

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH 6:30 P.M.
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
1414 MISSION STREET**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission was convened at 6:37 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Helgeson, Nuckols, Reynolds and Sherman. Council Liaison: Schneider. Staff present: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

The Commission approved the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Regular meeting (5 Ayes, 0 Noes)
3. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioners made general comments. Commissioner Helgeson mentioned that he will be attending the upcoming California Transportation Commission Meeting. Chair Sherman made mentioned of recent personnel changes at Metro, including Mr. Doug Failing leaving the organization. He added that a recent LA Times article talked about how leadership at CalTrans is working to change the organizations' priorities and have more emphasis on mass/public transportation. Council Liaison Dr. Schneider also attended the recent CTC meeting and mentioned that commissioners expressed concerns with the agency historically focusing on building, extending and widening freeways and a tremendous lack of emphasis on maintaining the existing system.
4. **STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Gonzalez reported that responses to the 5 City Alliance RFP were received and are in the process of being evaluated. The Alliance planned on holding interviews to determine which firms to recommend in the respective technical fields (Legal/CEQA, Transportation, Noise Impacts, Air Quality, Geotechnical and Hydrology).
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

None.
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **Fair Oaks Improvement Project**

City Manager Gonzalez reported that the study performed by

Study

AECOM had been directed by the City Council to the Public Works Commission for further review and input.

B. SR-710**1. 5 Cities Alliance – RFP Status**

City Manager Gonzalez reported that interviews are currently being scheduled with those that responded to the RFP. Once the Alliance makes their selection, a report would be brought forward to the South Pasadena City Council for contract award consideration since So. Pas is the fiscal agent for the Alliance.

2. EIR/EIS

Chair Sherman and City Manager Gonzalez reported that it was announced at the last TAC meeting that the DEIR/EIS report would not be released until late spring or early summer. Originally, it was thought that the EIR/EIS would be released in early Spring. Chair Sherman also reported that we still did not know whether or not trucks would be permitted in the tunnel. He also mentioned that a cost/benefit analysis would be included in a “project report” that would be released along with the Draft EIR/EIS

3. Other

Chair Sherman mentioned that outreach to Huntington hospital would be important to educate them about the impacts to the hospital and that a presentation to the governing board would be important. Council Liaison Schneider mentioned that it would be important to include members of the medical staff in the presentation. City Manager Gonzalez mentioned that presentations to local elected bodies by CH2MHILL and Metro would be done when the DEIR/EIS is released.

7. AGENDA INPUT

Fair Oaks Signal Synchronization and Mission Meridian Grade Crossing long delays.

8. ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held in April 11, 2014.

Approved By:



William Sherman
Chair