

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chair Granath. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Vice Chair Fisher, Commissioner Glauz, Commissioner Pendo and Council Liaison Schneider. Staff present: Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa and Public Works Assistant Leaonna DeWitt.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Glauz led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of January 14, 2015.**

Minutes approved as amended. (Abelson, Glauz 5-0)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the agenda**

No public comment.

**5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

Council Liaison Schneider is pleased to be the liaison to the Commission.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa thanked Chair Granath and Vice Chair Fisher for attending the Citizen's Strategic Planning workshop on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Monterey Rd. Road Diet Traffic Study**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa presented a brief overview of the Monterey Rd. Road Diet traffic study conducted by Minagar & Associates. The study identifies two alternatives: 1) a road diet for the entire corridor from Pasadena Avenue to Fair Oaks Avenue and 2) same as alternative one, but excludes the segment of Orange Grove Avenue to Meridian Avenue. While a road diet will have benefits for other modes of travel (bicycle and pedestrian), the simulation performed by Minagar & Associates indicates that a road diet will significantly increase traffic delays.

Consulting City traffic engineer Fred Minagar introduced himself and discussed the Monterey Rd. Road Diet Traffic Study, accompanied by a micro simulation presentation. The micro simulation incorporates the proposed signalized intersection at Orange Grove Ave, assuming it will be completed in 2016; and the Gold Line Rail system. Mr. Minagar recommends a trial installation of one of the proposed road diets concepts by temporarily re-striping the pavement markings along select portions of Monterey Road.

Chair Granath opened the meeting for Public Comment.

Bill Suter - 1319 Via Del Rey. Mr. Suter indicated opposition to a road diet on Monterey Road.

Shlomo Nitzani – 1107 Fair Oaks #433. Mr. Nitzani indicated opposition to a road diet on Monterey Road.

Kathy Green – 867 Monterey Road. Ms. Green indicated support of a pilot program.

Ron Rosen - 901 Wolford Lane. Mr. Rosen indicated opposition to a road diet on Monterey Road.

Andy Au – 858 Lyndon Street. Mr. Au indicated support of synchronized signals and trial striped lanes.

Tom Dolan – 1756 Las Palmitas. Mr. Dolan indicated opposition to a road diet on Monterey Road.

Barbara Sinclair – 706 Flores De Oro. Ms. Sinclair indicated opposition to a road diet on Monterey Road.

Gretchen Robinette – 921 Indiana Avenue. Ms. Robinette indicated opposition to a road diet on Monterey Road.

Jose Zavala – 381 Monterey Road. Mr. Zavala indicated support of a trial road diet on Monterey Road.

Glenn Eddy – 844 Monterey Road. Mr. Eddy indicated support of making Monterey Road more convenient for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Al Benzoni – 1617 Monterey Road. Mr. Benzoni commented on updating the General Plan.

Mr. Dong – 1205 Orange Grove. Mr. Dong inquired about the trial road diet on Monterey Road.

Public Comment period closed.

Commissioner Glauz expressed concern with unsynchronized traffic signals on Monterey Road and traffic delays causing traffic intrusion to side streets. Commissioner Glauz commented the City has already experienced road diets on Orange Grove Avenue to Columbia and on Fair Oaks Avenue with the elimination of right turn lanes.

Fred Minagar explained the differences between traffic signalization and traffic calming.

Chair Granath commented the need to accommodate bicyclists, but narrowing down the highway will be difficult. Chair Granath suggested moving forward with ADA requirements on the sidewalks.

Commissioner Abelson expressed concern with congestion on arterials and diversion of traffic to smaller residential streets, which contradicts the strategic goals recommended by the Commission. Commissioner Abelson recommended investigating other signage or road markings options to address any concerns regarding bicycle safety.

Commissioner Fisher expressed concerns with increased delays on Monterey Road and queuing at the Gold Line crossing.

A motion was made to recommend to City Council to: 1) proceed with ADA compliant sidewalk improvements on Monterey Road; 2) designate El Centro Avenue as a bike route with sharrow

markings from Orange Grove Avenue to Brent Avenue; 3) not proceed with a road diet or related pilot program on Monterey Road due, among the other concerns raised during the hearing, traffic safety and other impacts with the Gold Line rail crossings and diversion of traffic onto local streets; and 4) proceed with traffic safety and traffic flow improvements on Monterey Road previously recommended by this Commission. (Fisher, Abelson 5-0)

**B. Designation of Commission Secretary**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa briefly introduced the item.

A nomination was made by Chair Granath to designate Commissioner Abelson as Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Glauz. The motion passed unanimously. Absent: Pendo

**C. Capital Improvement Project Update**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief update on the current Capital Improvement Projects.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

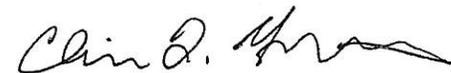
Commissioner Abelson requested to agendaize an item for discussion regarding closing certain local streets during the Rose Parade.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Granath declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on February 11, 2015.

AYES: 5  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:



Clinton Granath, Chair

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