MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014 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 6:32 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Helgeson, Nuckols, and Sherman; Commissioners absent: Reynolds; Council Liaison: Schneider present and Staff present: Principal Management Analyst (PMA) Lin.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 18, APRIL 15, AND JUNE 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETINGS	The Commission approved the minutes. (4 ayes , 0 noes, 1 absent, 0 abstain)
3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS	Commissioner Helgeson reported that at the Joint Meeting at SCAG Kate White, from CalSTA discussed the impacts of AB32, indicating that transportation funding from Cap and Trade would discourage projects focused on single occupancy vehicles and could be an opportunity for funding for the Arroyo Parkway transit projects.
4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS	None.
5. STAFF COMMENTS	None.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)	None.
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS	

I. Fair Oaks Avenue Signal Synchronization Update	PMA Lin reported that there is a difference between allowing another agency to control the City's signal synchronization and allowing them to monitor the system. Allowing another agency to control the system could be problematic because they could make changes without notifying the City. The City also does not use the same dynamic system that the City of Pasadena uses, and allowing the City of Pasadena or Los Angeles County to control the City's signal synchronization would require the installation of costly fiber optics. Councilmember Schneider requested additional information regarding the current operator of the Columbia and State Street signals.
II. Gold Line Extension Update	PMA Lin presented a list of the mitigation measures that were provided in the Final EIR of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension. Commissioner Evans reported that construction is still on time; however, there may be a delay to Metro's operation start date due to a disagreement regarding the cars. Track test-runs should take place in two weeks and then be turned over to Metro in either April or September 2015. Councilmember Schneider expressed concerns regarding the guard arm timing for north bound trains and requested that a letter be drafted to Metro requesting updated mitigation measures that are consistent with current best practices to address concerns regarding emergency vehicle accessibility. Commissioner Nuckols suggested that a meeting be conducted to discuss possible mitigation measures with the surrounding residents.
III. Fremont Avenue Plan Update	PMA Lin presented a copy of the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming Concept Plan that was developed in 2009 to the commission. Commissioner Nuckols requested that the cost estimates for the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming Concept Plan be brought back to the Commission for review.
IV. SR-710	PMA Lin reported that there were no updates regarding the EIR/EIS and that it is still scheduled for release in February 2015.

V. Caltrans Affordable Sales Program	PMA Lin reported that Caltrans is still working on revising the proposed regulations and anticipates having a final draft ready by the end of November. PMA Lin also presented a list of all of the Caltrans owned properties located within the City. Commissioner Evens commented that the Historic Covenants could be transferred from the Historic Preservation Foundation to the City. Councilmember Schneider commented that the City's Housing Authority could take over. Commissioner Evans commented that he does not think the Historic Preservation Foundation should hold the covenants and will check to see if they would like to discard their existing covenants.
VI. Draft EIR/EIS Update	Chair Sherman reported that the next Metro TAC meeting will be held on November 19th and the next SOAC meeting will be held on November 20th.
8. AGENDA INPUT	The Commission requested that the following items be placed on the next agenda: Fremont Avenue Plan Update, Fair Oaks Signal Synchronization Options, Gold Line Extension Update, and West Pasadena Residents' Association Connecting Pasadena Plan.
9. ADJOURNMENT	By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on December 16, 2014.

Approved By:

William Sherman
Chair