



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

February 4, 2021

To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Pasadena


Mayor and Councilmembers:

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**1. Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting CEQA Polling Results:**

At this past Monday's City Council meeting, staff conducted a workshop aimed at enhancing the public's understanding of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and related thresholds. Prior to this week, staff presented a similar discussion at the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) which included polling the participants on various questions. The attached memorandum from Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation includes the results of the survey.

Respectfully Submitted,




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**DATE:** February 4, 2021

**TO:** Steve Mermell, City Manager

**FROM:** Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation 

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting-CEQA Polling Results

On November 16, 2020, City Council adopted an update to the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) baseline and associated thresholds. As part of the action taken, staff was directed to conduct a workshop in January aimed at enhancing the public's understanding of CEQA and related thresholds.

Staff conducted a workshop, framed as a study session, as part of the January 28, 2021 Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC). The presentation included a brief overview of the CEQA regulatory history, addressed CEQA and the related thresholds as were adopted by Council as well as provided an overview of the Local Mobility Analysis (formerly referred to as Outside CEQA analysis) that the City applies to potential projects as part of the City's development review process.

In an effort to engage the public, the study session included opportunities for meeting participants to provide input through a series of interactive polling questions. The questions were developed to assist the Department of Transportation (DOT) better understand community awareness of the transportation analysis we undertake, mobility priorities and goals, and gauge how DOT's analysis guidelines could be modified to better represent the community's concerns and goals.

At the highest attendee point, we had 34 individuals join the meeting and had an 80-90% survey participation rate. Given the number of participants, the survey results are not statistically significant and do not reflect city-wide opinion; however, the feedback we received provided us with a better understanding of how to approach the upcoming Local Mobility Analysis guideline update and will be taken into consideration as we proceed with that effort. The survey questions and results are attached.

**City of Pasadena  
TAC CEQA, VMT/VT Study Session**

**Potential Live Polling Questions  
Rev. January 21, 2021**

**ICEBREAKER/INTRODUCTION QUESTIONS:**

1. **Do you live, work or visit the City of Pasadena?**
  - A. **Live in Pasadena 77%**
  - B. Work in Pasadena 12%
  - C. Neither, but I visit Pasadena frequently 12%
  - D. None of the above 0%
  
2. **If you live or work in Pasadena, what's your city district? (show map next to this question)**
  - A. District 1 – Tyrone Hampton 4%
  - B. District 2 – Felicia Williams 8%
  - C. District 3 – John J. Kennedy 17%
  - D. **District 4 – Gene Masuda 29%**
  - E. District 5 – Vacant 17%
  - F. District 6 – Steve Madison 13%
  - G. District 7 – Andy Wilson 4%
  - H. I don't know 4%
  - I. Not applicable, I don't live or work in Pasadena 4%
  
3. **Before the Covid pandemic, what were the main ways you got around? (select all that apply)**
  - A. **Personal vehicle 82%**
  - B. Public transit (e.g. train, bus) 36%
  - C. Rideshare (e.g. Uber, Lyft) 18%
  - D. Biking/Scooter 39%
  - E. Walking 46%
  - F. Other 0%
  
4. **After the Covid pandemic, what do you anticipate being the main way you will get around? (select all that apply)**
  - A. **Personal vehicle 69%**
  - B. Public transit (e.g. train, bus) 34%
  - C. Rideshare (e.g. Uber, Lyft) 14%
  - D. Biking/Scooter 38%
  - E. Walking 48%
  - F. Other 3%

**BETWEEN CEQA AND LOCAL MOBILITY (OUTSIDE CEQA)**

1. **Prior to this presentation were you aware that the City conducts a CEQA Analysis and Local Mobility Analysis for all medium to large projects?**
  - A. Yes, very familiar **32%**
  - B. Yes, somewhat familiar **36%**
  - C. Kind of, I was aware but don't understand the policies entirely **29%**
  - D. No, I was not previously aware **4%**
  
2. **What are your mobility priorities? (Select top 3)**
  - A. Safe environment for all modes (drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists) **68%**
  - B. Shorter travel time getting across the City **46%**
  - C. Short wait at traffic signals **36%**
  - D. Expand the bike network **50%**
  - E. Provide enhanced transit service **25%**
  - F. Create walkable neighborhood environments **61%**

**END OF PRESENTATION – BEFORE NEXT STEPS**

1. **What current Local Mobility Analysis metrics address your concerns (select all that apply)?**
  - A. Street Segment Analysis **52%**
  - B. Intersection Impact **40%**
  - C. Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index **52%**
  - D. Bicycle Environmental Quality Index **56%**
  - E. None of the above **24%**
  
2. **Do the current mitigation measures identified through the Local Mobility Analysis provide adequate treatments to address your transportation concerns?**
  - A. Yes, they are effective measures **13%**
  - B. They are somewhat effective **38%**
  - C. They are very limited in effectiveness **17%**
  - D. No, they do not address my transportation concerns **33%**
  
3. **What additional Local Mobility Analysis metrics should the City consider? (Select Top 3)**
  - A. Arterial Street Segment Analysis **46%**
  - B. Cumulative Impact Analysis **50%**
  - C. Tiered Impact Analysis **46%**
  - D. Additional Vehicle Trip Analysis **29%**
  - E. Collision History & Analysis **54%**