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January 11, 2023

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1	Anthony Wen Lai	E-Mail	11:55am 1/08/2023
2	Delaine W. Shane	E-mail	2:10pm 1/09/2023
2	Sally Takeda	E-Mail	10:40am 1/11/2023

**From:** Anthony Wen Lai [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 8, 2023 4:16 PM  
**To:** PWC Public Comments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment re: Installation of ADA Curb Ramps in Monterey Hills Intersections

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**From:** Anthony Wen Lai <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Sun, Jan 8, 2023 at 11:55 AM  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: Installation of ADA Curb Ramps in Monterey Hills Intersections  
**To:** <[ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov)>

Dear Mayor Cacciotti and esteemed City Council,

The 2010 Census found that 7.7% of South Pasadena households had a member that was 65 years of age or older. In 2020, that number increased to 12.8%, nearly double that of 10 years prior.

Considering the increasing number of elderly members of our population, it is disappointing that South Pasadena, and specifically Monterey Hills has dozens of high-traffic intersections in South Pasadena, that lack curb ramps, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

A curb ramp cuts through or builds up to the height of the curb, providing a safe, accessible transition from road to sidewalk. Curb ramps benefit people in wheelchairs by allowing smooth travel from the curb or sidewalk to the street.

Furthermore, ramps function to prevent accidents and injury for individuals with disabilities and benefit visually impaired individuals as a detectable warning at hazardous vehicular ways. It is a means to warn these individuals to pause or stop before entering into traffic. Curb ramps benefit parents with children in strollers, the elderly, people making deliveries, etc.

The installation of curb ramps as required by law illustrates the City's commitment to comply with the Federal and State accessibility mandates.

In light of the foregoing, I request that the city take all actions necessary to remediate all non-compliant intersections to which curb ramps have been required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations with urgency.

Thank you,

Anthony Lai  
Resident

**From:** D.W. Shane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 9, 2023 2:10 PM  
**To:** PWC Public Comments  
**Cc:** Armine Chaparyan; Domenica Megerdichian; Ted Gerber; Evelyn Zneimer; Tamara Binns  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Public Works Commission: January 11, 2023 Meeting: Public Comment: Agenda No. 2 (Action Item): Update and Recommendation on the Westside Reservoir Seismic and Structural Evaluation  
  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Honorable Public Works Commission Chair and Commissioners:

Save **Meridian Avenue** for its **Residents Together** or **SMART Families** is a collective voice of South Pasadena residents who either live in the Meridian Avenue corridor or are community-wide supporters. Typically, we comment on matters associated with traffic management and street improvements along Meridian Avenue. However, we are not a single-issue group and public safety concerns matter to us greatly. The Westside Reservoir is located in a hillside above Glen Place, which in turns leads to Gillette Crescent, and then finally Meridian. Adjacent streets include Summit and Bonita. As the staff's presentation slides note, aspects of this decades old water facility are deeply concerning. Trying to repair this reservoir would be a mistake because there is pervasive damage throughout its structure, it is deficient in its original seismic loading design, and the building codes associated with reservoir design and operation have evolved since the 1970s. It is time for a new facility.

We are pleased and extremely grateful that Mr. Ted Gerber, Director of Public Works, has implemented a vital mitigation measure by lowering the water level inside the reservoir. We very much appreciate his action in reducing the risk of a catastrophic reservoir failure due to potentially significant seismic events. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Zneimer for originally bringing this to the City Council's attention a few years ago and for pursuing a solution on behalf of all residents in South Pasadena.

***We strongly support and encourage you to approve the recommendations presented by Mr. Gerber and forward your approval to the City Council for its final decision.*** Since the planning, permitting, designing, building, and funding will take time, priority must be given NOW to moving forward with the preparation of a preliminary design report.

We do have additional comments to add for your consideration:

1. Mr. Gerber has stated to me that at this time there is no water leakage from the reservoir. That is of course a huge relief. However, we do request that the City or its consultant continue to monitor for potential leakage so as to ensure that water is not seeping from the reservoir.
2. We understand that the lowering of the water level was quite doable during fall/winter because of lower water supply demands. What will be the operational policy for the reservoir as we move into spring/summer?

3. Hopefully, in the very near future, the full replacement cost can be ascertained that does include the pump station and other site improvements, so that the City can quickly apply for available grants and loans that may be available now for infrastructure improvements from the Federal and State governments.
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Thank you so much for your consideration and please approve the recommendations listed in this agenda item.

Sincerely and respectfully,

*Delaine W. Shane*

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On Behalf of **SMART Families**



**From:** Sally Takeda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 10:40 AM  
**To:** PWC Public Comments  
**Cc:** Armine Chaparyan; Domenica Megerdichian; Ted Gerber; Evelyn Zneimer; Tamara Binns; Delaine Shane  
**Subject:** Re: South Pasadena Public Works Commission: January 11, 2023 Meeting: Public Comment: Agenda No. 2 (Action Item): Update and Recommendation on the Westside Reservoir Seismic and Structural Evaluation

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Good morning and Happy New Year,

I support Delaine's email supporting the recommendations presented by Mr. Gerber for the city council to approve at tonight's meeting (Agenda No. 2). I also support Delaine's additional comments listed in her email below.

Sincerely,  
Sally Takeda  
[REDACTED]

On Monday, January 9, 2023 at 02:10:54 PM PST, D.W. Shane <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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