

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**  
**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**  
**MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission was called to order by Chair Abelson on June 15, 2021, at 6:34p.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:** Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

**Present via**

**Zoom:** Chair Abelson, Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Liu.

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Jon Primuth

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director, Garrett Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Works Director, Tatevik Barakazyan, Civil Engineering Assistant and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**1. Public Comment**

Robert Cowan – expressed concern regarding excessive speeding on Monterey Road, Marengo Avenue and Stratford Avenue. He mentioned 2 accidents and a sign that was hit on Milan as foundation that something needs to be done.

Ann Rector – express support to conduct a traffic study on Orange Grove Avenue between Columbia Street and the 110 Freeway. She mentioned two accidents that took place on Memorial Day.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on May 18, 2021.**

Minutes approved as amended (5-0) Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

**3. Review and Recommend that the City Council Approve Senate Bill (SB1) Resolution**

A motion was made by Chair Abelson and seconded by Commissioner Fisher (Approved 5-0). The resolution presents a pavement plan for the city in order to receive funding from SB1.

**4. Proposed Revisions to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**

A motion was made by Chair Abelson and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to recommend to City Council to move forward with the proposed Neighborhood Traffic Management Program incorporating: 1) recommendations made at the October 20, 2020 MTIC Meeting, including removal of the second sentence of Step 9, which is currently Step 8; and 2) increasing the local roadway vehicle threshold for

eligibility from 750 to 1000 vehicles per day and removing collector roadways from the eligibility criteria. (Approved 4-1)

Reopen Item #2

Public Comment

D. Shane expressed concern regarding the June 15 Meeting Minutes and requested that the minutes be amended.

### **COMMISSION LED DISCUSSIONS**

#### **5. AVCJPA Metro Short Range Transportation Plan**

Chair Abelson gave a brief overview of this item and recommended the list be revised to include Fair Oaks Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue from Columbia Street to Mission Street.

Council Liaison Primuth expressed there is some discretion at the Joint Powers Authority in regards to the short range transportation list and expanded criteria. The transportation options include 1) Regional; 2) Multi-Modal; and 3) Sustainable. The motion was to keep the list open and add projects where the City hasn't yet identified funding.

#### **6. SR 710 Mobility Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Fisher reported that a "Request for Proposal" will be issued by the end of June 2021. Chair Abelson announced that the Rogan Funds, approx. \$9 million, associated project "Request for Proposal" had been issued and staff is working to fine tune an agreement with the selected bidder and to present to the final agreement to City Council for approval.

#### **7. Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Fisher gave a brief overview of this item and presented the Committee's recommendations (please see additional document: Report of Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee).

Discussion ensued regarding parking, traffic signals and a two-way left turn lane.

Public Comment

Joanne Nuckols – requested that the Commission support a recommendation that would eliminate the problem with the traffic backing up when students are dropped off at Holy Family.

#### **8. Discussion of Local Return Measure M projects for FY 2022**

ADPWD Crawford gave a brief update on this item and presented a list of Measure M Projects.

The Commission recommended removing segments 2 and 3 from the list of proposed Measure M Projects prepared by staff.

#### **9. COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Liu reported no update at this time. ADPWD Crawford announced that the City is reviewing the bids and a contract award should be issued soon.

#### **10. Preferential Parking Policy Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Dunlap and Commissioner Lui gave a presentation on this item, accompanied with PowerPoint slides. They shared information about what policies exist in different cities and how they implement "preferred parking" policies.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **11. City Council Liaison Comments**

Council Liaison reported that the Budget will be presented at the City Council Meeting on June 16.

### **12. Commissioner Comments**

Councilmember Hughes welcomed Ghassan Shelleh, Deputy Public Works Director and requested a few potholes be addressed near the Nature Park.

Commissioner Fisher requested that the landscaping be cleaned up off of Arroyo Drive so that the City of South Pasadena sign is more visible. This is a “gateway” to the city and overgrown vegetation makes it very difficult to view.

Commissioner Liu welcomed Ghassan Shelleh to the City.

Chair Abelson shared a photo of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon installed in Alhambra and pointed out that the LED lights around the signs are good to have for visibility purposes.

### **13. Staff Liaison Communications**

ADPWD Crawford announced the War Memorial Building is the City’s Emergency Cooling Center and it will be open effective Tuesday, June 15, 12:00 p.m.-6:00. p. m. to Thursday, June 17, 12:00 p. m. – 6:00 p. m. Spaces are limited and masks are required.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on July 20, 2021.

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Larry Abelson, Chair