



# CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

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## AGENDA

### **Freeway and Transportation Commission**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm

City Council Chambers

1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Chairman: Richard Helgeson

Vice Chairman: Daniel M. Evans

Secretary: Alan Reynolds

Commissioners: Joanne Nuckols, William Sherman, M.D.

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Marina Khubesrian, M.D.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting
3. Commissioner Comments
4. Council Liaison Comments
5. Staff Comments
6. Public Comments (Items not on the Agenda)
7. Discussion Items:
  - A. SR-710
    1. History and Legal Developments
    2. Evolution of Policies
    3. EIR/EIS Process
    4. Current Areas of Concern
  - B. SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS Update
8. Agenda Input
9. Adjournment

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena as required by State Law.

Date: May 12, 2016

Signature

Margaret Lin

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016 6:43 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1414 MISSION STREET**

<b>1. ROLL CALL</b>	The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) was convened at 6:43 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Helgeson, Nuckols, and Reynolds; Commissioners excused Sherman; Council Liaison: Khubesrian absent; and Staff present: Principal Management Analyst (PMA) Lin.
<b>2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</b>	The February 16, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected. (3 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent, 1 abstain)
<b>3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</b>	None.
<b>4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS</b>	None.
<b>5. STAFF COMMENTS</b>	None.
<b>6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)</b>	Mayor Mahmud attended the FTC meeting and announced that she would be visiting each commission to thank them for their time would be working with staff to provide a statement of values and ethics to each councilmember and commissioner as a reminder that they represent the people of South Pasadena.
<b>7. DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	
<b>I. SR-110 Hookramp Update</b>	<p>PMA Lin reported that Caltrans has identified an additional \$2.5 million in state funds for Phase I of the project. The City is currently working with Caltrans to identify the remaining funds necessary to complete Phase II.</p> <p>Commissioner Nuckols suggested that Caltrans could ask Metro to reallocate Measure R funds towards Phase II. Chair Helgeson commented that the SR-110 Hookramp is part of the TSM/TDM Alternative of the SR-710 North Study. Commissioner Reynolds commented that since the project benefits other cities like Pasadena, they could be enlisted to provide letters of support. Commissioner Nuckols suggested coordinating with the new staff at Metro.</p>
<b>II. SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS</b>	PMA Lin reported that the Response to Comments was released on March 14, 2016, and on March 24, 2016 SCAG would be holding a joint policy committee meeting to make a recommendation to the Regional Council for their adoption of the Final 2016 RTP/SCS and PEIR. The Regional Council would be voting on the adoption of the 2016 RTP/SCS on April 7, 2016.

	<p>Chair Helgeson commented on SCAG’s letter to the Office of Planning and Research regarding SB743 and their concerns regarding increased litigation associated with the use of VMT and induced demand. Councilmember Schneider asked who could enforce the new regulations. Chair Helgeson responded the Governor. PMA Lin commented that SB743 includes language that projects currently under the environmental review would not be subject to the new regulations.</p>
<p><b>III. SR-710 Updates</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin reported that during the March 9, 2016, Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee meetings Metro staff indicated that there would they would not be providing a Supplemental EIR or recirculating the Draft EIR. Additional would be conducted for PM2.5 conformity; however, Hot Spot Analyzes would not be conducted until after a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) had been chosen. In addition, the Metro Board would be discussing Measure R2 during the March 24, 2016 meeting at 10:00 am.</p> <p>Chair Helgeson commented that if the Hot Spot Analyzes indicates that air quality will worsen, this information would not have been disclosed to the Metro Board prior to their adoption of a LPA. Commissioner Nuckols stated that the SOAC could e-mail updates on the comments</p>
<p><b>IV. Purview/Interests</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin reported City Manager Gonzalez is currently working with Mayor Mahmud to bring this item to the City Council in May.</p> <p>Commissioner Evans expressed frustration with the lack of clarity on what the FTC purview is and commented that they are ready to take on more responsibilities but are looking for direction from the Council. Chair Helgeson commented that the FTC oversees freeway related projects and other assignments assigned by the Council. Councilmember Schneider stated that he would like to complete the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming project and would be discussing it during the upcoming budget meeting. Commissioner Nuckols suggested that either Ian Lockwood or Paul Moore should come up with updated cost estimates. Commissioner Nuckols also suggested that the FTC should look at the Fair Oaks Avenue improvements and the recommendations provided for Phase II. Commissioner Reynolds stated that these projects are small and were previously addressed by the DAG and FTC; furthermore the Metro Gold Line crosses Fremont Avenue. Councilmember Schneider suggested that the FTC Council Liaison request to have the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming project added to the agenda. Commissioner Nuckols made a motion to have Chair Helgeson speak with Councilmember Khubesrian about placing the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming on a future agenda. (4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent, 0 abstain)</p>
<p><b>8. AGENDA INPUT</b></p>	<p>Continued discussion of the FTC’s purview and interests.</p>
<p><b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on April 19, 2016.</p>

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Approved By:

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Richard Helgeson  
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