



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Works Infrastructure Commission meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Eric Dunlap, Sam Hernandez, Russell Kerwin, Avin Sharma, Chair Abelson

Members Absent: David Maling, Ryan Jones, Vice-Chair Brunelle

Phillip Tran, Management Analyst announced a quorum

Staff Present: Councilmember Omari Ferguson, Public Works Deputy Director Anteneh Tesfaye, Principal Engineer Michael Vartanians, Transportation Program Manager Bassam Al-Beitawi, Management Analyst Phillip Tran, Management Assistant Rigoberto Escobedo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hernandez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment received

There was no one wishing to provide public comment.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

REORDERING OF, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Chair Abelson requested Items 4 and 6 be discussed prior to the Action / Discussion items. Majority vote received.

ACTION / DISCUSSION

2. UPDATE TO WESTSIDE RESERVOIR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Deputy Public Works Director Anteneh Tesfaye delivered presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes of PWIC Meeting on July 9, 2025

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and consider approval of the July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Dunlap, Hernandez, Kerwin, Sharma, Chair Abelson
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Jones, Maling, Vice-Chair Brunelle
ABSTAIN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. City Council Liaison Communications

Councilmember Ferguson informs commission that City Council will be discussing the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and options for financing capital improvement projects at tonight's special joint meeting of the City Council.

5. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hernandez invited Commissioners to attend the South Pasadena Champion Awards at the Senior Center Monday, August 18, 2025.

Commissioner Kerwin expressed interest in increasing awareness to local merchants and community of Mission Slow Streets; Expressed concern for insufficient parking available at Arroyo Park and inquired on possibility of adding striping to allow for additional parking.

Commissioner Sharma thanked staff for their efforts.

Commissioner Dunlap reiterated interest in receiving ongoing project updates.

Chair Abelson echoed Commissioner Dunlap's interest; Inquired about the possibility of restoring the wooden hand railings at Arroyo Park; Requested update of Public Works Infrastructure Commission website.

6. Staff Liaison Communications

Principal Engineer Michael Vartanians provided updates on capital improvement projects.

Transportation Program Manager Bassam Al-Beitawi advised that Fremont / Huntington Project has been advertised; Provided updates on North / South ITS Deployment project and answered questions from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Abelson adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM to Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Signed by:

Michael Vartanians

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Michael Vartanians 8/28/2025
Staff Liaison, Principal Engineer

Signed by:

Larry Abelson

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Public Works Infrastructure Commission Chair

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