

**MINUTES OF THE  
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION  
17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission was called to order by Chair Zneimer at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, with all Commissioners and Council Liaison attending via Zoom, and the meeting being broadcast via the Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Vice Chair Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner Hughes, and Chair Zneimer.

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Dr. Richard Schneider

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director, Garrett Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Works Director, Tatevik Barakzayan, Civil Engineering Assistant and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. PWA DeWitt announced that one public comment was received in writing via email from the following individual:

- Joanne Nuckols – Joanne Nuckols – Expressed concern regarding the Ramona Avenue Traffic Study, the potential traffic impacts prior to “in-person” school attendance starts. She also commented on the EIR for the General Plan/Housing Element and that the MTIC should be participating.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on October 20, 2020 - Minutes approved as amended. (Zneimer, Hughes 5-0)**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**3. Measure M Multi-Sub Regional Project (MSP) Update (Informational Only)**

Vice Chair Abelson opened the discussion on this item and expressed his desire to move forward on the Measure M project list. The Commission agreed to have staff provide an update of the 2018 Project Lists, including the proposed signals at Oak St./Garfield Ave/Monterey Rd, short term improvements on Fremont Ave/Meridian Ave and the viability of the projects. A planned update on the project will be part of the January 2020 meeting.

**4. Metro Recommends Revisions to Measure R and Measure M (Informational Only)**

The Commission discussed Metro’s recommended revisions and possible improvements/projects that can

be implemented in the City. A number of ideas were discussed, such as first/last efforts, and shuttles. The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee comprised of Larry Abelson and John Fisher have been looking at the project lists. There was discussion about the COG meeting and could we send comments to the COG.

Commissioner Hammond shared a concern over noise from the EV chargers. The Public Works team shared they would review.

## **COMMISSION LED DISCUSSIONS**

### **5. COVID-19 Mobility and Transportation Related Matters Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Hammond reported that some of the business owners are concerned about another closure. She suggested additional signage to direct people to the various parking areas in the City. There was some discussion about safety rules for heaters, cords, ADA access, etc. The Commission complimented the recent installation of the artwork on the safety barriers.

### **6. Preferential Parking Policy**

Chair Zneimer gave a brief overview of the Preferential Parking procedure.

Public Comment

- Joanne Nuckols – Expressed concern regarding the City’s policy and suggested reviewing Pasadena’s Preferential Parking System.

ADPWD Crawford discussed the possible development of a policy to include the Commission in the City’s review of development projects. Commissioner Hughes referenced the past review of developments in regards to where entrances and exits intersect with streets.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **7. City Council Liaison Communications**

Council Liaison Dr. Schneider discussed a letter distributed to the Commission earlier regarding Caltrans property. The City’s proposal was rejected by Caltrans due to not having sufficient financing. He suggested that the Commission make a recommendation to the City Council to close Meridian Avenue between Mission Street and El Centro Street for a dining plaza. Council Liaison Dr. Schneider announced that this is his last meeting and that he has enjoyed working with the MTIC.

### **8. Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Hughes thanked Council Liaison Schneider for his support.

Commissioner Hammond thanked Council Liaison Schneider for his years of service to the community.

Vice Chair Abelson expressed gratitude for Council Liaison Schneider and the work that he has done and hopefully continues to do for the community. He suggested that sub-committees be extended to residents with their expertise.

Commissioner Fisher thanked Council Liaison Dr. Schneider for being available to listen to ideas. He thanked him for elevating the concept of the loop ramp at Fair Oaks Avenue and Arroyo Seco Parkway to the other Council members and the City Manager and for finding a way to obtain the services of an engineer to prepare a scaled drawing. PWD Abbas was recongnized for moving the project forward. He also suggested the trimming or removal of the tree on the northeast corner of Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue, so as not to obstruct signal visibility."

Chair Zneimer expressed gratitude for Council Liaison Dr. Schneider for being supportive and being a dedicated advocate of active transportation projects.

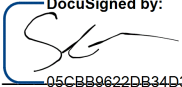
**9. Staff Liaison Communications**

ADPWD Crawford thanked Council Liaison Dr. Schneider for his kindness and that it has been a pleasure working with him. He also provided information about grant applications. He also reported that work is being done at City Hall in improving the courtyard.

PWA DeWitt commented that it was a pleasure working with Council Liaison Dr. Schneider.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on December 15, 2020.

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Sam Zneimer, Chair



## PUBLIC COMMENT

# MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION MEETING

November 17, 2020

(Deadline to submit Comments 11/17/20 at 12p.m.)

Item No.	Name	Document	Date Received
GC	Joanne Nuckols	E-mail Public Comment	11/17/2020
Item 6	Joanne Nuckols	E-mail Public Comment	11/17/2020

Joanne Nuckols

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The Ramona Ave Traffic Study was completed and a presentation to City Council over a year ago. To date, there has been no review by any city commission nor opportunity for the residents to comment. I'm asking that the commission consider placing this item on the next agenda for discussion and input from our neighborhood on the recommendations before in class school starts for SPHS and Holy Family School. One recommendation that will have the most impact on the safety and traffic congestion for students and residents was a staggered start time for the schools. The only recommendation implemented so far is a stop sign on Ramona at Rollin. Covid has essentially rendered our neighborhood normal and safe for the first time in years. We would like to keep it that way.

2. It has come to my attention that the draft EIR for the General Plan/Housing Element is in process. Transportation will be an important part of that document which will affect our city. In my opinion as a former Freeway and Transportation Commissioner knowing how important effective transportation is for the city and it's citizens, MTIC should be participating in this process ongoing instead of waiting until the draft is circulated, which I'm told all be in the Spring.

Joanne Nuckols

#### AGENDA ITEM #6 PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT POLICY

I'm pleased to see this item on the agenda and hope a further discussion will lead to revamping of the city's current policy. The current policy and enforcement is ineffective and inefficient. Ramona Ave is the first residential neighborhood to have Preferential Permit Only Parking on the weekends and 1 hr Permit Parking during the week. Weekends are effective and easy to enforce, weekdays are a waste of time and extremely hard for police to carry out any effective enforcement. We know what works and what doesn't. Pasadena's Preferential Parking system and procedures is excellent and could be very easily adopted in South Pasadena for ease of application and much increased effectiveness which will be much appreciated by affected neighborhoods.