

**REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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

**Thursday, February 26, 2015
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Stephen Acker, Manoochehr Adhami, Jonathan Edwards, Greg Gunther, Neil Kleinman, and Blair Miller

Member Excused: Christopher Burner and James De Pietro

City Staff Present: Fred Dock, Alejandra Flores, Bahman Janka, Mark Yamarone, Jenny Cristales, Vicrim Chima, Martin Potter and Arthi Varma

Member of the Public: John Muggridge, Alex Rixey (Fehr and Peers), and David Wolf (Pasadena Passages)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pasadena Passages – Information Video Presentation – David Wolf
Mr. Wolf presented the information video to the Commission, answering the Commissioners questions.

B. General Plan Updates: Draft Land Use Element, Draft Mobility Element, & Draft EIR (Review and Comment)

Mr. Chima presented the General Plan Updates to the Commission. Staff took note of the Commissioners comments and requested for edits on the General Plan. The following represents the Commission's comments on the DEIR:

Comments from Commission as a whole:

1. Land Use Element:

- Proposed a new Policy - Policy 6.8 – which should address pedestrian passages, pathways, courtyards, alleys, public walkways, etc. to support connectivity, infrastructure, and encourage business along those areas. (Related to Design Commission comment calling for the same policy).

2. Mobility Element Policy 2.14:

- Re: Carsharing – support and/or facilitate public/private car sharing. May include the use of city or public resources and cooperation. Support the concept of carsharing by public/private entities.

Comments from individuals during the meeting:

1. Just before Goal 18 of the LUE, there's a typo in the paragraph –
 - By statute, the types and intensities of development permitted by the Land Use Plan must be correlated with the ability to provide adequate mobility to residents and visitors consistent with community values for acceptable levels of congestion. A primary principle defined by General Plan and Land Use Element is that Pasadena will be a city where people can circulate ~~with~~ without a car. Implementation of the mix and densities of uses depicted on the Land Use Diagram and urban form policies will promote walking, bicycling, and transit use achieving this objective. The following goals and policies express the relationship between land use development and mobility.
2. A commissioner noted that on Page 5.13-17, it was odd that religious facilities are expected to decline and medical offices would increase, as that would generate more traffic and parking.
3. A commissioner noted that for the Mobility Element, page 39, 2.5 says "increase bicycle parking", but the same concept is repeated in policy 2.9 which is almost the same thing. Suggested that this is duplicative and that one could be removed from 2.5 since 2.9 covers it.

4. A commissioner suggested identifying the EIR alternatives on more equal ground compared to the preferred project. Section 7.8 identifies the CDSFOLA alternative as the “Environmentally Superior Alternative”; however, the “Efficient Transportation Alternative” is also superior to the Project. Section 7.8 of the DEIR should identify *both* alternatives that are superior to the project, not just the CDSFOLA alternative.
5. A commissioner suggested calling out the conclusion of the CDSFOLA alternative which states in Section 7.5.15 that the CDSFOLA alternative doesn’t achieve the goals of the project as well as the preferred project does – analyze how much and to what degree each alternative achieves the Project objectives. How much is each one achieving and at what environmental cost?
6. A commissioner noted that the CDSFOLA alternative has a discussion related to population and housing (7.5.10: “Under the CD, SFO, and LA Alternative[...] The San Gabriel Valley jobs-housing ratio would be 1.32 without the General Plan Update versus 1.34 with the project.”) which is not discussed in the other alternatives. All alternatives—not just the CDSFOLA alternative-- should examine the *regional*—not just the citywide—impacts on jobs, housing, and transportation.
7. Commissioners discussed a letter from Marsha Rood which stated that pedestrian policies were scattered throughout the proposed LUE and called for the policies to be grouped together into a new “Walkability” policy section. Several commissioners commented that having pedestrian-related policies spread throughout the document lends greater weight to the importance of pedestrian activities and suggested leaving the policies in their current locations.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. INFORMATION ONLY

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

Due to the overage of time, Chair Acker requested to move this item to the next regular scheduled meeting.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Gunther asked staff for an update on the zip car contract status. Thanked staff for installing the pedestrian wayfinding signs. Commissioner Gunther asked staff why the EV chargers in front of City Hall were moved. Requested the status of CicLAvia event publication. Staff answered all Commissioner Gunther’s questions.

- Commissioner Miller informed the Commission regarding the Complete Street Coalition working with the CAL walks a non-profit group on setting up training on Pedestrian Safety. Planning meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 3 p.m. The training has not been scheduled yet. Requested an update from staff on the funding applications by Pasadena for Active Transportation Projects. Mr. Yamarone answered Commissioner Miller's questions.
- Commissioner Kleinman shared his thought on the bus routes and Metro Gold Line and the dynamic change.
- Chair Acker requested an update from staff on the 710, ARTS branding and the Allen station.

9. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

10. STAFF UPDATE

11. SUBCOMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- A. Annual Report Card monitoring
- B. Capital Improvement Program monitoring
The CIP Subcommittee will meet on March 12, 2015.
- C. Complete Streets (to include the Bicycle Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Issues, and Complete Streets Concepts)
- D. Design Commission Update
A memo from Planning Department on ongoing projects was distributed to commissioners
- E. General Plan Mobility Element Update (Ad Hoc Subcommittee)
- F. La Loma Bridge Advisory Group
Commissioner Gunther updated the Commission regarding the project which is proceeding as presented to TAC, construction is anticipated to begin the beginning of April. At the most recent Council Meeting on February 23, the contract was awarded to OHO USA Inc.
- G. Public Transit/ARTS (to also include Gold Line, Foothill Transit, LADOT Commuter Express, etc.) (Ad Hoc Subcommittee)

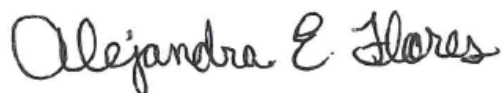
12. ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 p.m.

MOTION:

Chair Acker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Kleinman seconded passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the TAC will be a Special meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the 210 Conference Room at 221 East Walnut Street, Pasadena.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alejandra E. Flores, Recording Secretary