

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 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, Vice-Chair Dunlap, Commissioner Hughes, and Diego Zavala

Council Liaison: Mayor-Pro Tem John Primuth

Absent:

Staff Present: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director (“PWD”), Ariane Quizon, Civil Engineering Assistant (“CEA”), and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Management Analyst (“MA”)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vice-Chair Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

1. Kay Meridian – Expressed concern about the traffic on Marengo Avenue. She requested crosswalks on the South Pasadena side. She also suggested that other measures be explored including speed bumps, islands and crosswalks with paddles. She also said that traffic counts are needed at various times of the day and on different days of the week.

2. Chris Miller – Thanked the City for their support with the South Pasadena Active Streets Bike and Walk to School Day on October 5. The Mayor participated along with parents and volunteers. Mr. Miller shared specific areas of concern with no bike detection loop at the intersection of Diamond Ave. and Monterey Road. He requested traffic calming measures on Marengo Avenue.

Via Zoom

3. Christian Ovalle – Expressed support for any traffic calming measures at the intersection of Marengo Avenue and Maple Street. He requested an update from City staff regarding this issue. Mr. Ovalle shared that the neighbors would like to receive an update on what is being done about the traffic issues.

4. Yvonne LaRose – Expressed concern about not having access to public transportation and only having access to Dial-a-Ride or private transportation services. She said that rides are cancelled and/or late. Chair Fisher thanked Ms. LaRose for her comments and requested staff to provide her with the appropriate department that handles this issue. PWD Gerber responded that the Community Services department handles this and that staff can get these comments to the department.

INFORMATION REPORTS

2. Project Status Update

PWD Gerber highlighted the following projects:

1. Fair Oaks Traffic Signal Improvements – 9 controllers and the fiber optics installation had been completed
2. North-South Corridor & ITS – upcoming and will impact 12 intersections
3. Street Resurfacing & Mission Street at Arroyo Drive Pedestrian Improvements – upcoming
4. 2022-2023 Slow/Open Streets Program –The elements of the program were discussed including the decision of

paint versus tape for markings. There is a new grant for \$45,000.00. The project schedule for Mission Street is anticipated to be implemented as part of the City's 4th of July efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding creating a subcommittee to assist with refining the scope of work and to have the discussion before the end of the year, in order to do the installation in early 2023. Chair Fisher appointed Vice-Chair Dunlap and Commissioner Abelson to be the members of the subcommittee.

The Commission also commented about the continuing concern over the traffic signal timing and queuing on Mission Street at Meridian Avenue and the Metro Gold Line crossing. PWD Gerber shared he would follow-up.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on September 20, 2022

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

COMMUNICATIONS

4. City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Pro-Tem informed the Commission of the items on the City Council agenda scheduled for October 19, 2022. He shared how "Open Streets" would be on the agenda, as well as finance reports.

5. Commissioner Communications

Vice-Chair Dunlap recognized and thanked the organizers of the "Bike to School" program.

Commissioner Abelson informed staff that on the City website on the MTIC Commission page, there are two links to view the prior meeting videos and one link is not working and should be removed. He suggested moving forward with the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, due to comments heard from tonight's meeting. Commissioner Abelson announced a program called earthquake "Brace and Bolt," which provides up to \$3,000 for seismic retrofitting for homes. The program is available from October 18 to November 29, 2022 and residents can apply for financing on the program website at earthquakebracebolt.com.

Commissioner Hughes thanked the residents and the public speakers for sharing their thoughts. She expressed the need to review the city's speed hump policy and would like to receive an update on the street resurfacing projects.

Chair Fisher thanked staff on the presentation on the installation of traffic signal hardware that will aid in managing the traffic on Fair Oaks Avenue. He also inquired as to how the City would be deploying software to interface with the recently installed hardware for traffic management.

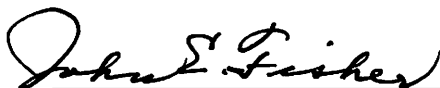
6. Staff Liaison Communications

PWD Gerber responded to Chair Fisher's comment, that the next Fair Oaks Avenue project will address the peak traffic configurations, which is what the consultant KOA will be working on. The traffic management center hardware is operated out of City Hall, but the interface is at Garfield Reservoir.

PWD Gerber announced there are plans for an information session in early 2023 with Council and the community to review the resurfacing projects, which will cover the pavement management program. He commented on receiving the report on the 626 Golden Streets Mission to Mission, which is available online.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:56 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 15, 2022.



John Fisher, Chair