

**MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION**

DATE: June 27, 2013
TO: Transportation Advisory Commission
FROM: Frederick C. Dock, Director
RE: Staff Update

A. Council Committee Activity

- The Proposed amendment to the Speed Limit Ordinance that was presented to TAC on January 24, 2013 was also presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 17 and was approved by the City Council on June 17. See this link for more information:
http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/2013%20agendas/Jun_17_13/AR%2018.pdf
- The Pasadena Bicycle Transportation Plan which was presented to TAC on April 25, 2013 is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Municipal Services Committee on July 9 and to the City Council on July 15 for adoption.

B. General Plan Update Informational Meetings

The first of two information meetings to learn about the process for updating the City's draft General Plan Land Use and Mobility Elements, the direction given to staff by the City Council and the overall environmental review process was held on Saturday, June 15, at Pasadena City College. A second meeting is scheduled as follows:

- **6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 27**, at Pasadena Presbyterian Church's Gamble Lounge, 585 E. Colorado Blvd. Free parking is available on the north side of East Union Street.

City staff will provide the in-depth presentation at this meeting, including information about the direction given by the City Council to study changes to the General Plan; what an environmental impact report (EIR) typically includes; information on how a General Plan EIR is different from other EIRs, and future opportunities for public comment and participation during the EIR process.

Although the June meetings are not part of the formal EIR process, staff will retain public input on any initial comments about the subjects that the EIR should study.

One of the first phases will be for staff to prepare an environmental “Initial Study” document. This Initial Study will provide preliminary environmental analysis, give initial findings on the potential level of environmental impact and indicate which subjects require additional study.

In the future, the City will host environmental scoping meetings to allow the community to review and provide feedback. Throughout the process, staff will continue to meet with the public to present progress, share analysis and receive public comment.

To view the proposed changes to the General Plan Land Use and Mobility Elements, or for more information on the General Plan Community Information Meetings, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan, call (626) 744-7310, or email generalplan@cityofpasadena.net.

C. SR-710 North EIR/EIS

The next meeting of Metro’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for SR-710 EIR/EIS is tentatively scheduled for July 10, 2013. Time and location to be determined.

Metro and Caltrans also invite residents to participate in any of the three July 2013 *All Communities Convening* Information Sessions regarding the State Route 710 North Study. According to Metro’s flyer, the purpose of the meetings is for residents to learn about five transit options that will help to reduce congestion and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley, East/Northeast Los Angeles, and the region.

The meeting in Pasadena will be on **Saturday, July 20, 2013** – 9:30 – 11:30 am at the Blair High School, located at 1201 S. Marengo Avenue. See the “Upcoming Meetings” section of the following website for more information: <http://www.metro.net/projects/sr-710-conversations/>

The purpose of the TAC is to inform affected agencies and/or jurisdictions about the progress of the State Route 710 EIR/EIS contract and key milestones, and to solicit input on a wide range of planning and technical issues that may arise during the development of the EIR/EIS. Staff will post presentation materials along with staff notes to the City’s 710 site at <http://cityofpasadena.net/SR710/> when they are provided by Metro. The meeting presentation materials are also posted on Metro’s SR-710 webpage at <http://www.metro.net/projects/sr-710-conversations/sr710-past-meetings/> sometime after each TAC meeting.

D. Presentations

Staff presented on the topic of “Pasadena’s ITS Technology Deployment - Past, Present and Future” at the Southern California Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting on June 19, 2013. A copy of the slides has been posted to the TAC web site under Item 10D.