

**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**  
**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**  
**MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Fisher on April 20, 2021, at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, via Zoom. Chair Abelson joined the meeting a bit later.

**ROLL CALL:** Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

**Present via**

**Zoom:** Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Liu. Chair Abelson arrived later.

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Jon Primuth

**Absent:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

Vice Chair Fisher proposed to consider reordering the agenda items as follows:

- Agenda Item No. 3
- Agenda Item No. 12
- Agenda Item No. 10
- Agenda Item No. 11
- Agenda Item No. 1
- Agenda Item No. 4
- Agenda Item No. 2

**ACTION ITEM**

**3. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on April 20, 2021 -**  
Minutes approved as amended. (Liu, Hughes; 4-0)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**12. Staff Liaison Communications**

PWD Abbas gave a brief update on water conservation programs. City is aggressively pursuing conservation programs and have made significant contributions with a reduction of 30% of water usage.

It was reported that in regards to the Rogan Funds and the Fair Oaks projects, a consultant has been selected. The city is working in concert with Metro on the signal synchronization. The upgrade will be for hardware and then later, software. The phases of the project were discussed with the project scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023.

-Phase 1-fiber options and controllers

-Phase 2-all hardware and software

-Phase 3-ramp and bottlenecks, ramp

## **10. City Council Liaison Communication**

Councilmember Primuth announced the hiring of the new City Manager Arminé Chaparyan, who will start on June 1, 2021 and Brian Solinsky appointed as the new Police Chief.

## **11. Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Dunlap inquired if the City is working with the city of Alhambra on their development of Fremont Avenue ramp, Atlantic Avenue and Garfield Avenue.

PWD Abbas responded that the City is in communication with Alhambra and has raised some concerns about the way the study was done. The city of Alhambra has promised to look into those concerns and will follow up with us.

Commissioner Hughes inquired regarding informational signage and if the corridor would have continuous signage.

PWD Abbas responded that the City has shared our program and Pasadena has agreed to continue the informational signage.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **1. Public Comment**

1. Will Hoyman expressed concern regarding the traffic at the intersection of Orange Grove Blvd. and Columbia St. There is concern about the 2 lanes merging down to one.

Chair Abelson arrived on the zoom meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Proposed Stop Signs on Meridian Avenue at Oak Street, Pine Street and Maple Street**

PWD Abbas gave a brief overview on this item and presented the results of the studies to the Commission.

Public Comment received after the deadline 6:51p.m.

1. Allan Ehrlich – expressed disagreement with the report by Zimmerman and stated the report was flawed.

Discussion ensued regarding the analyses, and recommendations, traffic and pedestrian volumes, sight distance issues, other alternatives or options such as rapid flashing beacons.

A motion was made by Chair Abelson to recommend to City Council to proceed with the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Meridian Avenue and Oak Street, and seconded by Commissioner Hughes. (Abelson, Hughes; 2-3 motion fails)

Council Liaison Primuth requested the Commission agree on a recommendation for City Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher to support the installation of edgeline striping, curb warning signing, advisory speed plates, rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Meridian Avenue at Oak Street, in addition to advance rectangular flashing beacons to warn of the active crossing, and seconded by Commissioner Dunlap. Discussion ensued. PWD Abbas confirmed that if rapid rectangular flashing beacons are installed, there cannot be an all-way stop.

Primuth clarified that the motion was contingent upon City Council's not wanting to proceed with an all-way stop. Commissioner Fisher agreed. (Fisher, Dunlap; 4-1 motion passes)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **2. Update on Implementation of Citywide Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan**

It was recommended to bring this item back at a future meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **5. Formation of Citywide Preferential Parking District Ad Hoc Committee**

Chair Abelson requested this item to be agendaized in order to formalize the creation of the Preferential Parking District Ad Hoc Committee, so the work of Commissioner Dunlap and Lui will be reported monthly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap to formally create the Citywide Preferential Parking District Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was approved, (Dunlap; Liu; 5-0)

## **COMMISSION LED DISCUSSIONS**

### **6. SR 710 Mobility Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Fisher reported the status the projects on Fair Oaks Avenue and the loop ramp. There are 3 projects that will affect the interchange. 1) Rogan Funds \$9 million and scheduled to take 9 months; 2) The next phase is estimated to cost \$4-\$5 million for the installation of fiber optic cable to for synchronization an online communication for the signals Fair Oaks Avenue; 3-6 months; 3) There is also the phase for the loop ramp study – the Rogan fund project is on a tight timeline. The study for the project, will proceed within the next few weeks. Commissioner Fisher will report back on the scope of work loop ramp study.

### **7. Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Fisher gave a brief overview of this item.

#### **Public Comment**

1. Renee Rubin – expressed concern regarding the traffic and safety issues caused by the traffic caused by student drop offs at Holy Family School.

2. Joanne Nuckols – requested to agendaize an action item for the June meeting to recommend appropriate traffic and safety improvements in regards to Ramona Avenue. She also suggested staggering school start times.

Chair Abelson and Commissioner Fisher visited the site during peak drop off times at Fremont and noticed in the front of the high school which is all red zone. There is drop off activity on Rollin St., Fremont Avenue and Diamond Avenue that conflicts with traffic with Holy Family School. The goal is exploring ideas in creating a more efficient use of loading/unloading processes to separate the traffic going through the church property.

### **8. Discussion of Local Return Measure M projects for FY 2022**

ADD Crawford gave a brief update on the item. He is still working on the master list of projects and anticipates to have the list by next meeting. It was reported that the City has been in dialogue with the City of San Marino regarding the suggested signal at Monterey Road and Garfield Avenue.

### **9. COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee**

Metro Open Streets Grant

Commissioner Dunlap reported that dialogue continued with Active San Gabriel Valley, to provide input on the scope of work.

ADD Crawford gave a brief update on this item.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:46 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 June 15, 2021.



Larry Abelson, Chair