



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

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dunlap called the Meeting of the South Pasadena Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission to order on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:39 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

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| Chair | Eric Dunlap |
| Vice Chair | Kimberley Hughes |
| Commissioner | Lawrence Abelson |
| Commissioner | Diego Zavala |

COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilmember Jack Donovan

ABSENT

Commissioner Fisher

Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

H. Ted Gerber, Public Works Director (“PWD”), David Pena, Transportation Program Manager (“TPM”) via zoom, and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant (“PWA”) were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Commissioner Zavala.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No comments.

ACTION/DISCUSSION**2. SLOW STREETS PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION**Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission (MTIC) provide recommendations and advisement of the Residential Slow Streets Program for City Council related to:

- a. The existing Grand Avenue and Hermosa Street installation;
- b. The existing Oak Street installation;
- c. The future Mission Street and parklet installation;
- d. The future of the Slow Streets Program and usage of Slow Streets temporary traffic control signs.

Transportation Program Manager David Pena presented the item. Staff responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Prior to the Grand Avenue discussion, Commissioner Abelson requested to recuse himself from the discussion, of Item 2a, given his proximity to the location.

In-Person Comments for Item 2a

David Johnson expressed his opposition to the project.

Casey Law, speaking on behalf of South Pas Active Streets Group, expressed support for the project.

Katy Femia expressed her support for the project.

Mike Siegel expressed his support for the project.

Lisa Roa expressed her opposition to the project.

Jaydene Davis expressed her opposition to the project.

Steve Koch spoke about the City's online survey results and expressed his opposition to the project.

Nancy Anderson expressed her opposition to the project.

Larry Abelson spoke about his experiences with the devices related to the slow streets program.

Bob Simpson expressed his opposition to the project.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions raised by the Commissioners.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Dunlap to recommend class two bike lanes on Grand Avenue; and concur with staff's recommendation on Hermosa Street; and consider materials that are more aesthetically pleasing and speed humps. The motion carried 3-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Dunlap, Zavala, Hughes
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Abelson and Fisher
ABSTAINED: None.

Commissioner Abelson returned to the dais.

Prior to the Oak Street discussion, Vice Chair Hughes requested to recuse herself from the discussion of Item 2b, given her proximity to the location.

Public Works Director Gerber presented on Oak Street, Item 2b, as part of the Slow Streets Program.

Staff responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Zoom Comments for Item 2b

Ben Steele expressed his support for the project on Oak Street.

In Person Comments for Item 2b

Mike Siegel expressed his support for the project on Oak Street and for a permanent solution.

Kimberley Hughes expressed her support for the project and other opportunities more permanent.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions raised by the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Abelson to concur with Staff's recommendation and install more permanent center median striping at the intersection of Fletcher Street and Oak Street. If funding and staff resources allow, consider alternate materials for Oak Street and Marengo Avenue and Oak Street and Fremont Avenue. The motion carried 3-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Dunlap, Abelson, Zavala,
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Hughes and Fisher
ABSTAINED: None.

Public Works Director Gerber presented on Mission Street, Item 2c as part of the Slow Streets Program.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions raised by the Commission.

Zoom Comments

Ben Steele spoke about the traffic flow on Orange Grove Avenue and Mission Street. Public Works Director Gerber presented on Item 2d as part of the Slow Streets Program.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions raised by the Commission.

No Public Comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 MEETING

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and consider approval of the October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

4. PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission receive and file an update on the status of projects related to the City's Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure.

TPM Pena gave a brief project update on Grevelia Street and Fair Oaks Project, Fremont Avenue and Huntington Drive, and the Charrette process.

Public Works Director Gerber gave a brief project update on street improvements.

Staff responded to questions raised by the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Donovan reported that the City Council approved the purchase of the Flameless Pothole Patcher asphalt repair vehicle. The truck will be powered with natural gas and connect with the City's program in the future. He reminded everyone that the election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem will happen at tomorrow's meeting.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Vice-Chair Hughes thanked staff for their great work. She reported that she participated in the Arroyo Fest and that everyone who worked on the Arroyo Fest should be commended.

Commissioner Zavala reported that the Arroyo Fest event was very impressive and that he worked on the Tiger Run, which had around 3000 participants.

Commissioner Abelson thanked staff and Councilmember Donovan for all of the good work during the year. He commented that he participated in the Arroyo Fest and walked on the freeway and it was amazing.

Chair Dunlap wished everyone Happy Holidays and he enjoyed being Chair for the year.

7. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

PWD Gerber invited everyone to the Mayor’s reorganization and to celebrate the closing of the year. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dunlap adjourned the meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission at 10:17 P.M.


Respectfully submitted:

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Leonna DeWitt
Public Works Assistant

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Eric Dunlap
Chair

Approved at Commission Meeting: January 16, 2024