

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY 2016 6:37 P.M.
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
1414 MISSION STREET**

1. ROLL CALL	The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) was convened at 6:37 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Helgeson, Nuckols, and Reynolds; Commissioners excused Sherman; Council Liaison: Khubesrian present; and Staff present: Principal Management Analyst (PMA) Lin.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.
3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS	Commissioner Nuckols commented on the release of the California Public Interest Research Group (CalPRIG) report including the SR-710 as one of the 12 worst highway projects across the country.
4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS	None.
5. STAFF COMMENTS	None.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)	None.
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS	
I. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Postponed until next meeting.
II. SR-110 Hookramp Update	PMA Lin reported that Paul Toor, Public Works Director, and Shin Furukawa Deputy Public Works Director would be having a meeting with Caltrans Project Manager Nancy Pei Deputy District Director Robert So next week to discuss Caltran's ability to take on the role of lead agency for the hookramp project.
III. SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS	PMA Lin reported that the City's draft comment letter has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the Council Ad Hoc Committee and Special Counsel.
IV. SR-710 Updates	Councilmember Khubesrian stated that Steve Scauzillo wrote an article on CalPRIG's report.
V. SPUSD Mission Place Project	<p>PMA Lin reported that the school district held a public hearing last Tuesday and will be accepting public comments until February 19, 2016. While a Traffic Study was not required, the consultants had prepared a study which should be released next week.</p> <p>Commissioner Helgeson stated that he had requested that this item be added to the agenda due to the potential impacts by the Metro Gold Line</p>

	<p>and the queue backup on Mission Street from the Gold Line crossing to Fair View Avenue. Commissioner Nuckols commented that the queue extends further down Mission Street to Fremont Avenue.</p> <p>Councilmember Khubesrian commented that every comment provided during the public hearing expressed concerns with the density, traffic, number of rental units, and lack of public space.</p> <p>Commissioner Helgeson commented that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) seems to be biased since it fails to acknowledge the increased traffic that will be generated by the project. Commissioner Evans commented that Gary Pia was concerned about upgrading the existing school district building. Commissioner Nuckols commented that the FTC ought to review the Draft EIR and provide comments. Councilmember Khubesrian stated that Staff would need to confirm how the FTC could provide comments and the proper procedure to ensure that comments are not deemed inappropriate.</p>
<p>VI. Valet Parking</p>	<p>PMA Lin reported that Crossings had submitted an application which was denied by David Watkins, Planning Director due to the requirements of the Mission Street Specific Plan (MSSP). The item has been called up by the Planning Commission for their review on Monday.</p> <p>Councilmember Khubesrian asked why this item was placed on the agenda. Commissioner Helgeson explained that he had requested to have this item brought to the FTC due to the potential impacts associated with the Metro Gold Line. Commissioner Helgeson expressed concerns regarding the increased congestion and violations against the MSSP and indicated that valet parking could affect the Gold Line Mitigation Measures which are under the purview of the FTC. Councilmember Khubesrian commented that there are no mitigation measures or traffic studies that have been produced. Commissioner Evans commented that it may not be appropriate for the FTC to take any action at this time.</p>
<p>8. AGENDA INPUT</p>	<p>Joint meeting of the Public Works and Freeway and Transportation commissions.</p>
<p>9. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on February 16, 2016.</p>

Approved By:



William Sherman
Chair