

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the Regular Meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission to order on May 17, 2022, at 6:46 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Chair Fisher

Present: Chair Fisher, Commissioner Abelson, Vice-Chair Dunlap, and Commissioner Hughes

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jon Primuth arrived a little after the meeting started.

Absent:

Staff Present: Ted Gerber, Director of Public Works, and Leonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant (“PA”)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

No Public Comment.

INFORMATION REPORTS

2. Commissioner Congress

PWD Gerber announced the return of the Commissioner Congress, which will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 6p.m.-8p.m in the War Memorial Building. This will be a joint City Council and Commission public meeting, with the opportunity for the public to view and participate in the meeting. Each Commission will have the opportunity to present their Annual Report, Accomplishments and Work Plan. It is requested that the Commission select a representation who will spend 2-3 minutes presenting the Annual Report and any upcoming Work Plan items.

3. Project Status Update

PWD Gerber presented a project update.

The commission discussed the status of street improvement projects. Director Gerber shared how the city had not been spending the level required in order to get funds from the state. The city was reviewing the situation and looking at extensions and exceptions, especially in light of the pandemic.

The commission asked for an update on status of repairs to earmarked streets going back to the 2019/2020 year list. It looks like the 2018/2019 year was the last year that met the state’s expenditure requirement. We were given a “pass” by the state for the 2019/2020 year, as we did not meet the required expenditure threshold.

The commission again wants to get an update on where the city is in addressing the streets repairs planned from 2018/2019 forward. Overall about three years of planned repairs have not been completed.

The group also discussed the value of accident data in reviewing traffic flows and street locations. One value of such data is learning that there have been 53 accidents connected to the Orange Grove Blvd. flow into the 110 Freeway/Arroyo Parkway on-ramp site.

Commissioner Dunlap shared the suggestion that when possible having longitude and latitude data for accident reporting would be very helpful

Chair Fisher reported that he had met with Director Gerber regarding Gold Line/L Line signal improvements. He shared that the suggested improvements will need to include Metro and when we get a traffic consultant, they would be able to help oversee the improvements projects.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on April 19, 2022

Minutes approved as amended. Motion made by Chair Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Abelson (4-0, motion passes).

5. Recommendations to City Council on Slow Streets Program

PWD Gerber gave a brief presentation on this item. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Commissioner Hughes to approve the proposal as outlined and seconded by Commissioner Dunlap (4-0, motion passes).

COMMUNICATIONS

6. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Primuth informed the Commission that at the City Council meeting on May 18, 2022 the City Council will be reviewing the Measure M funding proposals, the budget, and a proclamation in support of the people of Ukraine and Public Works Week. Council Liaison announced that Public Works will be having an open house and lunch. There will also be updates on the Strategic plan and an ordinance on disclosure and reporting of military equipment, commission reorganization proposal and Council will designate a person to sit on the JPA board.

7. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hughes inquired about the usage for the new electric chargers located on Mound Avenue. PWD Gerber responded that we don't have that date readily available and that the chargers are exclusively operated by EVGO. He responded that we can make a request.

Commissioner Abelson thanked PWD Gerber and staff for their support with the South Pasadena Educational Foundation Parti Gras fundraiser this past weekend and for the expanded notification of City Council and Commission meetings. He will be submitting comments on the Measure M item.

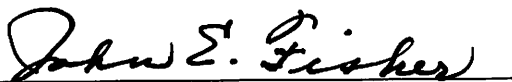
Chair Fisher commented on the Measure M and the Orange Grove project and he believes staff has made real progress with using the SWITRS data, which is the statewide database of all collisions. The data received from PWD Gerber was so compelling. Chair Fisher analyzed the southbound collisions from Columbia Street to the on-ramp, reported 53 collisions in that segment over an 11-year period. He will be present at the May 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

8. Staff Communications

PWD Gerber announced that the City is recruiting to fill the vacant commission position and encourage the public to apply to be a commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:44 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 21, 2022.



John Fisher, Chair