

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission (MTIC) to order on March 21, 2023, at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and virtually via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Chair John Fisher

Present: Chair Fisher, Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Hughes, and Commissioner Zavala

Council Liaison: Mayor Jack Donovan

Absent: Vice-Chair Dunlap

Staff Present: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director (“PWD”), and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant (“PWA”)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Diego led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

1. Mary Hoban – She is a resident of Golden Oaks Apartments. She expressed concern regarding the safety issues associated with entering and exiting the garage and requested that measures be undertaken to improve the situation. She feels it is unsafe, due to the narrowness of the street with the parking on both sides, often the placement of trash bins in the street and the line of sight when entering from Mission. She is requesting that something be done. She shared that parking is restricted on one side of the street during Farmer’s Markets days, but she said that more needs to be done.

2. Sally Kilby – She is a resident of Golden Oaks Apartments. She expressed concerns regarding safety issues associated with vehicles entering and exiting the garage. She commented that it is unsafe. Ms. Kilby suggested several ideas for consideration including, but not limited to, installation of a camera at the corner of Mission Street and Diamond Avenue, and active enforcement during Farmers Market hours to include the towing of vehicles.

Via Zoom

3. Anthony Lai – He expressed concern and request prioritizing the installation of curb ramps at several locations in the Monterey Hills in order to comply with applicable state and federal laws. He believes this small improvement can have a significant impact on the safety and accessibility of the community particularly for the disabled and elderly.

4. Erin Fleming – She resides on Huntington Drive. She expressed concern regarding the recent accidents in the area that have breached the curb and sidewalk. Ms. Fleming is requesting safety improvements to protect the residents and pedestrians from this dangerous activity. She referenced the recent accident that took place on February 17, 2023, where the driver’s speed exceeded 80 miles per hour. Ms. Fleming requested that this item be agendaized for a future Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission meeting for further discussion.

5. Mr. Kylie – He resides on Huntington Drive. He expressed concern about visibility and high speeds

INFORMATION REPORTS

2. Project Status Update

PWD Gerber highlighted upcoming projects.

It was shared that two “Measure M” projects had been approved and those included the project for Grevelia and also the project for Orange Grove.

The North Corridor traffic counts have been completed. The cost was covered by the Rogan Funds.

The 110 Parkway interchange task order is going to the City Council

In regards to the “Slow Streets” efforts, Alta is moving forward with the residential efforts and the Mission Street component is planned to begin in June 2023.

The Marengo Avenue mitigation strategy is having its scope revised and will be going to the City Council.

The issue of speed and safety is being considered by the Public Safety Commission.

A new Traffic Manager under the Public Works Department is schedule to start in April 2023.

The Measure M project for the Garfield signal now requires a warrant analysis.

Grant funding-under Cycle 11, the City submitted 8 projects and 4 projects have been approved

Commissioner Zavala inquired about the bulbouts and if modifications were under consideration as an option in addition to full removal. Director Gerber shared that there were a number of locations and options under review. There would be community meetings to discuss the issue, as well as computer simulations.

Commissioner Abelson commented that the “Early Action” projects list included original Measure R reviews and those can be considered by the City Council. In regards to the speed issue on Huntington and other streets, speed studies are needed every 7 years and can assist with the process.

Chair Fisher commented on Measure M projects. He said that the Columbia project will need signal hardware, as well as the new striping. New striping in the intersections will be very beneficial. We should move with the striping

3. Planning “State of Streets” Joint Council & MTIC Meeting – April 26th, 2023

PWD Gerber presented the upcoming State of Streets study session with City Council and MTIC which will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:30p.m. This is an opportunity to share ideas, concerns and prioritization of street projects. The discussion topics will be as follows:

- Pavement Management Program
- Pavement Condition Index Process & Next Iteration
- Street Improvement Projects – Phases and Status
- Transportation Capital Improvement Projects
- Master Planning Effort
- Fund Sources

Discussion ensued regarding striping improvements, cool streets, climate and greenhouse gas reduction, pavement markings, and curb ramps.

Chair Fisher suggested that it would be informative if the PWD could develop and distribute maps that include completed street improvements during the last few years and programmed street improvements during the next few years.

Commissioner Hughes also suggested discussions include the mention of permeable surfaces, water capture features and safety features.

4. Review of Measure R Mobility Improvement Project: Fair Oaks SR-110 Interchange Loop Ramp

PWD Gerber presented a brief overview of this project.

Discussion ensued regarding the project details.

Measure R funds would be utilized for this project. A consultant is currently working on the scope of work for this project. The new ramp configuration would assist with reducing back-up and emissions.

Commissioner Zavala wants to make sure that bicycle lanes and sidewalks are part of the re-design.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission Meeting on January 17, 2023

Minutes approved as amended. Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Abelson (4-0, motion passes).

6. Selection of Officers

A motion was made by Commissioner Abelson and seconded by Chair Fisher to nominate Commissioner Dunlap as Chair. (4-0 motion passes)

A motion was made by Chair Fisher and seconded by Commission Abelson to nominate Commissioner Hughes as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Hughes volunteered to continue to review the minutes. (4-0 motion passes)

COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Donovan informed the Commission of the first joint session meeting with the Finance Commission to approve the mid-year budget process. He updated the Commission on the Caltrans properties and that the ad hoc committee received the bids back for the remodeling of the unoccupied homes and reviewed the estimates. Council Liaison Donovan stated that they are waiting on Caltrans to notify the city of who will be returning or renting to the homes currently owned by Caltrans. He announced that Little League opened on Friday night with over a thousand people in attendance and his concern is getting rid of the gopher holes at Arroyo Park.

8. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hughes thanked staff for the presentation and consolidated report. She requested that staff keep the commission informed regarding the "drop off" with Holy Family. She informed staff that the potholes on the northbound SR-110 Freeway leading to the Orange Grove Avenue off ramp are back due to the rains and if Caltrans can be notified. Commissioner Hughes expressed concern with water conservation and appreciates the continued work by staff.

Commissioner Zavala announced that he received his driver's license and how that has given him a wider perspective not just as a biker or a pedestrian and gives him an understanding of the habits of drivers, however he would continue to ride his bike.

Chair Fisher suggested that for the joint meeting that it would be educational to show snapshots of large potholes that have developed as a result of the winter rains, in order to emphasize how rapidly a roadway can deteriorate if it isn't repaved before the pavement reaches a critical state. After that point future repairs become very costly. He notes how the letters of the South Pasadena ground sign near the Arroyo Seco are nicely framed by the ground growth from the winter rains."

Commissioner Abelson thanked staff for the presentation and report. He welcomed Councilmember Donovan and congratulated Commissioner Zavala on receiving his driver's license. Commissioner Abelson thanked outgoing Chair Fisher for his leading the meetings, guiding the conversation and working with staff on the agendas. Caltrans repaired a nice impressive segment, which was riddled with holes, but there's another segment further south that

needs repair of the Orange Grove Avenue on-ramp southbound. The intersection of State Street and Raymondale has a constantly blinking red traffic signal and if the signals could be repurposed to another location where it could be used.

PWD Gerber stated its difficult to repurpose because the signals are custom design especially as it comes to wind loading.

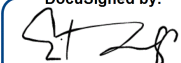
9. Staff Communications

Planning an outreach meeting for the North-South Corridor project and will be held in the Library Community room, the date to be determined. The City has another outreach meeting plan for the stormwater wetland project, to bring cleaner water into the city to use for irrigation. This will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library Community room. It's a joint meeting with Pasadena, and our project consultants to answer question and to conduct a walk through. We are targeting to begin construction before the end of this year. The Commission Congress will be held on Wednesday, June 28th. PWD Gerber mentioned the commission will start the discussion of the annual report and work plan for the next fiscal year, which will be agendized on a future meeting.

PWA DeWiitt announced the Annual Dumpster Day Event scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Arroyo Drive, south of Mission Street. For seniors, please contact the Senior Center at 626-403-7360 to register.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:38 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 April 18, 2023.

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Eric Dunlap, Chair