

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021**  
**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**  
**MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Abelson called the Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission to order on November 16, 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, Vice Chair Fisher, Commissioner Dunlap, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Liu.

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Jon Primuth arrived later.

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Ted Gerber, Acting Public Works Director, Tatevik Barakazyan, Associate Civil Engineer, and Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant (“PA”)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS**

**1. Public Comment – General**

No Comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on October 19, 2021.**

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

**3. Prioritization of Measure M Projects**

APWD Gerber provide a brief overview on this item.

**Public Comment**

Tucker Nelson commented on the dangerous situation at the intersection of Grevelia Street and Fair Oaks Avenue. When people take right turns, there are risks of collisions.

Discussion ensued regarding the various projects.

The Commission recommended the following Measure M projects, as further described in the project descriptions adopted by the Commission at its 8/7/21 meeting, listed in order of priority from highest to lowest:

1. Orange Grove Avenue from Oliver Street to Arroyo Seco Parkway southbound entrance ramp
2. Columbia Street from Columbia Place to west of Orange Grove Avenue
3. Garfield Avenue and Monterey Road Traffic Signal
4. Grevelia Street at Fair Oaks Avenue
5. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
  - Fair Oaks Avenue at Spruce Street
  - Huntington Drive at Court Avenue
  - Huntington Drive at Maple Street
  - Meridian Avenue at Bank Street
  - Huntington Drive at Wayne Street marked crosswalk removal
6. Meridian Avenue at Oak Street intersection redesign
7. Meridian Avenue curb ramps from Kendall Avenue to Gillette Crescent

Motion made by Chair Abelson and Seconded by Vice Chair Fisher (4-1, Dunlap)

#### **COMMISSION LED DISCUSSION**

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

APWD Gerber provided an update on this item. The Fair Oaks Avenue Fiber Optics Project and the purchasing of the equipment are moving forward. The project is due to start at City Hall on Wednesday, December 1.

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

APWD Gerber provided an update on this item. Staff is in discussion with the Police Department regarding the installation of a loading zone on Fremont Avenue.

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

No update from the Commission. APWD Gerber provided an update on the "Slow Streets" grant. The design work is scheduled to be completed by December 2021. Due to the time constraints of the project, staff requested to have the Commission hold a special meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 and cancel the Regular Meeting on December 21, 2021. The Commission agreed to the Special Meeting.

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

No update from the Committee. APWD Gerber provided an update on this item. At the Strategic Planning Session, the City will focus on a citywide parking management plan, which will be a joint effort between Public Works and Community Development.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **8. City Council Liaison Communications**

Council Liaison Primuth informed the Commission on the solid waste disposal ordinance and the discussion of the housing element update that will be presented at the upcoming City Council meeting. Council Liaison Primuth announced that City Council had a study session to develop a 5-Year Capital Improvement Projects program and authorized the use of the cell phone tower revenue as set aside funds for Public Employee Retirement System pension liability.

##### **9. Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Dunlap thanked APWD Gerber for the project updates and requested a presentation on some of the green infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Liu thanked APWD Gerber for the project updates.

Vice Chair Fisher thanked APWD Gerber for his thorough responses on project updates. In addition, he was pleased to learn that the Police Department is educating the community on pedestrian safety by distributing flyers to retail outlets that he found at one of the coffee houses that he patronizes.

Commissioner Hughes informed the Commission regarding a \$50,000 grant the Police Department received for transportation and traffic safety. She also thanked APWD Gerber for the project updates. Commissioner Hughes commented on the Mission Meridian Gold Line improvements recommended by Vice Chair Fisher. She expressed her concerns regarding the landscaping around the City of South Pasadena rock sign.

Commissioner Abelson commented on concerns from the Grocery Outlet through the Chamber of Commerce, that customers are having difficulty with access to their business due to the U-turn restriction. He also commented on email from homeowners in the Altos De Monterey asking for pavement markings and striping refresh on Via Del Rey following a school construction project.

##### **10. Staff Communications**

APWD Gerber provided updates on the following: West Coast Arborist routine trimming will start in a few weeks and waiting on a quote regarding the clean-up of the City entrance rock sign. Staff is looking into the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding the U-turn sign. APWD Gerber commented on the Gold Line crossing improvements (5 objectives) and that it is on the Public Works projects list. APWD Gerber advised that Meridian Avenue incident reporting form is with the Police Chief and City Attorney for review.

**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 December 13, 2021.

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*Larry Abelson*

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Larry Abelson, Chair