



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Hughes called the Meeting of the South Pasadena Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission to order on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:46 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	Chair	Kimberley Hughes
	Commissioner	Eric Dunlap
	Commissioner	John Fisher
	Commissioner	Larry Abelson

<u>COUNCIL LIAISON</u>	Mayor	Evelyn Zneimer
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<u>ABSENT</u>	Commissioner	Michelle Hammond
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Phillip Tran, Management Analyst, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Ted Gerber Public Works Director (PWD); Phillip Tran, Management Analyst (MA) were present at Roll Call

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Commissioner Abelson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

In-person Public Comments

Kay Mouradian provided public comment letting people know she is there on behalf of Barbara who normally speaks for the Marengo Matters group. She reminded everyone that Marengo still matters because of the dangers that are still present due to speeding issues.

Joanne Nuckols provided public comment expressing her support of the Toole Design Group report (item 2). She urged the commission to move forward as quickly as possible and suggests an ad hoc committee be formed that would include members from MTIC, Public Works Commission, and Natural Resources and Environmental Commission and perhaps community members. She alluded to an example of this working was the Water Council from years ago and offered to provide support so that this process could run smoothly.

Nick Howell provided public comment to express support for the Toole Design report and appreciated efforts to reduce traffic and slow things down. He reminded people that a year ago, there was a fatal accident on Orange Grove outside of his house. He appreciated that the Toole Design Report considers streets like Orange Grove and thinks that the type of design from the report represents the final chapter in the resistance to the 710 freeway.

Kris Miller provided public comment in support of the Toole Design Group plan and pointed out that traffic demand is elastic. He asked about potential short-term measures to address traffic engineering. He called out that the commission should pause on any projects that would increase car capacity, because even though they might seem useful, he believed they contribute to the overall increase of cars moving through the city.

Caroline Howell provided public comment in support of the Toole Design Group report and is excited by the potential vision for the city. She believed that the city should prioritize residents, taxpayers, walkers, and not just cut through commuters. She emphasized that the plans will have a big economic boost to the city and that the city should be a place where people want to come and walk and shop. She said the plans could be pro-business, pro safety, and pro community members.

Rick Schneider provided public comment in support of the Toole Design Group report. He mentioned that he was on this commission a long time ago. He urged the commission to be aggressive in pushing it to the council and not let it be set aside.

Jessica Law provided public comment in support of the Toole Design report and is a resident on Monterey near Orange Grove. She expressed that the sidewalk all along Monterey on both sides is still too narrow with utility poles in the way. She supported more effective and traffic calming measures.

Beth Levinson provided public comment in support of the plan and believes strongly in making the city safer for pedestrians, children walking to school, etc. She is a resident on Meridian and Oliver and said there are not enough traffic signs. The stop sign at Buena Vista and Meridian is hard to see because the sign is kind of covered. She urged the city to support the implementation of this plan.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. REVIEW OF FREMONT / HUNTINGTON PROJECT
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and provide feedback on the planning progress of the Fremont/Huntington Project.

PWD presented on the Toole Design memo regarding the Fremont and Huntington project and emphasized that the city needs to move from the planning phase into the design phase to start spending the funding. PWD detailed three funding sources: Measure M MAT(Metro Active Transportation), Measure R MIP(Mobility Improvement Program) and HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program). He described the specific requirements and restrictions of each funding source and highlighted the importance of balancing project elements and ensuring compliance with funding agreements. PWD presented in detail the design concepts for specific intersections, such as Columbia Street and Buena Vista Street. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of managing traffic and the recommendations provided by the Toole Design Group. PWD provided answers and considered the feedback from the commissioners regarding the designs.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MTIC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and consider approval of the September 17, 2024 Regular MTIC Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Fisher responded to commissioner Abelson's inquiry that he offered grammatical modifications to his comments to the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2024.

Commissioner Dunlap noted that there was a voting item at the end of the previous meeting to approve the amended minutes. He clarified that he had already left the meeting by that time, so his vote should be removed from the minutes.

Commissioner Abelson noted a necessary change to include his name in the approval of the previous minutes as he was present during that item discussion.

Chair Hughes requested clarification regarding the 30% plans to describe that the plans are still in early draft form. Chair Hughes provided other grammatical changes and clarified a point she had made regarding the previous minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Abelson to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried 4-0

AYES: Hughes, Fisher, Dunlap, Abelson

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hammond.

ABSTAINED: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

5. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS


The commissioners thanked the Public Works Director as well as staff for the presentation, noting how informative and helpful it was to understand the demands and needs of the city.

6. **STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

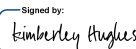
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission at 9:54 p.m. to the next Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

Signed by:

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APPROVED:

Signed by:

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Chair

Approved at Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission: 11/19/2024