councilmember Joe and Councilmember Cacciotti, review the report as well as other former DAG members Joanne Nuckols and John Vandercook.
(Sherman, Nuckols)

The Commission then reviewed the Memo provided by Public Works on the recent meeting between South Pasadena City staff and Caltrans staff about the SR-110/Fair Oaks interchange improvement project. The Commission discussed that item at length covering the aspects of phasing, splitting and costs for the project. The Commission asked if there was any new information on the cost to update the plan from Public Works.

C. SR-710

Chair Sherman began the discussion talking about what occurred at the latest SR-710 TAC meeting. He reviewed the transportation options that were discussed at that TAC meeting including the new option of a single bore tunnel. Chair Sherman gave a copy of a comment letter he personally drafted to the Commissioners. The Commission discussed the item further.

Commissioner Nuckols informed the Commission that Wendy Gruel, had recently, came out against the SR-710 freeway option; supporting the City of Los Angeles resolution against the SR-710.

The Commission discussed an item that may go before the Metro Board on July 25, 2013 regarding the relationship between Metro and Caltrans in regards to the authority of the Metro Board in relations to taking actions on the SR-710 North Study and passed the following motion two motions both 3 ayes and 0 noes:

The Freeway & Transportation Commission recommends that the City send a representative to the July 25, 2013 Metro Board Meeting to provide verbal testimony in support of the motion and amendment regarding roles and responsibilities of Caltrans and Metro for the SR-710 Study/Project.
(Nuckols, Sherman)

The Freeway & Transportation Commission recommends that Mayor Schneider reach out to the Author of the motion and the amendment scheduled for the July 25, 2013 Metro Board meeting agenda, to find out how to best support the motion.
(Sherman, Evans)

7. AGENDA INPUT

The Commission requested the following to be on the next agenda: update on the SR-110/Fair Oaks Interchange project, the AECOM report on Fair Oaks Ave Improvement Project and the SR-710.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Approved By:



William Sherman
Chair