

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2022, at 6:36 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and virtually via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Chair Fisher

Present: Chair Fisher, Commissioner Abelson, and Commissioner Hughes

Council Liaison:

Absent: Councilmember Primuth and Vice Chair Dunlap

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Abelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

No Public Comment.

INFORMATION REPORTS

2. Project Status Update

PWD Gerber gave a brief overview of the on-going projects list. The projects were reviewed and PWD Gerber provided updates about a number of the key efforts, such as the Measure M projects, the Fair Oaks Avenue synchronization project, the safety measures for Orange Grove and the 110 Freeway connection.

The Orange Grove Avenue and 110 Freeway connection area needs to be reviewed in regards to the street lights. Chair Fisher suggested the inter-spacing of street light types, so more light is provided that could help drivers in negotiating the curve.

Chair Fisher inquired if traffic cameras were included in the Fair Oaks traffic flow improvement project and was advised that cameras are included in the working budget.

The Mission Street and Fremont Ave. RRFB projects will be out for bid during the summer and projects would start in the fall.

Regarding improvements at Columbia and Orange Grove, the neighbors will be advised of improvements. Commissioner Abelson recommended edge striping on both sides of Columbia. The City of South Pasadena is working with the City of Pasadena on the improvements.

The Slow Streets efforts is moving forward. The next steps efforts will go to the City Council meeting on July 20, 2022. Outreach to the local community about the project components would take place in August and September 2022.

The Commission urged that the new "loading zone" concept on Fremont Avenue be implemented before the beginning of the new school year at South Pasadena High School.

The Commission discussed the pending positions for the Public Works Department, including a Traffic Engineer.

3. Review Commissioner Congress Presentation

PWD Gerber gave a presentation on this item. The Commission discussed what key efforts should be highlighted. The projects to be featured would include Measure M projects, Ramona Ave improvement recommendations, Slow Street projects, Fremont and Meridian efforts, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan, and the Preferred Parking Policy recommendations.

4. Review List of Street Resurfacing Projects

PWD Gerber gave a brief overview on this item. Discussion ensued regarding the various segments.

The Commission talked about the backlog of approved street improvement surfacing projects. PWD Gerber stated that unused funds are rolled over to the next year. Street improvements projects that are in the design process will move forward to construction.

The Commission voiced that they would be most happy to review street improvements project lists to assist in prioritizing projects if needed. Proposed projects and available funds are being reviewed, in addition to SB1 funds.

The Commission inquired about the need for a current pavement condition study. The last pavement study was done over three years ago. In future studies, the analysis should include the needed improvements for curb and gutters. There also should be note of possible water or sewer impacts.

At the next commission meeting, the slurry seal report will be reviewed.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on May 17, 2022

Minutes approved as amended. Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Abelson (3-0, motion passes).

6. Annual Report & Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Work Plan

Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Work plan approved as amended. Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Abelson (3-0, motion passes).

COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council Liaison Communications

No Comments.

8. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hughes inquired about the South Pasadena rock sign. PWD Gerber responded that there are no other plans with the rock sign at this time, due to the water restrictions. Commissioner Hughes suggested applying mulch to the area to retain moisture and improve the esthetics.

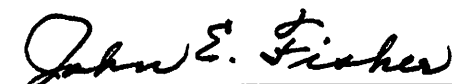
Commissioner Abelson thanked PWD Gerber for the updated projects list and how it was very helpful to have a comprehensive list.

9. Staff Communications

PWD Gerber announced the storm water pilot projects.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:18 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 19, 2022.



John Fisher, Chair



PUBLIC COMMENT
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COMMISSION MEETING

June 21, 2022

Item No.	Name	Document	Date Received
1	Tucker Nelson	Email	6/20/2022

From: [Tucker Nelson](#)
To: [MTIC Public Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 6-21-2020 MTIC Meeting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 5:40:49 PM

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From: Tucker Nelson

Please send the below to the commissioners before the meeting.

Public comment for Item 2 Project Status Update: Fair Oaks SR-110 Interchange Loop/Hook On-Ramp

I request that 'loop/hook on-ramp' be removed from the shorthand title for this topic. As I have been assured, the configuration for this intersection has not been decided. Leaving the 'loop/hook on-ramp' as part of the topic will unconsciously influence people to include the ramp in the improvements.

In addition, I have major reservations that the ramp will improve the intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. I have listed some of my concerns below.

Pedestrians will cross another lane of traffic with its attendant risks. Also, with this additional lane, the traffic-light cycle may increase the total amount of time for pedestrians to cross the intersection.

Bicyclists will also cross a lane of right-turning moving traffic with its attendant risks. Unless there will be a dedicated time for traffic just going north.

Northbound vehicle traffic may be slower with the ramp than with the current configuration, where two full lanes of vehicles make a generous left turn. With the ramp, one lane of vehicles makes a tighter right turn followed by a tight u-turn. This may back up the traffic past the intersection.

Please consider my request and make the topic title more inclusive of all the traffic that uses the interchange.