

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 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 July 20, 2021, at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held in a hybrid manner, both in person and via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Chair Abelson

Present: Chair Abelson, Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Liu.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jon Primuth

Absent:

Staff Present: Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director, Ghassan Shelleh, Deputy Public Works Director, Garrett Crawford, Public Works Operations Manager, and Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

City Manager Attendance:

City Manager Armine Chaparyan was introduced and shared how she is attending commission meetings and thanked the commissioners for their service.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment was received via email and will be added to the record.

Sean Teer

Paul Wood

Ron Rosen

Kim Carlson

D.W. Shane

Ann Ogawa

Emily B

L. Esposito

Ava Herrera

Bitia Pirzadeh

Susan Sulsky

ACTION ITEMS

3. Selection of Measure M Projects

PWOM Garrett Crawford gave a brief presentation on this item. The Commission reminded that it had previously agreed to eliminate bullet items 2 and 3 from the list.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding and each listed project.

PWD Abbas gave a brief summary on the list of projects and stated some of the improvements can be done with other funding sources in conjunction with larger projects.

The proposed final list consisted of:

- Grevelia Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue intersection improvements
- Garfield Avenue and Monterey Road traffic signal
- RRFB's for pedestrian crossings on Huntington Drive at Maple Street and Court Street./Wayne Avenue
- Columbia Street improvements from Orange Grove Boulevard to Fair Oaks Avenue
- Orange Grove Avenue safety improvements from Columbia Street to Sterling Place

It was also recommended that Meridian Avenue pedestrian crossing safety projects would be a back-up project for funding.

Public Comment

1. Alan Ehrlich – concerned about the cost of installing rapid rectangular flashing beacons.

Chair Abelson and Vice Chair Fisher volunteered to fine tune the list with project descriptions.

2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on June 15, 2021.

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

COMMISSION LED DISCUSSIONS

4. SR 710 Mobility Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee

PWOM Crawford gave a brief update on this project and advised that the RFP for the traffic/feasibility study for the SR 110/Fair Oaks interchange improvements is being finalized and is expected to be put out to bid soon.

Public Comment

1. Tucker Nelson – requested more information regarding the project, specifically the need to provide for safe bicycle travel through the interchange.

5. Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Abelson commented that he and Vice Chair Fisher submitted recommendations at the last meeting of the Commission, split into two phases, but had not heard further. Vice Chair Fisher commented that some of the recommendations were subject to observing the subject locations when the Holy Family School and South Pasadena High School fully reopen. Staff committed to follow up to see if any recommendations could be implemented prior to the start of school.

6. COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee

No Comment. PWOM Crawford gave a brief update on this item, including the status of the repurposed Metro Open Streets Grant. Bids have come in for the bollards, but the bids are high, so the specs are being reviewed to see if lower bids can be obtained. Discussion ensued regarding the future of the Committee. Chair Abelson expressed the need for the Commission to be involved in the development of safe streets projects. The potential for COVID-19-related developments was also discussed. The consensus of the Commission was that the Committee continue.

7. Preferential Parking Policy Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Dunlap requested direction regarding next steps. At the last meeting, recommendations were shared along with related costs. Council Liaison Primuth shared what would need to be submitted

to the City Council for consideration. Staff will work with the Committee to put together this information.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. City Council Liaison Comments

No Comments.

9. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hughes thanked Garrett for addressing her pothole request.

Commissioner Fisher expressed concern over the handling and evaluation of resident requests for stop signs and other traffic devices and recommended an alternate approach.

Chair Abelson thanked Ghassan and Tatevik for making safety improvements on Orange Grove Avenue south of Columbia Street. He also reiterated his suggestion at a previous Commission meeting of getting monthly reports on accidents from SPPD.

Commissioner Dunlap gave a presentation on collision data in the City of South Pasadena from 2011-2020. He also presented information on quick-build projects in various cities and outlined possible quick builds for the City.

10. Staff Liaison Communications

PWOM Crawford provided an update on CIP Transportation Projects that are underway.

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 August 17, 2021.

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Larry Abelson

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Larry Abelson, Chair



PUBLIC COMMENT
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July 21, 2021

Item No.	Name	Document	Date Received
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Yesterday's accident triggered this email, but let's not forget the accidents that occur regularly including at 11pm a week ago Friday and meridian/maple.

It feels like it will take a fatality for the city to respond to the needs of our area of South Pasadena.

I have another child starting the middle school this fall. I'm terrified. The lack of action is startling and mystifying. The cost of the talk and other measures could've been avoided by the implementation of a stop sign years and months ago. Why is this so difficult? If it's about money, I'm pretty sure we could raise the funds pretty quickly. There's just no excuse to risk our children's lives over a simple and relatively low cost fix.

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Importance: High

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Dear City Officials:

As noted below, Sean and others (Kim Carlson and Ron Rosen) who have responded to this email **SPEAK THE TRUTH.**

It is time that the City truly and openly speak the truth as well, be transparent, and accountable.

WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS that are being exposed to constant, chronic encounters to a never ending dangerous road. And yet, all the City can say is wait, we only respond to the data, to numbers, to not impeding the vehicular traffic. **When did traffic matter over the residents?????????????** The traffic studies are skewed towards traffic movement and not to pedestrian or bicycle safety. With a worthless traffic study conducted a couple of years ago, the City clings to the dirty data as if it is gospel. Yet, even the lop sided traffic guidelines towards vehicles have qualitative criteria that can be used to justify stop signs to allow for pedestrian and bicycle safety. The recent Rock Miller report provided the justification for stop signs at Meridian/Oak and Meridian/Maple. But, of course, the City dismisses it yet again.

You have a responsibility to protect us!!!! Over 40 individuals wrote their personal stories and anguish over Meridian traffic just a couple of years ago at an MTIC meeting.

Instead, we are told that stop signs don't control traffic, speed humps are not permitted by City ordinance for collector streets, and that only signage and striping will help quell the speed. Surprise...these near-term measures didn't help. Speeders continue. We so appreciate our Patrol Officers, in particular, Jeff Holland and Michael Sanchez. But, they can't be here 24/7, 365 days a year.

So, these recent near-term action items were done except for the debate of whether a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon is best for Meridian/Oak versus a three-way stop sign system, which was

approved by a city task force over 20 years ago. We have always wanted the stop sign at Meridian/Oak and the City has done everything it can to prevent that from happening. If nothing else, this is a perversion of democracy. Why does Marengo, from Mission to Huntington, have stop signs at practically every intersection? Like Meridian, it is a north-south collector street about one mile in length. It does border an elementary school. But our street borders the high school and is also an access route used by our middle schoolers. Our children may be older than the elementary school kids but they deserve just as much safety. I ask again, why is that side of the city more protected than our side? We are so done with the 710 legacy crap. Why can't the City move on and represent us as well?????

Our focus on Meridian/Oak was to protect our school kids. My daughter was almost hit twice and afterwards I drove her to school (less than one half a mile away-ridiculous). Now she has graduated in one piece. Others have similar stories, including myself—a senior who actively walks around the city. Just after her graduation this past June, my husband and I were in the middle of the Bank Street crosswalk when an SUV coming out of nowhere and speeding from Monterey Road heading south almost hit us. And, this is a crosswalk clearly marked as a school crossing with all the signage and street painting.

It is time for action on Meridian Avenue and NOT excuses. We all fear for injuries and fatalities on our street. **Be proactive** and not reactive. **The City needs to make Meridian Avenue a SLOW Street and all that takes including stop signs NOW.**

Sincerely,

Delaine W. Shane

On Behalf of **SMART Families**



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City officials,

The dangerous traffic conditions have only increased on Meridian in recent years, despite the city's feeble attempts to address the problem through signage and flashing lights that are often broken.

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It is very frustrating as a resident to be resigned to the fact that we are not safe and that the city doesn't find that to be a problem. I routinely almost get hit at the crosswalk of Oak and Meridian, and speeding cars barely notice I'm even there. A small child doesn't stand a chance.

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Ann and Roman Ogawa

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It is beyond time to be proactive and take immediate action to protect the residents on Meridian Avenue, particularly between Oak and Maple. Pleas, recommendations, studies have all supported stop signs at those two key intersections. I wish to remind you of the Mission Statement for the City Administration on the City's website:

The City of South Pasadena is committed to providing effective and efficient municipal services for the community while preserving our quality of life and small-town character in a 21st Century environment.

Personally, I've been fighting for stop signs since the 20th century ... my quality of life has significantly changed in the 20+ years I have lived on Meridian Avenue. It's time to live up to your mission and **provide effective and efficient** municipal services for all of your residents.

Sincerely,

Susan Sulsky

On Saturday, July 3, 2021, 10:37:23 AM PDT, Bitra Pirzadeh

wrote:

Dear city officials,

I fully concur with the rest of the members of this group. I live on 906 Woldford Ln, South Pasadena, CA 91030 and I have called the So Pas police twice in the past three weeks due to the horrendous sounds of car the two separate crashes on Meridian near my home in the past weeks.

I think we need urgently any and/or all the following to make Meridian more safe:

stop signs
street lights
speed bumps
more street lights at night

Please hear our pleas and sincere concerns. I don't want to make another call to report possible death or severe injury. I'm a teacher, previous school psychologist, home owner, and mother of a young adult driver. I'm terrified of my son being the next one to get into an accident right near our home.

Please help and let me know what else I can do to help as a concerned citizen.

Thank you,

Bitia Pirzadeh

South Pasadena CA 91030

On Fri, Jul 2, 2021 at 11:37 AM Emily B wrote:

Dear City Officials,

I join in the chorus of my neighbors pleading for the safety and protection of our children, other pedestrians, and all of us. Just over a year from now my first of three children will start the walk to middle school and I'm terrified for their safety. I too drive the speed limit on Meridian and I am tailgated every day. Sometimes, when I turn onto Gillette Crescent from Meridian (from either north or south), the tailgating speeders careen past me dangerously as I wait to safely turn.

Furthermore, it is extremely difficult to make a safe left onto Meridian from Oak, as speeders make it almost impossible to time the turn safely.

Please hear us - we need stop signs along Meridian to break up this dangerous straight away. The safety of our families and neighbors depend on it.

Sincerely,

Emily Beaghan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:36 AM, D.W. Shane wrote:

Dear City Officials:

As noted below, Sean and others (Kim Carlson and Ron Rosen) who have responded to this email **SPEAK THE TRUTH.**

It is time that the City truly and openly speak the truth as well, be transparent, and accountable.

WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS that are being exposed to constant, chronic encounters to a never ending dangerous road. And yet, all the City can say is wait, we only respond to the data, to numbers, to not impeding the vehicular traffic. **When did traffic matter over the residents????????????????** The traffic studies are skewed towards traffic movement and not to pedestrian or bicycle safety. With a worthless traffic study conducted a couple of years ago, the City clings to the dirty data as if it is gospel. Yet, even the lop sided traffic guidelines towards vehicles have qualitative criteria that can be used to justify stop signs to allow for pedestrian and bicycle safety. The recent Rock Miller report provided the justification for stop signs at Meridian/Oak and Meridian/Maple. But, of course, the City dismisses it yet again.

You have a responsibility to protect us!!!! Over 40 individuals wrote their personal stories and anguish over Meridian traffic just a couple of years ago at an MTIC meeting.

Instead, we are told that stop signs don't control traffic, speed humps are not permitted by City ordinance for collector streets, and that only signage and striping will help quell the speed. Surprise...these near-term measures didn't help. Speeders continue. We so appreciate our Patrol Officers, in particular, Jeff Holland and Michael Sanchez. But, they can't be here 24/7, 365 days a year.

So, these recent near-term action items were done except for the debate of whether a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon is best for Meridian/Oak versus a three-way stop sign system, which was approved by a city task force over 20 years ago. We have always wanted the stop sign at Meridian/Oak and the City has done everything it can to prevent that from happening. If nothing else, this is a perversion of democracy. Why does Marengo, from Mission to Huntington, have stop signs at practically every intersection? Like Meridian, it is a north-south collector street about one mile in length. It does border an elementary school. But our street borders the high school and is also an access route used by our middle schoolers. Our children may be older than the elementary school kids but they deserve just as much safety. I ask again, why is that side of the city more protected than our side? We are so done with the 710 legacy crap. Why can't the City move on and represent us as well?????

Our focus on Meridian/Oak was to protect our school kids. My daughter was almost hit twice and afterwards I drove her to school (less than one half a mile away-ridiculous). Now she has graduated in one piece. Others have similar stories, including myself—a senior who actively walks around the city. Just after her graduation this past June, my husband and I were in the middle of the Bank Street crosswalk when an SUV

coming out of nowhere and speeding from Monterey Road heading south almost hit us. And, this is a crosswalk clearly marked as a school crossing with all the signage and street painting.

It is time for action on Meridian Avenue and NOT excuses. We all fear for injuries and fatalities on our street. **Be proactive** and not reactive. **The City needs to make Meridian Avenue a SLOW Street and all that takes including stop signs NOW.**

Sincerely,

Delaine W. Shane

On Behalf of **SMART Families**

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From: Sean Teer
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 11:57 PM
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Subject: Another crash on Meridian

Good Evening Councilmember Donovan, City Council, and City Managers,

Although there have been improvements to the Meridian corridor, nothing has been done to control the speed at which vehicles travel. Vehicles routinely lose control, side-swipe parked cars, or speed ahead of pedestrians trying to cross. It's dangerous and a concern

we've raised many times. The folks that live on, or adjacent to, Meridian have seen it time and again. Accidents are common.

Tonight we had *another* accident at Meridian/Beech. A driver moving northbound on Meridian was traveling too fast, lost control of his car, side-swiped an electric pole then veered uncontrolled onto Beech Street (pictures attached). I don't have all the details but I did hear the driver admit, "I was going too fast and lost control of the car". He admitted this to the neighbors who came running out to help, of which I was one. Had a stop sign been present at Meridian/Maple, reducing his speed, he may not have lost control.

What the SMART-Families have been asking for is a stop sign at Meridian/Oak, Meridian/Bank, and the crosswalk just north of Meridian/Maple, all to slow traffic so accidents like this one or the accident that took place on Friday, June 18, 2021. That car crash was described by Delaine Shane in an email to you on June 18 at 9:50 PM.

Stop signs are what is needed to slow the speed! Stop signs are what we've been asking for. Years have passed and still nothing. I'm reminded of the urgency on part of the residence each time we hear a crash and come running out to help as we did tonight and on June 18 and will

again at some point. I may be wrong but there doesn't appear to be any urgency on part of the city. I would hope that some urgency for a remedy existed on a street that borders one of our schools - a street that is a major pedestrian path for South Pasadena residents and students heading to the high school or middle school.

It's time to fix this issue. How much longer will this take?

Sean Teer

South Pasadena, CA 91030

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Thank you,
Bita Pirzadeh