



# CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

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## AGENDA

### **Freeway and Transportation Commission**

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm  
City Manager's Conference Room, Second Floor City Hall  
1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Chairman: William Sherman  
Vice Chairman: Alan Reynolds  
Secretary: Daniel M. Evans  
Commissioners: Richard Helgeson, Joanne Nuckols

City Council Liaison: Council Member Richard D. Schneider, M.D.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting
3. Commissioner Comments
4. Council Liaison Comments
5. Staff Comments
6. Public Comments (Items not on the Agenda)
7. Discussion Items:
  - A. Strategic Planning Goals
  - B. Connecting Pasadena Plan Update
  - C. SR-710
    1. Caltrans Affordable Sales Program Update
      - a. Historic Preservation Covenants
    2. Draft EIR/EIS 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: December 11, 2014

Signature   
Margaret Lin

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
 FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
 CONVENED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014 6:30 P.M.  
 CITY MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM  
 1414 MISSION STREET**

<b>1. ROLL CALL</b>	The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission was convened at 6:32 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Helgeson, Nuckols, and Sherman; Commissioners absent: Reynolds; Council Liaison: Schneider present and Staff present: Principal Management Analyst (PMA) Lin.
<b>2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 18, APRIL 15, AND JUNE 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETINGS</b>	The Commission approved the minutes. (4 ayes , 0 noes, 1 absent, 0 abstain)
<b>3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</b>	Commissioner Helgeson reported that at the Joint Meeting at SCAG Kate White, from CalSTA discussed the impacts of AB32, indicating that transportation funding from Cap and Trade would discourage projects focused on single occupancy vehicles and could be an opportunity for funding for the Arroyo Parkway transit projects.
<b>4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS</b>	None.
<b>5. STAFF COMMENTS</b>	None.
<b>6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)</b>	None.
<b>7. DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	

<p><b>I. Fair Oaks Avenue Signal Synchronization Update</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin reported that there is a difference between allowing another agency to control the City’s signal synchronization and allowing them to monitor the system. Allowing another agency to control the system could be problematic because they could make changes without notifying the City. The City also does not use the same dynamic system that the City of Pasadena uses, and allowing the City of Pasadena or Los Angeles County to control the City’s signal synchronization would require the installation of costly fiber optics.</p> <p>Councilmember Schneider requested additional information regarding the current operator of the Columbia and State Street signals.</p>
<p><b>II. Gold Line Extension Update</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin presented a list of the mitigation measures that were provided in the Final EIR of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension.</p> <p>Commissioner Evans reported that construction is still on time; however, there may be a delay to Metro’s operation start date due to a disagreement regarding the cars. Track test-runs should take place in two weeks and then be turned over to Metro in either April or September 2015.</p> <p>Councilmember Schneider expressed concerns regarding the guard arm timing for north bound trains and requested that a letter be drafted to Metro requesting updated mitigation measures that are consistent with current best practices to address concerns regarding emergency vehicle accessibility.</p> <p>Commissioner Nuckols suggested that a meeting be conducted to discuss possible mitigation measures with the surrounding residents.</p>
<p><b>III. Fremont Avenue Plan Update</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin presented a copy of the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming Concept Plan that was developed in 2009 to the commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Nuckols requested that the cost estimates for the Fremont Avenue Traffic Calming Concept Plan be brought back to the Commission for review.</p>
<p><b>IV. SR-710</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin reported that there were no updates regarding the EIR/EIS and that it is still scheduled for release in February 2015.</p>

<p><b>V. Caltrans Affordable Sales Program</b></p>	<p>PMA Lin reported that Caltrans is still working on revising the proposed regulations and anticipates having a final draft ready by the end of November. PMA Lin also presented a list of all of the Caltrans owned properties located within the City.</p> <p>Commissioner Evens commented that the Historic Covenants could be transferred from the Historic Preservation Foundation to the City.</p> <p>Councilmember Schneider commented that the City's Housing Authority could take over.</p> <p>Commissioner Nuckols commented that Chris Sutton had suggested that the City hold the covenants.</p> <p>Commissioner Evans commented that he does not think the Historic Preservation Foundation should hold the covenants and will check to see if they would like to discard their existing covenants.</p>
<p><b>VI. Draft EIR/EIS Update</b></p>	<p>Chair Sherman reported that the next Metro TAC meeting will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> and the next SOAC meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p><b>8. AGENDA INPUT</b></p>	<p>The Commission requested that the following items be placed on the next agenda: Fremont Avenue Plan Update, Fair Oaks Signal Synchronization Options, Gold Line Extension Update, and West Pasadena Residents' Association Connecting Pasadena Plan.</p>
<p><b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on December 16, 2014.</p>

Approved By:

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 William Sherman  
 Chair