# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 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 February 15, 2022, at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:** Chair Abelson

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

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Jon Primuth

**Absent:** 

**Staff Present:** Ted Gerber, Director of Public Works, and Leaonna DeWitt, Public Works Assistant

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Public Comment – General

No Public Comments.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**2.** Minutes of the Regular Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission on January **18, 2022** Minutes approved as amended. Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Vice-Chair Fisher (4-0).

### 3. Annual Report 2021

The Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission's 2021 Annual Report was approved as presented. Motion for approval was made by Vice Chair Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Hughes (4-0). Chair Abelson noted that Commissioner Liu has resigned from the commission, as he is relocating out of the city.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## 4. Review of MTIC Ad-Hoc Committees

PWD Gerber gave a brief overview on this item. Discussion ensued regarding the various Ad-Hoc Committees and the need to maintain them or adjust them to reduce or combine the committees. The Commission agreed to dissolve the Ramona Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management and the Preferential Parking Policy Ad Hoc Committees. These committees completed essential work and provided recommendations. There was a decision to maintain the SR710 Mobility Improvement Projects and the COVID 19/Slow Streets Ad Hoc Committees as standing items on commission future agendas.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### 5. City Council Liaison Communications

Council Liaison Primuth informed the Commission on several items being presented at the next Council meeting on Wednesday, February 16. Items include budget updates and renewable power levels for South Pasadena businesses customers under the Clean Power Alliance.

## 6. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hughes thanked staff for clearing the landscape near the City sign off the 110 Freeway. She noted that at the last meeting there were comments related to Milan Avenue and Monterey Road and requested information on the statistics from the Police Department for discussion at a future meeting. She also requested discussion on the private development projects as it relates to traffic patterns and traffic flow. Commissioner Hughes would also like a list of outstanding commission items, such as the Gold Line crossing improvements, etc.

Vice-Chair Fisher is pleased to see the City sign was more visible from the freeway. The rock letters were not completely visible, but was pleased with the progress.

Commissioner Dunlap thanked PWD Gerber for the team and their hard work. He thanked former Commissioner Liu for his service to the South Pasadena community.

Commissioner Abelson announced two transit feasibility study community workshops held by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments on Wednesday, February 23. The workshops are to provide an overview of the short-and-long-term transit options to be developed with Metro funding to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters and visitors.

#### 7. Staff Communications

PWD Gerber provided a status update on several projects. Director Gerber shared that there are two engineer positions open that they are working to fill. The West Coast Arborist company did trim the trees blocking visibility of the City of South Pasadena stone sign from the northbound Arroyo Seco Parkway. The brush and landscaping around the stones will be cleared in the near future, so that the letters are more clearly visible.

Items related to the "Slow Streets" efforts are coming in. Financing related to "Slow Streets" will be part of the mid-year budget discussion. Proposition C funds are also being looked at in regards to the improvement efforts. The planned planters will be coming in a few weeks.

There have been discussions with Holy Family School regarding improving the traffic issues related to drop-off and pick-up patterns. There have also been discussions with South Pasadena High School regarding adding a loading area in front of the school on Fremont Avenue.

The street improvement schedule (slurry seal and reconstruction) is running slower than anticipated.

Meetings have taken place with the City of Pasadena in regards to improvements in their area, such as the freeway "stub" and joint improvements on Columbia St. and Pasadena Ave.

The Fremont Ave. project is moving forward. An RFP is in development for a feasibility study, and there will be planned community outreach for feedback.

The traffic light synchronization project on Fair Oaks Avenue is underway.

The proposed citywide Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan still needs to go to the City Council for review.

Measure M projects are scheduled to go to the City Council for review on March 2, 2022.\_The decision will then go to the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority.

The Commission's recommendations regarding preferential parking will be shared with the city's planning group and worked into the city's General Plan and Strategic Plan.

Public Works staff along with Chair Abelson and Vice-Chair Fisher have looked at improvements at the intersection of Monterey Road and Milan Ave. Red reflective tape has been installed on the stop sign poles, and staff is reviewing improvements to the "stop ahead" signage and installing related pavement markings.

It was also reported that the City will be participating in the region's "626 Golden Street's" effort scheduled for May 1, 2022, which will be a "car free" event from Mission Road to the San Gabriel Mission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**: Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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 March 15, 2022.

