



# Agenda Report

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** XXXXXX  
**FROM:** TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)  
**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 2012 THROUGH JUNE 2013, and  
WORK PLAN – JULY 2013 THROUGH JUNE 2014

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This Annual Report is submitted for informational purposes only.

Attached is the following:

- Mission Statement
- Year End Report of Accomplishments for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013
- Work Plan for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014
- Roster of Subcommittees for 2013-14
- Report of Commission Attendance for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

The Commission initially discussed the formulation of its Annual Report and Work Plan at its June 27, 2013 meeting. On July 24, 2013, at its Annual Meeting, the Commission reviewed its accomplishments during the past year, and formulated its Work Plan for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Burner  
Vice Chair

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Jennifer Higginbotham  
Immediate Past Chair

City of Pasadena  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MISSION STATEMENT  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 7/1/12-6/30/13  
WORK PLAN: 7/1/13-6/30/14

**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 2012-13:

**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. Most importantly, the Commission provided a recommendation to the City Council for the update to the General Plan's Land Use and Mobility Elements that included the following:

- New Policy Topic Areas,
- Mobility Supporting Initiatives, Goals and Objectives,
- Updated Mobility Element Objectives,
- New Land Use Policy Outline,
- Changes to the guiding principles,
- Changes to the specific plan boundaries,
- Changes to the General Plan Land Use Diagram, and
- Updated development levels

**Result:** Development of a recommended update to the General Plan's Land Use and Mobility Elements.

**Next steps:** Work on the General Plan updates continues in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**ARTS:** Following up on the Commission's participation in the Department's initial rebranding analysis of the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) in Fiscal Year 2011-12, the Commission has monitored the implementation of the rebranding effort. This rebranding effort is intended to improve the public's understanding of the bus service and encourage usage.

**Result:** Various branding options developed. Rebranding recommendations sent to Council's Municipal Services Committee for review.

**Next steps:** Monitor roll-out of new brand in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**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 Acker filled the role of the TAC's Design Commission representative throughout Fiscal Year 2012-13. 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 Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**Metro Gold Line:** The Commission continued to monitor the transportation impacts of the Gold Line and the future Foothill Extension, including the at-grade crossings and access to Gold Line stations. Commissioner Burner provided status updates of the Foothill Extension project occasionally during Commissioner's Comments.

**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:** Continue monitoring during Fiscal Year 2013-14.

**Project Review:** DOT staff provided the Commissioners with regular updates on upcoming projects. The Commission reviewed and commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Temporary Use of the Rose Bowl by the National Football League (1001 Rose Bowl Drive).

**Result:** Continued monitoring of projects. City Council certified the environmental document for the Temporary Use of the Rose Bowl by the National Football League.

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

**Bicycle Transportation Plan:** The Commission provided a recommendation to the City Council for the approval of the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

**Result:** City Council Municipal Services Committee reviewed the plan and directed staff to revisit the plan and explore bolder actions to ensure bicyclist safety and creation of protected bike lanes in the City.

**Next steps:** Conduct further review as requested and then monitor implementation of the plan once approved.

**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 State Street South Gateway and Linda Vista NTMP.

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

**Next steps:** Continued monitoring.

Finally, the Commission said farewell to members Jennifer Higginbotham (will not return next Fiscal Year), Myra Martin Booker, Julianna Delgado, Robin Salzer (will not return next Fiscal Year), Jess Segovia and Tim Wendler. The Commission welcomed new members Blair Miller, Tim Wendler and Neil Kleinman.

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 2012-13.

## **WORK PLAN: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014:**

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 2013-14. We will review the plan mid-year to assess our progress.

**Pedestrian Improvement Measures** — During Fiscal Year 2013-14, 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, 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. The Commission will monitor the progress of the General Plan's EIR and review and comment on the Mobility Element and Land Use Elements of the General Plan's EIR. 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 Metro 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. The Commission will also monitor the status of the Gold Line extension project and its impacts to the City.

**Bicycle Transportation Plan** — The Commission will monitor the implementation of Pasadena's Bicycle Transportation Plan. 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 Fiscal Year 2013-14 committees is attached as Exhibit A.

**Attendance Record** — An attendance record for commissioners during Fiscal Year 2012-13 is attached as Exhibit B.

**EXHIBIT A**

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**Transportation Advisory Commission**

**2013-2014 Standing and Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

	<b>CIP</b>	<b>General Plan (AH)</b>	<b>Public Transit</b>	<b>Annual Report Card</b>	<b>SR-710 Study (AH)</b>
Stephen Acker			√	√	
Manoochehr Adhami	√			√	
Chris Burner	√	√			
Jonathan Edwards					
Greg Gunther					
Neil Kleinman		√ ?	√ ?		√ ?
Blair Miller		√			√
James De Pietro					
Vacant					

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, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

**To be provided at July 24 meeting**