



FINAL

**SPECIAL MEETING
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**City of Pasadena
221 E. Walnut Avenue Suite #210
Pasadena, CA 91101**

**Thursday, October 11, 2012
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:05 p.m.**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Stephen Acker, Manoochehr Adhami, Myra Martin Booker (Excused), Christopher Burner (4:20 p.m.), Julianna Delgado, Jennifer Higginbotham, Blair Miller, Robin Salzer, and Jess Segovia (Excused)

City Staff Present: Mike Bagheri, Vicrim Chima (Assistant Planner), Jenny Cristales, Fred Dock, Rebecca Fleming, Bahman Janka, Scott Reimers (Planner) and Mark Yamarone

Guests: Greg Gunther (Pasadena Playhouse District), Betty Ma (Gateway Metro Center), John Pipra (Gateway Metro Center), Woodie Tescher (The Planning Center),

- 3. Presentation by Planning Department for purposes of TAC to provide a recommendation to the City Council on the update to the General Plan's Land Use and Mobility Elements.**

Mark Yamarone and Scott Reimers (Planner), gave the General Plan Land Use and Mobility Element update which included new policy topic areas, goals and objectives for supporting mobility initiatives, updated Mobility Element objectives, a new Land Use Element policy outline, changes to the guiding principles, a revision to the specific plan boundaries, changes to the Land Use Diagram, and the development levels that the General Plan EIR will analyze.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lance Augusto spoke on behalf of Day One and praised the Plan but asked that special attention be paid to high density areas around transit villages and what steps the City will be taking to mitigate the harm that will result

with air pollution due to the proximity of the 210 freeway. Also of concern was whether the City would be providing transit friendly platforms to those who bike and use alternate forms of transportation.

Erlinda Romo spoke on behalf of the Playhouse District Association and noted that 24% of the population that reside in that district use alternative forms of transportation and hopes that the plan will increase the density and number of individuals who use alternate forms of transportation.

MOTION:

Commissioner Delgado made a motion for the Public Comment section to be closed. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Delgado – Felt that the process overall was very good and supported the report. She would like to see more information on the uses of sidewalk and how it is to be shared with pedestrians and the responsibility of bike riders and enforcement of rules and regulations.

Commissioner Salzer – Concurred with Commissioner Delgado's comments and would like to see more in depth study of the Pasadena City College (PCC) student village area and how students will be utilizing bikes and alternative modes of transportation. He would also like to see this done at the Satellite East Campus of PCC located in the East Pasadena area.

Commissioner Adhami – Felt that the process was very good. Had questions regarding the Edison Substation being an eyesore along the Foothill area – Sierra Madre all the way up to Michillinda area. What is being done in that region regarding the congestion?

Commissioner Acker – Biggest concern is bicyclist safety as well as the safety of pedestrians. There has to be a concerted effort to have more education and enforcement regarding this. Would also like to know the timetable for the EIR

Commissioner Miller – Felt that the Guiding Principles was very well done and would like to know when the education of drivers/pedestrians/cyclists would be discussed and in what format?

Vice Chair Burner – Felt that overall it was a good process and a very good public outreach.

Chair Higginbotham – Questioned the EIR process in terms of complete streets requirements and whether or not it will be focused on all modes of transit as opposed to vehicles only. Also questioned the Goldline capacity and the effect that will have on transit stations. She also asked about the impact of the 710 Freeway and the role that it will play in the travel demand plan. Also mentioned was how the EIR will address deemphasized streets and complete streets.

MOTION:

Commissioner Delgado moved that Staff's recommendation be recommended to the City Council and that the Chair and Vice Chair of TAC incorporate all

comments into a written memo and forward to the Planning Department. Vice Chair Burner seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Due to the fact that two Special Meetings for the Commission were held within two weeks of each other and the holidays are approaching the Commissioners discussed the year end calendar for meetings.

MOTION:

Commissioner Acker made a motion for the October 25th Regular Meeting of the TAC be cancelled and the next meeting to be held on Thursday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Adhami seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Commissioner Delgado made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Salzer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the TAC will be held on Thursday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the 210 Conference Room at 221 East Walnut Street, Pasadena.

Respectfully Submitted,



A. Rebecca Fleming
Recording Secretary