



Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** August 31, 2012
FROM: TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 2011 THROUGH JUNE 2012, and
WORK PLAN – JULY 2012 THROUGH JUNE 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

This Annual Report is submitted for informational purposes only.

Attached is the following:

- Mission Statement
- Year End Report of Accomplishments for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
- Work Plan for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013
- Roster of Subcommittees for 2012-13
- Report of Commission Attendance for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

On August 2, 2012, at its Annual Meeting, the Commission reviewed its accomplishments during the past year, and formulated its Work Plan for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Higginbotham, Chair

Chris Burner, Vice-Chair

City of Pasadena
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MISSION STATEMENT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 7/1/11-6/30/12
WORK PLAN: 7/1/12-6/30/13

MISSION:

As set forth in Section 2.135.110 of the Municipal Code, the primary purpose of the Commission is to advise the City Council concerning policies affecting the City's transportation system. The Commission studies and holds public hearings assessing the economic, environmental, and social adequacy of the City's transportation system and recommends short and long-range measures for its improvement.

The Commission also advises the City Council on matters aimed at implementing the objectives and policies contained in the 2004 General Plan Mobility Element, along with any future updates to the City's Mobility Element.

Consistent with Section 2.135.110 and the Commission's Rules and Regulations, the Commission studies and makes policy recommendations to the City Council on issues including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Measures affecting the traffic circulation and transportation in the City of Pasadena.
- b. Annual and long range allocation of Proposition A and C funds and Measure R Metro Sales Tax Funds.
- c. Annual capital programs and five-year Capital Improvement Program of the City affecting streets and transportation.
- d. Federal, state and regional funding actions affecting the transportation network serving Pasadena, including existing and proposed freeways.
- e. Inclusion of Pasadena in Southern California's Light Rail Transit Network.
- f. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs and measures designed to manage or reduce traffic congestion, including ridesharing, vanpooling, alternative work-hours strategies, application of new technologies, and encouragement of existing and alternative modes of transit.
- g. Provision for a public transit system, including streetcar/trolley and shuttle bus systems.
- h. Protection of residential neighborhoods from negative transportation system impacts.
- i. Provision for service to those with limited access to transportation.
- j. Promotion of energy conservation aspects of transportation.
- k. If and to the extent requested by the City Council, leadership of and participation in local and regional studies and committees or task forces dealing with transportation issues.
- l. If and to the extent requested by the City Council, assistance to other City Commissions, Committees and Task Forces regarding transportation-related issues including review of and comment on transportation related policy aspects

of various elements of the City's Strategic Plans, Specific Plans, Master Plans, development projects, and associated environmental impact reports.

- m. Such other matters as shall be referred from time to time to the Commission by the City Council.

YEAR-END REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The following are highlights of the Commission's activities and accomplishments in fiscal year 2012:

General Plan Land Use and Mobility Element Updates: The Commission received regular briefings on the General Plan update, including in-depth presentations by DOT and Planning Department staff members. Highlights of the Commission's work include the following:

- Review and comment on the resident survey instrument and survey results
- Review of current Mobility Element and identification of potential areas for update/revision
- Agreement to focus on Mobility Element updates that simplify and clarify policies
- Attendance at numerous community meetings and workshops

Result: Continued inclusion of mobility perspective in General Plan update and continued effort to be well-informed of public priorities and concerns related to mobility.

Next steps: Work on the General Plan updates continues in FY 2012-13.

ARTS: The Commission participated in the Department's partnership with Art Center College of Design to potentially re-brand the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) to improve the public's understanding of the bus service and encourage usage. The impetus for this work is the replacement bus fleet coming into use in FY 2012-13.

Result: Development of multiple brand options.

Next steps: Formation of a panel to solicit community input and roll-out new brand in FY 2012-13.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget: The Commission conducted its annual review of the CIP budget.

Result: TAC approved a motion to support the CIP as proposed.

Next steps: TAC will again review the CIP in the coming fiscal year.

Design Commission: The Commission continued to have one of its members serve as its designee to the Design Commission. Commissioner Yonashiro served in this capacity until Commission Acker assumed the role in March 2012. The Commission's Design Commission representative gave routine updates to the Commission.

Result: Transportation perspective considered during design review.

Next steps: Continued representation by TAC representative on the Design Commission.

La Loma Bridge Advisory Group: The Commission continued to have one of its members, Commissioner Salzer, serve as its designee to the La Loma Bridge Advisory Group. He reported on the activities of this group.

Result: Continued TAC representation on this group.

Next steps: TAC representation on this group is expected to continue in FY 2012-13.

Metro Gold Line: The Commission continued to monitor the transportation impacts of the Gold Line, including the at-grade crossings and access to Gold Line stations. Metro and DOT staff members made presentations on advance preemptions; track clearance; and limited service when gates are down, post train passage and transitions. Commissioner Burner provided updates and gave a presentation on the Foothill Extension.

Result: Continued monitoring of the Gold Line and its impacts on vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

Next steps: Continued monitoring of the Gold Line.

SR-710 Freeway Gap Closure: DOT staff kept the Commission up-to-date on the status of this project and many commissioners attended public meetings about the alternatives under discussion.

Result: Commissioners are informed of the various alternatives being studied.

Next steps: Continued monitoring during FY 2012-13.

Project Review: DOT staff provided the Commissioners with regular updates on upcoming projects. No draft environmental impact reports (DEIR) were sent to TAC for review during the FY 2011-12.

Result: Continued monitoring of projects.

Next steps: TAC to review projects when requested by Council.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP): The Commission routinely reviewed the status of various NTMPs being conducted in the City, with specific discussion related to the Linda Vista NTMP.

Result: Continued awareness of resident concerns related to transportation impacts in neighborhoods.

Next steps: Continued monitoring.

Revised TAC Rules and Regulations: The Commission received Council approval to its revised Rules and Regulations.

Result: Clearer, updated rules and regulations now in effect.

Next steps: None.

Finally, the Commission said farewell to two members, Sharon Yonashiro and Brigham Yen, who left the commission mid-year. With Commissioner Yonashiro's departure, Commissioner Burner was elected vice-chair in February 2012.

None of the Commission's accomplishments would have been possible without the support and assistance of Department of Transportation (DOT) staff. The Commission thanks DOT staff for their continued support and cooperation in Fiscal Year 2012.

WORK PLAN: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013:

As required by Section 2.135.090 of the Municipal Code, the Commission has developed the following Work Plan representing a partial list of the most important issues to be reviewed or studied by the Commission for Fiscal Year 2013. We will review the plan mid-year to assess our progress.

Pedestrian Improvement Measures — During Fiscal Year 2012-13, the Commission will continue its efforts to increase walkability, especially in the City's Central District. The Commission will also continue to monitor and support efforts to increase development of multi-use, non-vehicular trailways and pedestrian-only areas of the City.

General Plan Update and Transit Plan — The Commission will continue to participate in the City's General Plan update process, which it expects to be a major work effort for the coming year. The Commission will review and comment on proposed changes to the General Plan Mobility Element, Land Use Element, Zoning Code, and Design Guidelines. The Commission will also continue to assist staff in the development of the ARTS Short-Range Transit Plan.

Traffic Reduction Strategies — As part of the General Plan Update process, the Commission will monitor the progress of the traffic reduction strategies. Where necessary, the Commission will review and comment on the scope, study, timing and implementation of the traffic reduction strategies.

Gold Line — The Commission will actively continue to monitor efforts by DOT and MTA to reduce vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian delays at the three at-grade Gold Line crossings of Glenarm Street, California Boulevard and Del Mar Boulevard. The Commission will also monitor bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to the Gold Line stations located throughout the City.

Bicycle Transportation Plan — The Commission will monitor the implementation of Pasadena's Bicycle Transportation Plan once it is approved. The Commission will also continue to advocate for the development and implementation of the proposed Old Pasadena bicycle station, as well as other bicycle-related activities and events.

Annual Report Card — The Commission will assist City staff in the publication of the annual Report Card.

Project Review — If and to the extent requested by the City Council: The Commission will continue to review and comment on Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) for projects that meet the established criteria for review and/or community-wide significance. The Commission also anticipates participating in EIR scoping for projects that meet the established criteria for review and/or community-wide significance. In addition, the Commission will continue to review developments exceeding 50,000 square feet that require one discretionary action and developments containing 50 or more housing units, as required under the City's Predevelopment Plan Review (PPR) Administrative Guidelines. A representative from the Commission serves as a voting member of the Design Commission to further ensure the inclusion of a transportation perspective in the review of projects.

Specific Plans and Master Plans — If and to the extent requested by the City Council: The Commission will continue to review and comment on transportation, circulation and traffic issues associated with all proposed specific plans and master plans, and/or proposed amendments and updates to existing specific plans and master plans.

Capital Improvement Projects — The Commission will continue to review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding annual capital programs and the five-year capital improvement program.

Project Monitoring — The Commission will continue to monitor ongoing transportation projects, including, but not limited to, the following: SR-710 Gap Closure; Streetcar Initiative; La Loma Bridge Design; NTMP community meetings and projects; and Gold Line Foothill Extension. In addition, the Commission will periodically review updates on the City's progress in implementing its Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

Roster of Subcommittees —The roster for 2012-13 committees is attached as Exhibit A.

Attendance Record — An attendance record for commissioners is attached as Exhibit B.

EXHIBIT A

Transportation Advisory Commission

2012-2013 Standing and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

	CIP	General Plan (AH)	Public Transit	Annual Report Card	SR-710 Study (AH)
Stephen Acker			√	√	
Manoochehr Adhami	√			√	
Myra Booker			√		√
Chris Burner	√	√			
Julianna Delgado					
Jennifer Higginbotham		Chair			
Blair Miller		√			√
Robin Salzer		√			√
Jess Segovia			√		

Legend:

- CIP: Capital Improvement Program monitoring
- General Plan: General Plan Mobility Element Update (to include the Bicycle Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Issues, and Complete Streets Concepts) (Ad Hoc Subcommittee)
- Public Transit: Public Transit/ARTS (to also include Gold Line, Foothill Transit, LADOT Commuter Express, etc.)
- Annual Report Card: Annual Report Card monitoring
- SR-710 Study: Metro's EIR/EIS Study for SR-710 (Ad Hoc Subcommittee)

EXHIBIT B

Transportation Advisory Commission Attendance: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

2011	7/28/2011	9/22/2011	10/27/2011	11/24/2011	12/8/2012	12/22/2011
	[S]					
Acker, Stephen	E	P	E	XX	E	E
Adhami, Manoochehr	P	A	A	XX	P	P
Booker, Myra Martin	P	P	P	XX	P	P
Burner, Christopher	P	P	P	XX	P	P
Delgado, Julianna	E	E	E	XX	E	E
Higginbotham, Jennifer	P	P	P	XX	P	P
Salzer, Robin	P	A	P	XX	P	P
Segovia, Jess**						
Yen, Brigham**	P	P	E	XX	E	E
Yonashiro, Sharon**	P	P	P	XX	P	P

2012	1/12/2012	1/26/2012	2/23/2012	3/22/2012	4/26/2012	5/24/2012	6/28/2012
	[S]						
Acker, Stephen	P	XX	P	P	XX	P	P
Adhami, Manoochehr	P	XX	P	P	XX	E	E
Booker, Myra Martin	P	XX	P	P	XX	P	P
Burner, Christopher	P	XX	P	P	XX	P	P
Delgado, Julianna	E	XX	E	E	XX	E	E
Higginbotham, Jennifer	P	XX	P	P	XX	P	P
Salzer, Robin	P	XX	E	P	XX	P	P
Segovia, Jess**					XX	P	P
Yen, Brigham**	E	XX	E	E	XX		
Yonashiro, Sharon**	P						

Legend		Notes:
P =	Present	
E =	Excused	** Jess Segovia appointed 4/23/2012
A =	Absent	** Brigham Yen resigned 4/30/2012
LOA =	Leave of Absence	** Sharon Yonashiro resigned 1/18/2012
Shaded =	Not Applicable	
XX =	Meeting Cancelled	
[R] =	Special Meeting Retreat	
[S] =	Special Meeting	
NQ =	No Quorum; so no meeting held	
R-N/A =	Recused, so attendance is not applicable	