



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

November 21, 2018

To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**1. Update on Selection Process for Police Chief:**

The comprehensive process to select Pasadena's next Chief of Police has been ongoing and inclusive and we hope to have it completed early in 2019.

Early in the process, the search firm recruiter retained by the City, Teri Black, met with numerous internal and external stakeholders to develop an accurate and thorough understanding of the ideal candidate profile for Pasadena. Three community-wide meetings solicited feedback as did an online community survey. This feedback helped inform the development of the job posting and assisted the Recruiter in identifying potential candidates who would be good fits for the City. A thorough, nationwide recruitment was conducted that included advertising, traditional and electronic marketing including a direct mail campaign, extensive personal outreach, and the use of social media venues.

By the application closing date of October 28, we received two dozen applications. Subsequent to the application deadline, the search firm developed an initial assessment of the candidates, identifying a tiered grouping of the top eight. Following a review with the City Manager and Director of Human Resources, four candidates were selected to move forward in the process. All of the candidates advancing in the process are currently serving at the Commander rank or higher in law enforcement organizations and represent a broad array of assignments in their respective management careers.

In December, the four finalists will be interviewed by a panel of community members, followed by an additional round of interviews with the City Manager and key executive staff. Under Pasadena's Charter, the Police Chief reports to the City Manager, who is solely responsible for the appointment.

**2. SR-710 North Corridor Mobility Improvements:**

On November 14<sup>th</sup> the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Ad Hoc Congestion, Highway, and Roads Committee Took action to approve a series of mobility improvement projects on local arterials and at freeway local interchanges experiencing congestion as a result of the discontinuity of the SR-710 North Freeway. As further detailed in the attached memorandum from Fred Dock, Director of Transportation, one of these projects is the proposed grade separation of the Metro Gold Line at California Boulevard. Metro's Board will consider the Committee's recommendation at its December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Wishing you and yours a most festive Thanksgiving holiday.**



Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Mermell".

**STEVE MERMELL**  
City Manager

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**DATE:** November 21, 2018

**TO:** Steve Mermell, City Manager

**FROM:** Frederick C. Dock, Director *F.C. Dock*

**SUBJECT: Status Update for SR 710 North Early Action Projects**

On January 29, 2018, the City Council authorized the submittal of a list of projects to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) as the City of Pasadena's response to Metro's call for Early Action Projects (EAPs) in the SR 710 North corridor between Pasadena and Alhambra. As described in the agenda report for that action, Metro placed restrictions on the EAP candidates that limited projects to only those that could be accomplished without infringing upon Caltrans potential to construct a tunnel connection for the SR 710.

Since the City submitted the EAP candidates to Metro, Metro staff has been evaluating the submittals. On November 14, 2018, Metro's Ad Hoc Congestion, Highway and Roads Committee voted to accept Metro staff's recommendation for an initial set of Mobility Improvement Projects (MIPs) and to authorize use of about half the Measure R funding available for the SR 710 corridor. Metro's Board will consider the committee's recommendation at its meeting on December 6, 2018.

A single project for Pasadena is included in the MIPs – grade separation of the Metro Gold Line at California Boulevard at \$105 million. When the Gold Line was first envisioned, Pasadena wanted a grade separation but it was deemed too costly.

The grade separation project was included in Pasadena's EAPs on the basis of a preliminary feasibility study conducted for the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority by Jacobs Engineering in July 2017. That study provided sufficient information to support a grade separation that would raise the Gold Line on a structure over California Boulevard and lower California Boulevard between Arroyo Parkway and Raymond Avenue. The project would maintain the at-grade intersections with Arroyo Parkway and Raymond Avenue.

The report included a preliminary identification of utility lines that could be affected and properties that would be needed to accommodate a bypass track for the Gold Line during construction. Preliminary cost estimates were included.

Should the Metro Board vote to authorize the proposed expenditure, a number of activities would be necessary for the project to commence, including, but not limited to, exploration of subsurface conditions, environmental clearance, detailed design and construction staging. Jurisdiction for the project is shared between Metro and Pasadena. Metro has not identified which agency would lead the project.