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**SPECIAL MEETING
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**City of Pasadena
City Hall Basement: Fair Oaks Conf. Room. S039
Pasadena, CA 91101**

**Thursday, July 23, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

The virtual meeting was convened pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and was held solely by videoconference/teleconference

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Timothy Sales, Sam Morrissey, Dan Beal, Jessica Bowles-Martinez, Glenn Camhi, Gary Floyd, Adriana Lim, Jeffery Potter and Nicholas Saponara

City Staff Present: Laura Cornejo, Joaquin Siques, Conrad Viana, Richard Dilluvio and Alejandra Flores

3. UPDATE TO CEQA TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE (ACTION)

Conrad Viana presented the items answering commissioners' questions. Chair Sales requested Transportation Director Cornejo explain to the commission the technical side of this item, additional information was provided by Mr. Viana and Mr. Siques.

Commissioners' comments:

- VMT is a bit confusing requesting a more simplified way with examples
- Concern if the result of lowering the thresholds might make a project that had already been in compliance with land use have to go through additional environmental review, not wanting to discourage development in the City due to the new thresholds.

- Requested better descriptions of affected projects under the new and old model would give people a better understanding.
- Concern the item has not been well explained to the citizens, including how much leeway is given to developers.
- What is within the developers control

Chair Sales explained to the commission this is a State mandate item. Staff addressed commissioner comments and concerns.

Chair asked Director Cornejo what is the timeline for commissioner to decide on the item. Ms. Cornejo addressed Chair Sales question with a timeline. Chair Sales asked the commission if they are in support to move forward or have additional questions, no answer. Chair Sales requested staff add the five metrics as slides to explain the context of the item and explain the model. Commissioner Potter is not comfortable with moving forward with the item. Vice Chair Morrissey and commissioner Camhi are in support of the item as presented by staff.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Morrissey made a motion to move and approve the recommendations from City staff. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Camhi and the motion passed unanimously by majority in favor.

Chair Sales summarized the motion to accept staff's recommendations as is, which is a component of accepting the update to the base model to the 2017 levels, as well as accepting the proposed 15% below baseline threshold factor.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beal would like to see real world illustrations, and does not support the recommendations. Commissioner Potter agrees with Commissioner Beal, requesting staff comes back another time with more clarity. Commissioner Floyd agrees with Commissioner Beal, stating if time is of the essence he is in consensus with Commissioners Saponara's amendment proposal. Commissioner Lim supports staff's recommendation.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Commissioner Saponara and Commissioner Floyd supports staff's recommendations, offering an amendment. Requesting staff to frame item in a way that is more accessible to the general public and perhaps elected officials.

Chair Sales made a formal request to amend Vice Chair Morrissey's motion to include the explanation and normalization of the model so people are not looking at it as an increase of the thresholds, but a significant decrease of the thresholds. Include the example of the types of projects that would have been falling below or above the threshold, therefore would have had additional mitigation. Lastly, endeavor to provide a one to two sheet flyer with information why this has evolved, stating why this has gone from LOS (Level of Service) to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) to help explain clearly. Requesting to add to recommendations.

In favor: Chair Sales, Vice Chair Morrissey, Commissioner Jessica Bowles-Martinez, Commissioner Camhi, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Lim, and Commissioner Saponara

Opposed: Commissioner Potter and Commissioner Beal

Public Comment:

Recording Secretary Alejandra Flores read aloud comment from the following individuals ([Link to comment/s](#)):

Joe Valenzuela, Pasadena resident
James De Pietro, Pasadena resident
Blair Miller, Pasadena resident
Erika Foy, Pasadena resident

4. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TIME CHANGE (ACTION)

Ms. Cornejo presented the item answering commissioners' questions.

MOTION:

No action was taken. Item will be brought back to the commission in six months.

Public Comment:

Recording Secretary Alejandra Flores read aloud comment from the following individual ([Link to comment/s](#)):

Colin Bogart, Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition

5. CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULING THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER (ACTION)

Chair Sales presented item, requesting commissioners review 2019-2020 work plan, the subcommittees and TAC representation in the Design Commission.

MOTION:

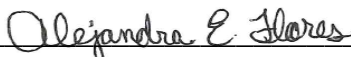
Chair Sales made a motion to bring back item in September, seconded by Commissioner Lim, motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On the Order of Chair Sales, Commissioner Saponara seconded and the motion passed unanimously to end the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the TAC will be a Special meeting held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom, staff will be at City Hall 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena.

Respectfully Submitted,


Alejandra E. Flores, Recording Secretary