

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC  
FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013 8:14 A.M.  
ARROYO SECO GOLF COURSE, BANQUET ROOM  
1055 LOHMAN LANE**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Schneider convened the special meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority) at 8:14 a.m. at the City's Arroyo Seco Golf Course Banquet Room. The special meeting was scheduled to enable the City Council to meet Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, Los Angeles County, Fifth District, on issues of common concern. City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary Kilby called the roll. Present were City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti, Joe and Putnam; Mayor Pro Tem/ Agency/Authority Vice Chair Khubesrian; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Schneider. Absent: None. Other Officials present: City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; Assistant City Manager Straus; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Police Chief Miller; Fire Chief Wallace; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Toor; Deputy City Clerk Jimenez; and City Clerk Kilby. Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fifth District, was in attendance along with Los Angeles County staff: Sussy Nemer, Pasadena Field Office; Rita Hadjimanoukian, Pasadena Field Office; Anna Pembedjian, Justice Deputy; Edel Vizcarra, Planning Deputy; Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy; Jane Beesley, Parks Deputy; Reaver Bingham, Deputy Chief, Probation; Lance Grindle, Public Works; Mahdad Derakhshani, Public Works; and Frank Quon, Executive Officer, Highway Programs, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA, Metro).

Mayor Schneider introduced Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fifth District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Schneider announced that all public comment would be taken prior to discussion items

except for Item #5, the SR-710 issue. He said that public comment would be limited to two minutes. No one came forward.

**SOUTH PASADENA  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

City Manager Gonzalez presented an overview of the need for a multigenerational Community Center. Councilmembers made remarks.

**ARROYO SECO BICYCLE  
AND PEDESTRIAN  
PATH/TRAIL**

Councilmember Cacciotti provided an overview of the planned Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Path/Trail (Trail). He said that the total cost is \$1.2 million and that the City of South Pasadena (City) needs additional funds for construction. When the Trail is completed, Councilmember Cacciotti said, this will connect the San Gabriel Valley with Los Angeles for the first time in half a century. Councilmembers and City Manager Gonzalez made remarks and responded to Supervisor Antonovich's questions about the cost and how the City currently uses Proposition A Funds. Sussy Nemer, Supervisor Antonovich's Field Office, said that if the City could provide a scope of work and other information, the Council could investigate whether the City might be eligible for specific funds. Mayor Schneider asked that Grants Analyst Perkosky contact Supervisor Antonovich's Office. Lance Grindle, Public Works, Los Angeles County, said that this project might be considered for MTA Call for Projects, and he offered to assist. He agreed to work with City Public Works Director Toor.

**FAIR OAKS AVENUE/110  
FREEWAY HOOK RAMP  
AND OFF-RAMP PROJECT**

Mayor Schneider provided an overview of the traffic congestion issue at the intersection of SR-110 and Fair Oaks Avenue. He explained the plan to widen the northbound off-ramp onto Fair Oaks Avenue and to create a hook ramp for vehicles entering the southbound SR-110 from Fair Oaks Avenue. To complete these ramp projects, he said, the City needs \$6 million in additional funding. Mayor Schneider and Councilmember Putnam said these ramp projects will relieve congestion, including in unincorporated County areas. Councilmember Cacciotti emphasized the liability issues with vehicles backing up on the SR-110 northbound exit during the evening commute. City Manager Gonzalez responded to Supervisor Antonovich's questions about Measure R Funds. Los Angeles

County Public Works Representative Grindle said that it is possible to draw a nexus and study this. He noted that MTA has asked the various Councils of Government for a list of projects, and he suggested including these on the list. Supervisor Antonovich expressed support for the concept of having the Councils of Government submit priority lists to MTA, and he agreed that these projects would be suitable for this list and would help fill many “missing gaps.” Councilmember Joe expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich for assistance the City received from Los Angeles County Public Works in traffic signal synchronization.

In response to a question from Supervisor Antonovich about whether the City had contacted Caltrans about the SR-110 ramp projects, Councilmember Cacciotti said that a letter had been submitted to Caltrans. Supervisor Antonovich asked for a copy of the letter and the response from Caltrans.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**Rogan funding**

Don Justin Jones, no address stated, asked about \$44 million in Rogan Funds that had been allocated to the Cities of Pasadena, Alhambra, South Pasadena, and Los Angeles. He said a “Valley Connector” [Valley Boulevard-Alhambra Avenue Connector Road Project] had been planned but has not materialized. He said, “Somewhere there is \$15 million that produced no benefit.”

City Manager Gonzalez said that the City met with the City of Los Angeles on this issue and that this project may be revitalized. City Manager Gonzalez said the City met with Caltrans regarding the ramp projects—with no success. City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions about the expiration of funds for the SR-110 ramp projects.

**GOLD LINE EXTENSION**

Mayor Schneider provided background on the extension of the Gold Line light rail as an alternative multi-modal transportation system. He asked for Supervisor Antonovich’s support for the Gold Line extension in both directions—east and west. Supervisor Antonovich said that funding for the extension from Azusa to Claremont is \$800 million

short and that support is needed from the MTA Board and the Federal Government for the extension. He said the lines should connect with airports and be interconnected. Supervisor Antonovich said that Los Angeles is the only metropolitan area in the United States that has no rail connection to the airports. He noted that "Measure J," a Gold Line funding measure, might be on the 2014 ballot.

Councilmember Putnam thanked the Supervisor for recent creation of an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) ramp at the South Pasadena Gold Line Station. Councilmember Putnam said South Pasadena is the only city without a light-rail crossing not at grade level. He said residents need relief at train crossings, a problem that will worsen when the line is extended and the headways are shorter.

#### **MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS**

City Manager Gonzalez presented an overview of the massage issue in South Pasadena. He said that there has been a ten-fold increase in massage establishments, which impacts the business community and the quality of life. He said the City's ability to regulate massage establishments has been restricted by the State. Supervisor Antonovich said, "We would support the local control." Supervisor Antonovich noted that the issue of group homes is similar and said he supports local control on that issue as well.

#### **PRISONER REALIGNMENT**

Mayor Schneider introduced Police Chief Miller, who made a presentation about the impact of the State's release of prisoners on the community and on the responsibilities of the South Pasadena Police Department. Supervisor Antonovich noted that there have been significant increases in various types of crimes in the Cities of Temple City, San Dimas, Calabasas, Walnut, and La Cañada Flintridge since prisoner realignment.

Reaver Bingham, Deputy Chief, Los Angeles County Probation, who said he was speaking on behalf of Jerry Powers, Chief Probation Officer, made a presentation about prisoner realignment, which he said began in October 2011. He said 20,000 prisoners are slated to be released to Los Angeles County (County). There are 183 prisoners

in South Pasadena and surrounding areas, he said, and 82 have been arrested since release. He described efforts being made to increase monitoring and supervision and to collaborate with other agencies and community institutions. He responded to questions. Supervisor Antonovich said that of the 20,000 being released, a large number have been rearrested. He said that the Board of Supervisors passed a motion to incarcerate more than 500 prisoners in Taft, California. He said the County jail system is not equipped to provide for long-term prisoners. He said, "It's a broken system. It needs to be repealed and changed. The status quo is not acceptable." He said a new jail is being built to replace Central Jail and that the Governor has the ability to contract for additional facilities. Police Chief Miller noted that parolees commit at least five crimes before they are apprehended. Deputy Chief Bingham responded to questions about the probation officer caseload ratio. Supervisor Antonovich responded to comments about prisoners' medical needs made by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian.

**DISCUSSION OF SR-710  
FREEWAY EXTENSION:  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT**

Mayor Schneider invited public comment.

Sam Burgess, no address stated, said he has been asking for almost three years which agency will make the final decision regarding the SR-710 extension. He said Ara Najarian, Board Member, MTA, had asked the same question.

Questions followed that indicated that the approval process was unclear to those on the dais. Frank Quon, Executive Officer, Highway Programs, MTA, said that the Draft Environmental Impact Report will be released in spring 2014 and that comments will be solicited. He said the Technical Team, comprised of MTA and Caltrans as leads, will propose a locally preferred alternative to the Metro Board for its support. The final environmental documents, with the preferred alternative, will be approved by Caltrans, he said. Later, Executive Officer Quon said the Caltrans District 7 Director will sign off on the environmental document.

Mayor Schneider said that the tunnel alternative is

being evaluated without considering the impact that tolls would have on the alternative. Executive Officer Quon responded that tolls, as well as the existence of trucks, will be evaluated as part of the environmental analysis. Councilmembers posed questions about funding, criteria for selecting an alternative, and other issues, responded to by Executive Officer Quon.

Mayor Schneider said the City has always supported the Gold Line. He recommended transferring the \$780 million from Measure R for the tunnel to fund the Gold Line extension. He said this will make a lot of people happy.

Mayor Schneider thanked Supervisor Antonovich for attending and listening to the City's concerns.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Mayor Schneider adjourned the special City Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

  
Sally Kilby  
City Clerk

  
Richard D. Schneider, M.D.  
Mayor