



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Chamber  
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030  
July 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The MTIC welcomes public input. Public comments will be taken live in one of two formats, in-person or via zoom. Members of the public may also submit their comments in writing for MTIC consideration, by emailing comments: [mticpubliccomments@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:mticpubliccomments@southpasadenaca.gov). **Public Comments must be received by 12:00 p.m., July 20, 2021** to ensure adequate time to compile and post. Written public comments will not be read aloud during the meeting.

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Abelson
- ROLL CALL:** Commissioners: Lawrence Abelson, Eric Dunlap, John Fisher, Kimberley Hughes, and Donson Liu
- CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:** Councilmember Jon Primuth
- STAFF PRESENT:** Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director, Ghassan Shelleh, Deputy Public Works Director, and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Fisher

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS**

**1. Public Comment – General**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on June 15, 2021**
- 3. Selection of Measure M Projects**

**COMMISSION LED DISCUSSION**

- 4. SR 710 Mobility Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee**
- 5. Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee**
- 6. COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee**
- 7. Preferential Parking Policy Ad Hoc Committee**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**8. City Council Liaison Communications**

**9. Commissioner Communications**

**10. Staff Liaison Communications**

**CIP Transportation Projects Status Update**

**Measure R Project Update**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**FUTURE MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION  
MEETINGS**

August 17, 2021

Council Chamber

6:30 p.m.

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*I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030, and on the City's website as required by law.*

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Date

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Leonna DeWitt  
Public Works Assistant

**ITEM 2**

**Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation  
Infrastructure Commission**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 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 Chair Abelson on June 15, 2021, at 6:34p.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, via Zoom.

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

**Present via**

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

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Jon Prmuth

**Absent:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**1. Public Comment**

Robert Cowan – expressed concern regarding excessive speeding on Monterey Road, Marengo Avenue and Stratford Avenue. He mentioned 2 accidents and a sign that was hit on Milan as foundation that something needs to be done.

Ann Rector – express support to conduct a traffic study on Orange Grove Avenue between Columbia Street and the 110 Freeway. She mentioned two accidents that took place on Memorial Day.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on May 18, 2021.**

Minutes approved as amended (5-0) Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

**3. Review and Recommend that the City Council Approve Senate Bill (SB1) Resolution**

A motion was made by Chair Abelson and seconded by Commissioner Fisher (Approved 5-0). The resolution presents a pavement plan for the city in order to receive funding from SB1.

**4. Proposed Revisions to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**

A motion was made by Chair Abelson and Seconded by Commissioner Fisher to recommend to City Council to move forward with the proposed Neighborhood Traffic Management Program incorporating:  
1) recommendations made at the October 20, 2020 MTIC Meeting, including removal of the second

sentence of Step 9, which is currently Step 8; and 2) increasing the local roadway vehicle threshold for eligibility from 750 to 1000 vehicles per day and removing collector roadways from the eligibility criteria. The recommendation was to make it 750-1,000. (Approved 4-1)

Reopen Item #2

Public Comment

D. Shane expressed concern regarding the June 15 Meeting Minutes and requested that the minutes be amended.

### **COMMISSION LED DISCUSSIONS**

#### **5. AVCJPA Metro Short Range Transportation Plan**

Chair Abelson gave a brief overview of this item and recommended the list be revised to include Fair Oaks Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue from Columbia Street to Mission Street.

Council Liaison Primuth expressed there is some discretion at the Joint Powers Authority in regards to the short range transportation list and expanded criteria. The transportation options include 1) Regional; 2) Multi-Modal; and 3) Sustainable. The motion was to keep the list open and add projects where the City hasn't yet identified funding.

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

Commissioner Fisher reported that a "Request for Proposal" will be issued by the end of June 2021. Chair Abelson announced that the Rogan Funds, approx. \$9 million, associated project "Request for Proposal" had been issued and staff is working to fine tune an agreement with the selected bidder and to present to the final agreement to City Council for approval.

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

Commissioner Fisher gave a brief overview of this item and presented the Committee's recommendations (please see additional document: Report of Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee).

Discussion ensued regarding parking, traffic signals and a two-way left turn lane.

Public Comment

Joanne Nuckols – requested that the Commission support a recommendation that would eliminate the problem with the traffic backing up when students are dropped off at Holy Family.

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

ADPWD Crawford gave a brief update on this item and presented a list of Measure M Projects.

The Commission recommended removing segments 2 and 3 from the list of proposed Measure M Projects prepared by staff.

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

Commissioner Liu reported no update at this time. ADPWD Crawford announced that the City is reviewing the bids and a contract award should be issued soon.

#### **10. Preferential Parking Policy Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Dunlap and Commissioner Lui gave a presentation on this item, accompanied with PowerPoint slides. They shared information about what policies exist in different cities and how they implement "preferred parking" policies.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **11. City Council Liaison Comments**

Council Liaison reported that the Budget will be presented at the City Council Meeting on June 16.

### **12. Commissioner Comments**

Councilmember Hughes welcomed Ghassan Shelleh, Deputy Public Works Director and requested a few potholes be addressed near the Nature Park.

Commissioner Fisher requested that the landscaping be cleaned up off of Arroyo Drive so that the City of South Pasadena sign is more visible. This is a “gateway” to the city and overgrown vegetation makes it very difficult to view.

Commissioner Liu welcomed Ghassan Shelleh to the City.

Chair Abelson shared a photo of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons installed in Alhambra and pointed out that the LED lights around the signs are good to have for visibility purposes.

### **13. Staff Liaison Communications**

ADPWD Crawford announced the War Memorial Building is the City’s Emergency Cooling Center and it will be open effective Tuesday, June 15, 12:00 p.m.-6:00. p. m. to Thursday, June 17, 12:00 p. m. – 6:00 p. m. Spaces are limited and masks are required.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:36 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 July 20, 2021.

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Larry Abelson, Chair



PUBLIC COMMENT  
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMISSION MEETING

June 15, 2021

Item No.	Name	Document	Date Received
GC	Robert Cowan	E-mail Public Comment	5/30/31
2	Delanie Shane	E-mail Public Comment	6/14/21
GC	Ann Rector	E-mail Public Comment	6/14/21
9	Joanne Nuckols	E-mail Public Comment	6/14/21



**From:** Leaonna Dewitt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** MTIC Public Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Monterey Road Traffic Concern

Leaonna DeWitt  
626-403-7240

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**From:** Robert Cowan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:14 AM  
**To:** Leaonna Dewitt <[ldewitt@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:ldewitt@southpasadenaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Monterey Road Traffic Concern

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Hello, Ms. Dewitt, I am writing to confirm you received my message above and that it can be shared at the upcoming MTIC meeting on 6/15. Please confirm. Thank you.

Robert Cowan

On Mon, May 31, 2021 at 1:26 PM Robert Cowan · wrote:

Hello, Ms. Dewitt:

I am writing at the request of Larry Abelson and on behalf of concerned South Pasadena residents living along and near Monterey Road between Marengo and Garfield. We request that the following letter be read as public comment at the next South Pas Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission (MTIC) on 6/15. I would personally appear and/or read it if this option is available.

To summarize my (and other neighbor) concerns, I am a resident of South Pasadena, living in a home we purchased on the corner of Stratford Avenue and Monterey Road. Cars (and trucks, including Athens, Amazon, moving and other freight and delivery trucks) speed by at speeds well in excess of the posted 30 MPH speed limit between Marengo and Garfield. I've personally witnessed two accidents, including an injury at Milan and Monterey, in February, where a speeding motorist could not stop in time to prevent collision with another motorist stopped at the Milan stop sign (I gave a partial witness statement to SPPD), and an accident at Stratford and Monterey where a speeding motorist side swiped my neighbor's car parked on Monterey. On May 21st of this year a car jumped the curb and struck the 30 MPH sign on Monterey, just yards west of Milan. The collision ripped the sign out of the ground and it came to rest on the parkway several feet away. These accidents are preventable and happened due to excess speeding.

Compounding this risk is the fact that Monterey, between Marengo and Stratford is a school zone, with Marengo School located just south of Monterey on Marengo (and backing up to lower Stratford). I see children and other pedestrians struggle to cross Monterey at lower Stratford to access Marengo from the Stratford side (the school has entrances to campus on both sides) and we neighbors worry it is only a matter of time before someone is struck and killed on this street by a motorist speeding on this small, two lane residential street.

Options that neighbors think will improve the situation include the following, which I have listed in order of most effective to least effective:

1. Speed bumps or speed lumps. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (Sep 2020) [https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/home/show\\_published\\_document?id=24087](https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/home/show_published_document?id=24087) has Monterey listed as minor arterial, but it also has Fair Oaks listed as minor arterial, which demonstrates a really big range in the classification. Fair Oaks is a massive, 4 lane street, with businesses lining either side. The stretch of Monterey at issue here is much smaller, two lane with single family and a couple multifamily residences on all sides. I would be curious as to how that might be changed or amended. If speed bumps are not possible, I wonder whether raised crosswalks or speed lumps (which lumps can be structured in a way where wider wheel axles like emergency response can pass) are possible. Physical features like speed bumps or lumps or raised crosswalk(s) would solve the issue immediately.

2. Lower the posted speed limit. The section of Monterey at issue used to be a 25 MPH zone. There is no reason why it needs to be a 30 MPH street, when traffic can pass through effectively at 25 MPH, without an undue risk to health and safety. As a reminder, Monterey and lower Stratford are still within half a block of a school and should be considered a 25 MPH school zone. Returning this stretch of Monterey to a 25 MPH zone would be a big step toward solving the issue.

3. Other Physical Features. Other physical features, besides lumps/bumps, such as bulbouts or neck downs, which shorten the distance pedestrians have to cross streets at intersections, would also be really effective. This stretch of Monterey is a big pedestrian street, and this would go a long way to reducing speeds and ensuring safety, in a manner that does not impede emergency response vehicles.

4. Enforcing the truck route rules. South Pasadena City Code section 19.20 restricts trucks in excess of 6,000 lbs from traveling on non-truck routes (unless they are coming directly to or from a truck route for a delivery or service). Monterey is not a truck route and many trucks use this route to travel east/west across the city, and/or to access Garfield, in lieu of using Huntington.

<https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/government/departments/police/departments-divisions/traffic>

Eliminating or greatly reducing truck route violations on Monterey would be a step toward resolving the issue, as the risk from a speeding truck is even greater than from a speeding car.

I met with South Pasadena Police Chief Brian Solinsky about our concern on 5/26 who was supportive of enforcement of the City's truck route policy.

5. Provide a yellow crosswalk at Monterey and lower Stratford. As discussed above, Marengo students access their school from the lower Stratford side and the Marengo side. There is a striped crosswalk for safe crossing over Monterey at Marengo, but there is not one at lower Stratford for getting across Monterey and down lower Stratford. This crosswalk might be similar to the ones at Mission and Montrose or Mission and Milan, where the yellow crosswalk has a pedestrian crossing sign. These crosswalks do not turn the intersection into a controlled one, but cars on Mission see them and see the yellow signage and tend to speed less than on Monterey. Since these examples are not controlled intersections, it does not appear that crosswalks can only go in at controlled intersections with stop signs. Marked pedestrian crossing at Monterey and Montrose, would also be really protective of the

many pedestrians and families that cross Monterey and walk down Cheltenham en route to Eddie Park. This would also serve to break up speeding between Milan and Garfield. Additional crosswalk(s) would be a big step in terms improving the speeding on Monterey.

6. Additional signage. There is a school zone crossing sign on Monterey facing cars driving west as they approach Marengo, and there is a school zone cross sign on lower Stratford that cars turning onto lower Stratford and traveling southbound can see, but there is no school zone or crossing sign for cars traveling eastbound that have passed Marengo to see, on their way toward Milan. These cars are still in a high pedestrian area near a school and should be aware additional caution is required. Additional signage here and on other parts of this stretch of Monterey will help this issue some.

7. Targeted speed enforcement/speed trailer. Targeted speed enforcement and speed trailers have been used in the past few months and they are effective for the couple of weeks during their use, but traffic generally returns to the same excessive speed pattern after discontinuation. Following the street sign collision on 5/26, Chief Solinsky deployed the speed trailer for this past week. With the speed trailer in place, cars slowed. It is gone now and speeds have generally resumed.

Police Chief Solinsky has graciously forwarded a version of this letter to Shahid Abbas, director of Public Works, as a number of the proposed solutions above involve Public Works. We have also contacted Public Works and obtained the following case number: #21068.

it would really be helpful to have the attention of the South Pas Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on this matter, as we feel the risk to health and safety can be meaningfully abated with some fairly common traffic control measures. My understanding is the MTIC works closely with City Council who can also help this issue be resolved.

If I can be of any help in this effort, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks to the Commission for its service to our great little town.

Robert F Cowan

**From:** D.W. Shane  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 8:39 AM  
**To:** MTIC Public Comments  
**Cc:** Garrett Crawford; Leaonna Dewitt; City Manager's Office; Tamara Binns; Lawrence Abelson; John E. Fisher; Kim Hughes; Eric Dunlap; Dodsonliu@gmail.com; Jon Primuth; Jack Donovan; Diana Mahmud; Evelyn Zneimer; Michael Cacciotti; Brian Solinsky; Ed Donnelly; Jeremy Ding; Shahid Abbas; Joanna Hankamer  
**Subject:** MTIC Meeting: June 15, 2021: Agenda Item 2. Minutes of the Regular MTIC on May 18, 2021: Please Read ALL OF IT Out Loud during MTIC Meeting (249 Word Count)  
**Importance:** High

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Dear MTIC Commission:

Please amend the May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes:

4. Proposed Stop Signs on Meridian Avenue at Oak Street.

- PWD Abbas gave the impression that I was okay with a RRFB at Meridian/Oak. This perception is patently false. I only support the 3-way stop signs at Meridian/Oak. It is a Safe Routes to School intersection.
- **SMART Families** (comprising of over 127 individuals) continue to support the 3-way stop signs at Meridian/Oak. Residents have commented to numerous commissions and city council meetings for over 20 years to advocate for the installation of the stop signs.
- **SMART Families** concur with the Rock Miller report that provides strong legal justification for the stop signs, as was the case for Milan/Oak.

Over 20 years ago, the 3-way stop signs were recommended for approval by the City's then Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The overarching concern was for the school children. **SMART Families** support the 2000 TSAC finding that MTIC needs to incorporate in its recommendation to the City Council.

We suffer daily from speeders who do not allow us to cross Meridian safely. This is a chronic problem that robs our **residential** thoroughfare as truly walkable and safe for all residents. The RRFB will not resolve the public safety crossing for this intersection with respect to drivers' orderly right-of-way through the intersection. Only stop signs can and must be installed.

Thank you Chair Abelson and Commissioner Hughes for hearing us and acting on our collective behalf.

Sincerely,

Delaine Shane

On behalf of **SMART Families**

**From:** Ann Rector  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 10:42 AM  
**To:** MTIC Public Comments  
**Subject:** Safety Concerns: Orange Grove Ave. at Columbia St. (public comment for 6/15/21 MTIC Meeting)

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My name is Ann Rector and I own a home at \_\_\_\_\_ My family has resided here since 1960. My comment is for a non-agendized item. Please read my comments out loud.

I urge you to conduct a **traffic study on Orange Grove Ave. between Columbia St. and the 110 Freeway which is approximately one-quarter of a mile.** There are numerous police reports documenting traffic and pedestrian accidents over the last 5 years. Several street lamps have been destroyed. The median has repeatedly been destroyed. This email is a reminder of how important it is to implement safety measures on this stretch of Orange Grove Ave.

**The merge of two lanes into one, as traffic travels south on Orange Grove Ave. below Columbia St., is dangerous and consequential.** Thousands of cars daily travel this route. I have witnessed the dangers over my lifetime. Illegal freight trucking on Orange Grove Ave. only contributes to the danger and noise pollution. Speeding is a chronic problem.

To date, there are NO warning signs north of Columbia St., of the merge from two lanes to one lane, as cars travel south from Pasadena into South Pasadena. There is a "slippery when wet" sign. A traffic study would provide key data and suggest appropriate and safe solutions.

There were two more traffic accidents / incidents over the Memorial Day weekend. I had to call the South Pasadena police twice. Please support a traffic study on Orange Grove Ave. between Columbia St. and the 110 FWY. The next accident could be another "Tiger Woods" type accident that happened in Pacific Palisades. That type of media attention would not be good for So. Pas.

Thank you,  
Ann Rector  
Owner

**From:** Joanne Nuckols  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 8:49 PM  
**To:** MTIC Public Comments  
**Cc:** larrysouthpas@gmail.com; John E. Fisher; Kim Hughes; Eric Dunlap; dodsonliu@gmail.com; Jon Primuth; Joanna Hankamer  
**Subject:** Ramona Ave Agenda Item #7/Please read aloud.  
**Attachments:** [HF Traffic 4.jpg](#); [HF Traffic 1.jpg](#); [HF Traffic 3.jpg](#); [HF Traffic 2.jpg](#)

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Subject: Pubic comment Agenda Item #7/Please read aloud.

Joanne Nuckols for Ramona Ave Neighbors (24 listed below)

### **Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan/MTIC Agenda #7/6-15-21**

Residents of the three blocks of Ramona Ave, from Rollin to Huntington Drive, watch every morning and afternoon as the cars traveling to Holy Family School (HFS) line up down Ramona for drop off and pick up of students and cause traffic and safety problems in the neighborhood. (See attached pictures) We have reviewed the November 2019 Ramona Ave Traffic Management Plan. While it does suggest some reasonable solutions, it does nothing to address the root of the problem which is concern for safety for residents, students and the South Pasadena citizenry caused by this mobile line of cars. None of the recommended solutions listed in the plan will reduce this particular traffic flow problem and queueing of cars on the city streets waiting to access the Oak St driveway onto the West campus.

We believe that the quickest, simplest and most cost-effective solution is to prohibit the HFS mobile drop off, and pick up. The vast majority of the students and drivers are from outside South Pasadena. HFS has available a 75 car underutilized parking lot on the church's East campus which should be used for parking as opposed to the city streets. This would be much safer for all students and pedestrians in the area.

We have heard their reason for not using this parking lot is that the students would have to cross Fremont Ave. Students at every public school in the district cross busy streets every day walking to and from school. Not only are there two traffic lights at Rollin and Oak, but HFS can move the nice lady who watches the driveway on Oak to act as a crossing guard.

While HFS is overly concerned with the safety of their students, which we understand, they don't seem to have the same concern for other students walking to school and residents of the neighborhood. The parents have a total disregard for the neighborhood and traffic laws as we witness every school day. They are constantly making U turns and stopping in the crosswalks both on Ramona and Oak, blocking driveways preventing residents from going and coming to their own property. The traffic back up, which runs from Oak all the way to Huntington Dr, causes other drivers, who are not familiar with the queue, to lose patience and not make the safest driving choices to avoid the line of idling cars. As the problem continues, so does the concern in the neighborhood.

We ask that the commission support our request for a solution and address the concerns and safety of the rising traffic on Ramona Ave from HFS before school opens again. We fear for the safety of students walking to SPHS and children of the neighborhood when SPMS, SPHS and Marengo & Arroyo Vista Elementary are operational in the Fall. Before the pandemic, Ramona residents encountered problems and frustration exiting driveways to drive children to school. This creates a lot of tension and stress in the morning during the school year. This matter needs to finally be addressed ASAP.

The pandemic, which forced school closures, had a silver lining for Ramona Ave residents. We didn't have to endure the lineup of cars for drop off and pick up at HFS. We had over a year of having a normal safe neighborhood which is great for walking as witnessed by those out exercising every day.

With school starting up again, we are back to the same dangerous situation with idling cars, which back up from Oak St to Huntington Drive polluting the neighborhood, creating unsafe conditions for residents, pedestrians, and South Pasadena students trying to traverse the streets, blocking driveways, etc.

We believe that the safety of the Ramona/Oak residents and South Pasadena public is especially important and outweighs the convenience of visitors to South Pasadena dropping off their students at HFS school. Even though they come from out of town, they create a South Pasadena safety problem on our streets which the city has the authority to eliminate.

This is not a new problem. It has been an ongoing for years, which we have communicated to City Hall. The neighborhood is tired of waiting for a solution. The lineup of cars from outside the city, idling, polluting the neighborhood, disregarding traffic laws, and creating dangerous situations is unacceptable. We appreciate the Commission and Sub Committee for your past review of the issue. Now we are asking that the Commission act post

haste and make a recommendation to eliminate this dangerous mobile drop off and pick up at HFS before school starts again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig Erickson

Joanne Heyler

Tom Nuckols

Joanne Nuckols

Andrew Berk

Gabriella Berk

Caleb Smith

Betsy Smith

Amber Haley

Renee Rubin

Kevin Dunn

Emily Dunn

Cody Dunn

Zachary Dunn

Dan Berry

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Dr Kyle Cologne

Dr Linda Hou

Barbara England

Dr Christopher Kramschi

Myla Kramschi

Will West

Debbie West



**From:** Joanne Nuckols  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:58 AM  
**To:** MTIC Public Comments  
**Cc:** larrysouthpas@gmail.com; John E. Fisher; Kim Hughes; Eric Dunlap; dodsonliu@gmail.com; Joanna Hankamer  
**Subject:** MTIC/ Ramona Ave Traffic Issues/Agenda Item #7 Additional Information

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Commissioners, please consider this information (links to articles below) about the physical and environmental dangers of idling cars, particularly around schools.

I am submitting this information for the 24 Ramona Ave residents who previously submitted a letter about the problems we have in our neighborhood and hope that the commissions will take action to eliminate that problem before the 2021 school year begins.

Tom Nuckols, P.E.

Here are a few articles / links related to the dangers and hazards of idling cars.

<https://usa.streetsblog.org/2018/09/05/kids-head-back-to-school-and-parents-return-to-their-killing-machines/>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/11/04/report-idling-cars-outside-schools-dangerous/3430749/>

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/putting-the-brakes-on-idling-vehicles.aspx>

Regarding safety from vehicles, some cities over the past few years have implemented stricter school zone policies and programs, which can include a wide variety of elements (e.g., automated speed cameras (not legal in CA, yet), traffic calming, vehicle access restrictions, etc)

**ITEM 3**  
Selection of Measure M Projects

## Measure M Projects

- Meridian Ave. Complete Street from Monterey Rd to Kendall
- Mission Street, Stoney Dr, and Arroyo Dr. Intersection Improvements
- Diamond Ave and Lyndon Street Intersection Improvements
- Columbia St and Pasadena Ave Turn Lanes, Columbia Street and Orange Grove Ave Striping
  - Columbia and Pasadena Ave Traffic Signal Turn Lanes
  - Columbia St and Orange Grove Ave Traffic Signal
- Garfield Ave and Oak St Traffic Signage
- Garfield Ave and Monterey Rd Traffic Signal
- Fremont Ave and Huntington Dr. Signage
- Grevalia St and Fair Oaks Ave Striping/Signal Timing
- Fair Oaks, El Centro/Oxley, Meridian, Fremont Bikeway Improvements