

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
 FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
 CONVENED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019 6:42 P.M.
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 1414 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL	The special joint meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) was convened at 6:42 P.M. FTC Commissioners present: Arce, Helgeson, Kuhn, and Nuckols; PWC Commissioners present: Hughes, Abelson, Granath, and Fisher; Commissioner absent: Glauz; Council Liaison: Mayor Khubesrian, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Schneider; and Staff present: Public Works Director (Director) Abbas; Public Works Consultant Steve Wright, Manager of Long Range Planning and Economic Development (Manager) Lin.
PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)	<p>Dean Serwin, Yes on Measure A, provided comments on the need for the sales tax increase.</p> <p>Claire Bogaard and Mic Hansen, Pasadena residents, provided comments regarding the Connected Pasadena Project, shared that Pasadena Councilmember Madison would be holding a public forum on November 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM to discuss the proposed project. PWC Commissioner Fisher shared concerns regarding potential traffic impacts on Orange Grove Avenue. FTC Commissioner Sherman asked that South Pasadena participate in any future negotiations with Caltrans regarding the stub relinquishments.</p> <p>Brandon Fox, Fremont resident, requested that a plan be put in place to deal with SR-710 related traffic now; instead of waiting to see what Pasadena or Alhambra does with the freeway stubs. Mr. Fox stated that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) had not been completed yet. PWC Chair Hughes stated that the City should do small projects in the interim to help move traffic off of residential streets. Director Abbas shared that it would take approximately five to six months to finalize the funding agreements with Metro for the SR-710 Mobility Improvement Projects. The projects would include stakeholder meetings, an analysis of the loop ramp design, and a study to determine the most appropriate project to implement. Councilmember Schneider asked for an update on the NTMP. Director Abbas stated that the Public Works Department is still working on the NTMP. Another Fremont resident stated that Fremont Avenue experiences significant traffic congestion during rush-hour, speeding during off-peak hours, lack of police enforcement, and lack of speed enforcement.</p> <p>PWC Chair Hughes expressed concern with the SR-110 Safety Enhancement Project and suggested that the City provide comments on the proposed project. PWC Commissioner Granath stated that the Caltrans proposals are not comprehensive and will not sufficiently mitigate safety concerns.</p>
1. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS	Councilmember Schneider stated that it was cause for celebration because both Assembly Bill 29 and Senate Bill 7 had been signed by Governor Newsome.
2. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS	FTC Chair Nuckols reported that the draft environmental impact report for The Villages at the Alhambra had been released and public comments are due by Thursday at 5:00 PM.

	<p>PWC Chair Hughes asked for an update regarding the signal at Orange Grove Avenue and Monterey Road. Public Works Consultant Wright stated that the Public Works Department awarded a contract and will begin work shortly.</p> <p>PWC Commissioner Fisher stated that he had submitted comments and alternative designs in response to the SR-110 Safety Enhancement Project workshop.</p>
3. STAFF COMMENTS	None.
4. MEASURE R MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT PROJECTS	<p>FTC Chair Nuckols stated that there were no multi-modal or active transportation projects awarded to the City, while the City and County of Los Angeles were awarded a number of active transportation projects. FTC Commissioner Helgeson stated that Metro staff's assertions that projects needed to be capacity enhancing did not adhere to the spirit of the Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management alternative. PWC Commissioner Abelson stated that the City should move forward with the SR-110 Loop Ramp (Interchange) Project. Director Abbas shared that there may be new technology elements that would be integrated into the project to modernize the intersection; but all options will be evaluated to ensure flexibility and to consider active transportation components. PWC Chair Hughes stated that the City needs to address traffic on Fremont Avenue and Meridian Avenue and asked for a timeline for the completion of the NTMP and Metro funding agreements. Director Abbas shared that the NTMP should be completed in approximately six months. Commissioner Abelson made a motion to request a public meeting to be held to update the community regarding the Measure R Mobility Improvement (9 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent).</p>
5. FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MERGER	<p>Manager Lin shared that the Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Mayor Khubesrian, Councilmember Schneider, FTC Chair Nuckols, and PWC Commissioner Abelson met prior to the joint meeting to discuss the potential merger of the two commissions. During the Ad Hoc Committee meeting there was consensus regarding the need for citizen oversight of major capital projects; however, there was no consensus regarding the merger of the commissions.</p> <p>Commissioner Helgeson stated that the purview of both commissions was too much for just one commission. Commissioner Sherman stated that the transportation projects are complex so two commissions are necessary. Commissioner Abelson stated that the overlap between the two commissions has increased over the years and merging the two commission is the only way to maintain institutional knowledge and work efficiently. Commissioner Sherman made a motion to keep the commissions separate and make the PWC permanent (4 ayes, 3 noes, 1 abstain, 1 absent). Commissioner Sherman made a motion to merge the two commissions and revise the purview to include a 7 member commission (4 ayes, 4 noes, 1 absent).</p>
ADJOURNMENT	By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:12 P.M.

Approved By:


 Joanne Nuckols, FTC Chair

 Kim Hughes, PWC Chair