



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

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AGENDA

Freeway and Transportation Commission

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm
City Manager's Conference Room
1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Chairman: Joanne Nuckols

Vice Chairman: Scott Kuhn

Commissioners: Arcelia Arce, Richard Helgeson, William Sherman, M.D.

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Robert S. Joe

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments (Items not on the Agenda)
3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting
4. Commissioner Comments
5. Council Liaison Comments
6. Staff Comments
7. Discussion Items:
 - A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - B. Purview Review and 2019 Work Plan
8. Agenda Input
9. Adjournment

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena as required by State Law.

Date: February 14, 2019

Signature _____

Margaret Lin

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2019 6:43 P.M.
CITY MANAGERS CONFERENCE ROOM
1414 MISSION STREET**

<p>1. ROLL CALL</p>	<p>The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) was convened at 6:43 P.M. Commissioners present: Arce, Nuckols, Kuhn, Sherman, and Helgeson; Commissioner absent: Arce; Council Liaison: absent; Councilmember Schneider; and Staff present: Principal Management Analyst (PMA) Lin.</p>
<p>2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)</p>	<p>Councilmember Schneider announced that he will be the FTC Council Liaison for 2019.</p>
<p>3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p>	<p>The December 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes were approved as amended (5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent).</p>
<p>4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>6. STAFF COMMENTS</p>	<p>PMA Lin announced that the City Attorney will be conducting Brown Act Training for all of the commissions during February and March 2019.</p>
<p>7. DISCUSSION ITEMS</p>	
<p>A. SR-710 Updates 1. Early Action Projects 2. Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement</p>	<p>PMA Lin shared that the Metro Board approved an initial list of SR-710 Early Action Projects (EAPs); however, the project list excluded any projects that were not considered capacity enhancing. Chair Nuckols expressed concern regarding the exclusion of the active transportation components of the EAPs.</p> <p>Chair Nuckols stated that certification of the Final EIR will take place prior to the release of the Notice of Determination (NOD); she was also informed that the NOD should have been released the first week of January. Councilmember Schneider stated that there is a 6-month period to initiate any litigation. Chair Nuckols stated that the City would need to see what is included in the Statement of Overriding Consideration for the Certification and see if a Memorandum of Understanding may be needed to commit Caltrans to not take any action on a tunnel until legislation to remove the SR-710 stubs from the State Highway Code has been passed. Chair Nuckols commented that SB416 (Liu) included similar language regarding the stub removals that could be included in Senator Portantino’s bill.</p>

<p>B. Arroyo Verdugo Joint Powers Authority – Measure M Multiyear Subregional Plan</p>	<p>PMA Lin announced that the AVCJPA Board approved the Measure M MSP and submitted the MSP to Metro for review and approval.</p>
<p>C. SR-710 Rehabilitation Account/Highway Account</p>	<p>PMA Lin reported that the joint letter between Alhambra, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and South Pasadena requesting more information regarding the property sales and Rehabilitation Account revenues was submitted to the CTC. Chair Nuckols stated that there should be a second fund that was created by Congressman Schiff.</p>
<p>D. General Plan Update – Circulation Element</p>	<p>Chair Nuckols commented that all of the upcoming development projects and their traffic impacts should be addressed in the General Plan update.</p>
<p>8. AGENDA INPUT</p>	<p>Status of the SR-710 in the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan and the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan.</p>
<p>9. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.</p>

Approved By:

 Joanne Nuckols
 Chair



Freeway and Transportation Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. _____

DATE: February 19, 2019

FROM: Margaret Lin, Principal Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Purview Review and 2019 Freeway and Transportation Commission Work Plan

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Discuss the Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) purview; and
2. Approve the 2019 FTC Work Plan.

Discussion/Analysis

Per the City Council's direction each Commission will review their purview and develop a subsequent work plan for the year. The work plan will help manage limited staff resources and the tasks or processes necessary to achieve those goals for the commission. Ordinance No. 221 establishes that the FTC is responsible for the review of proposals or actions related to the State Route 710 (SR-710) North Extension project and any multi-mode alternatives. On September 19, 2018, the City Council provided clarification that policy discussions will be directed to the FTC and project implementation discussions will be directed to the Public Works Commission (PWC) for the following topic areas that could result in purview overlap between the two commissions:

- Bicycle Lanes
- Fair Oaks Avenue Corridor
- Fremont Avenue Traffic
- Metro Gold Line
- Monterey Road Project
- State Route 110 Hookramp Project

Background

Over the past five years, the FTC and PWC have provided support and guidance for the following:

<u>Freeway and Transportation</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Overlap</u>
SR-710 North Extension (Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, sale of Caltrans properties, 5-Cities Alliance, etc.)		
Mobile Food Trucks		

<u>Freeway and Transportation</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Overlap</u>
Metro Gold Line (at grade crossings, Foothill Extension, etc.)	Grade crossing timing improvements	✓
Fair Oaks Avenue Corridor Improvements	Fair Oaks Avenue bulbout removals	✓
Monterey Road Project	Monterey Road Project, various Monterey Road traffic improvements	✓
SR-110/Fair Oaks Avenue Interchange	SR-110/Fair Oaks Avenue Interchange	✓
Bicycle Lanes	Bicycle Lanes	✓
Fremont Traffic Congestion	Traffic Studies, Traffic Calming, Citywide Speed Limit Survey	✓
	Pavement and striping maintenance, Pavement Management Program	
	Development Impacts to Public Right-of-Way	
	Water and Sewer Projects	

Both commissions have done an exceptional job studying traffic related issues, assisting with transportation planning efforts, and providing support on capital improvement projects. Each commissioner has dedicated numerous hours assisting staff with the development of new policies and recommendations to the City Council. Given the overlapping roles and responsibilities between the PWC and FTC, clarification between the two commissions' purviews should be established to help minimize potential conflicting recommendations.

Public Notification of Agenda Item

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, posting of the same agenda and reports on the City's website and/or notice in the *South Pasadena Review* and/or the *Pasadena Star-News*.

Attachments:

1. FTC Purview
2. 2019 FTC Work Plan

Freeway and Transportation Purview

Ordinance No. 2211 – December 15, 2010 established:

ARTICLE IVD. FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2.48 Responsibilities.

It shall be the responsibility of the Freeway and Transportation Commission:

- (a) To study and investigate proposals and actions of the California Transportation Commission, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Southern California Association of Governments, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Caltrans, and other regional transportation agencies related to the City's fight against a SR-710 north extension and support of a multi-mode/low build alternative; and
- (b) To support the City's official position by studying and advancing the further development of a multi-mode/low build alternative and capital improvements called for in its implementation; and
- (c) To analyze legal, financial and community factors pertaining to planning and implementation of a multi-mode/low build alternative in the city; and
- (d) To conduct studies regarding any "freeway agreement" that may be submitted to the City with respect to freeway design; and
- (e) To analyze and make recommendations to the City Council with regard to Metro Gold Line mitigation measures and studies concerning the tunnel proposal for a SR-710 north extension; and
- (f) To serve as a design advisory group, as originally created and defined by the 1998 Federal Highway Administration's Record of Decision for a SR-710 Freeway Extension (FHWA-CA-EIS-74-15-F) and continued by the City; and
- (g) To analyze and advise the City Council or any other transportation related matter assigned to it by the City Council.

2.49 Method.

In discharging its responsibilities as set forth in Section 2.48, the Freeway and Transportation Commission shall:

- (a) Seek from the City staff architectural, engineering, economic, sociological, and legal help; and
- (b) Prepare and make recommendations to the City Council as to any action that the Freeway and Transportation Commission determines should be undertaken by the City; and
- (c) Hold any necessary public meetings, or conduct hearings in conjunction with its responsibilities; and
- (d) Enlist the cooperation of citizens and the participation of various community organizations in its endeavors.

2.50 Limitations.

The Freeway and Transportation Commission may discharge its responsibilities in the manner and means selected by it, except as follows:

- (a) Unless expressly authorized to do so by the City Council, it shall not request itself to be, nor in any way act for or on behalf of the City Council, nor shall it commit the officers, employees or staff of the City in any manner or to any course of action; to the contrary, it shall act as a study center and clearinghouse for advisory action to the City Council; and

- (b) It shall seek to remedy such real and manifest problems as may arise as a result of any proposed freeway location; and
- (c) It shall not encroach upon any area preempted by state or federal law; and
- (d) It shall forward all of its findings and recommendations to the City Council prior to public release.

Section 3. The South Pasadena Design Advisory Group and Transportation Commission are hereby dissolved and their respective responsibilities transferred to the Freeway and Transportation Commission.

Ordinance No. 2187 – June 3, 2009 established:

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 - (b) To support the City’s official position by studying and advancing the further development of a multi-mode/low build alternative and capital improvements called for in its implementation; and
 - (c) To analyze legal, financial and community factors pertaining to planning and implementation of a multi-mode/low build alternative in the city; and
 - (d) To conduct studies regarding any “freeway agreement” that may be submitted to the City with respect to freeway design; and
 - (e) To provide review and recommendations to the City Council regarding transportation planning issues within the city, including amendments to the circulation element of the City’s General Plan, traffic calming policy, new traffic signal proposals, traffic synchronization, truck routes, and proposals for permanent street closures; and
 - (f) To advise the City Council on transportation funding, including the Metropolitan Transportation Authority call for projects.
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FHWA-CA-EIS-74-15-F established:

RECORD OF DECISION: State Route 710 Freeway

Conditions and Commitments

1. Caltrans will establish community design advisory groups (DAG) with each of the impacted communities, including El Sereno, to consider the specific community mitigation needs of their community. These mitigation measures will include, but are not limited to, additions and deletions to the interim improvement measures, traffic operations and pedestrian safety issues; school impact and mitigation measures; historic impact mitigation including measures to protect and secure relocated or replaced structures; neighborhood preservation; visual impact and urban landscape considerations including pocket parks and joint use; and

community integrity and cohesion issues including structural considerations (such as pedestrian overpasses, underpasses, and cut-and-cover tunnels), relocation assistance and replacement housing, property management, construction impacts and community targeted job opportunities and training programs. The FHWA will be involved on the advisory groups and in the selection of members. Technical assistance, as needed, will be provided by Caltrans to the DAG's. Memberships on the DAG's will include local officials, neighborhood representations, preservationists and other interests (eg., schools, safety advocates, environmental justice interests etc.) Furthermore, FHWA and Caltrans will work with interested groups and agencies to determine their interest in serving or being represented on the DAG's.

2. All mitigation features promised in the environmental documents and developed and agreed to since approval of the FEIS in 1992, and those developed by the design advisory groups and agreed to by FHWA and Caltrans, will be implemented. These commitments are documented in the FEIS, Enhancement and Mitigation Advisory Committee report and Caltrans agreement, and Section 4(f) Evaluation. Additional measures may be added as a result of the design work on the project and recommendations of the DAG's. Working through the DAG's will allow the design teams to adequately address the major issues. Also, active involvement with all DAG members will make the SR 710 project an international showcase of historic preservation.

2019 Freeway and Transportation Commission Work Plan

February 19

- Chair and Vice-chair Elections
- Purview Review and 2019 FTC Work Plan

March 19

- Brown Act Training

April 16

- SR-710 Early Action Projects – Measure R Funding

May 21

- SR-710 Legislation – Letters of Support

June 18

- Bike and Scooter Share Policy

July 16

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August 20

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September 17

- Mobility and Infrastructure Policy Committee

October 15

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November 19

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December 17

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