

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 2021, at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was held in a hybrid manner, both in person and via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Chair Abelson

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

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jon Primuth arrived later

Absent: Ghassan Shelleh, Deputy Public Works Director

Staff Present: Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant (“PA”)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Liu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

Nicole Hoffsted-Ward – Expressed concern regarding the intersection of Grevelia Street and Park Avenue. She suggested installing a rapid rectangular flashing beacon and including this location in the list of Measure M projects.

Emailed Public Comment

Bill Michels
Josefina Leon
Susi Pettersson
John Pettersson
Danny Johnson
Cameron Huntley
Weta Mathies
Anne Michels
Stacy Sharkey
Ann Rector

ACTION ITEMS

2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on September 21, 2021.

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

COMMISSION LED DISCUSSION

3. SR 710 Mobility Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee

No Update. The draft Scope of Work is due shortly.

4. Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Ad Hoc Committee

Vice Chair Fisher provided an update on this item. Another site visit took place to observe traffic flow and issues. One suggestion for traffic entering the Holy Family parking lot for school drop off, is to continue thru and exit the parking lot. Parents are now making u-turns and exiting at the same location as entering the parking lot. There could be some modifications to the peak hour left-turn restriction from eastbound Rollin onto northbound Fremont. Additional discussion ensued regarding traffic flow, parking, and moving forward with the improvements suggested by Commissioners Abelson and Fisher.

5. COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioners Liu and Dunlap provided an update on this item.

6. Preferential Parking Policy Ad Hoc Committee

No Update.

COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Primuth updated the Commission on the Strategic Planning sessions. The two Action Items related to MTIC are 1) Parking Management Plan; and 2) Update to the Bike Mobility Plan. The citywide survey conducted by the City identified emergency preparedness and road maintenance/street improvements as the most important items for focus and funding. Council Liaison Primuth also announced that the Governor signed SB 381, which allows the City to participate in the transfer of approximately 68 Caltrans properties. He requested an update on the major construction projects/RFPs currently in progress, which is the Corridor Project.

8. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Dunlap presented the Meridian Avenue – Resident Traffic Collision Reporting Form, which was created to gather collision data on Meridian Avenue. Council Liaison Primuth suggested submitting the form to the City Attorney and Police Chief for their review.

Commissioner Fisher discussed an issued raised by Commissioner Hughes **earlier in the year**, regarding the improvements to address the traffic delays at the Gold Line Crossings. The former Public Works Commission identified approximately \$80,000.00 of funding for these improvements and at present, only one has been implemented. Commissioner Fisher stated certain improvements are needed such as a pedestrian phase when the gates are down and leading pedestrian interval. He requested to agendize this issue for a future meeting.

Commissioner Hughes shared an article regarding the new law the Governor passed, allowing the City to have more flexibility over speed limits. Further discussion ensued regarding the limitations of the law and other possible challenges.

Commissioner Abelson shared photos from a field trip to Glendora with the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Active SGV to look at the parklets and other devices that were implemented on North Glendora Avenue as a template for Metro Slow Streets projects on Mission Street.

9. Staff Communications

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 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 November 16, 2021.

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Larry Abelson, Chair