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**REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**City of Pasadena  
City Hall Basement: Grand Conf. Room. S038  
Pasadena, CA 91101**

**Thursday, March 24, 2022  
4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chair Adriana Lim, Vice Chair Glenn Camhi, Sam Morrissey, Kevin Litwin, Jessica Bowles-Martinez, Dan Beal, Nick Saponara and Timothy Sales

**Excused:** Jeffery Potter

**City Staff Present:** Joaquin Siques, Nader Asmar, Talin Shahbazian, Phyllis Hallowell, Kris Markarian, Rich Yee and Alejandra Flores

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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. December 9, 2021 – SPECIAL MEETING**

**MOTION:**

On the order of Chair Lim, Commissioner Sales supported the motion to approve minutes for the December 9, 2021 special meeting. Commissioner

Sales move to approve the motion, Vice Chair Camhi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bowles-Martinez and Commissioner Morrissey abstained as they were not present at this meeting.

## **B. January 27, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING**

### **MOTION:**

On the order of Chair Lim, Commissioner Sales supported the motion to approve minutes for the January 27, 2022 regular meeting. Commissioner Sales move to approve the motion, Vice Chair Camhi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Recommended FY 2023 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Action Item**

Joaquin Siques, Deputy Director introduced this item. Phyllis Hallowell, Management Analyst V, with Public Works presented the Capital Improvement Program budget process, answering the commissioner questions. Kris Markarian, City Engineer with Public Works, presented the Capital Improvement Program Streets and Streetscapes projects, answering the commissioner questions. Nader Asmar, Principal Engineer with Department of Transportation (DOT), presented the FY 2023 Budget Overview for DOT: Complete Streets, Traffic Operations, Traffic Signals and ITS, and Transit, answering the commissioner questions. Richard Yee, Principal Engineer with Public Works, assisted in answering the commissioner questions.

Public Comment ([Emails/Letters received and shared with TAC Commission](#)):

Blair Miller, Complete Streets Coalition

Blair discussed the capital improvement, referring to submitted letter shared with commissioners.

Jonah Kanner, Pasadena resident

Jonah noted that the implementation of the City's Bike Plan is not moving fast enough and he asked the commissioners to review the correspondence he submitted and advance greenways.

Brian Wallace, Executive Director, Playhouse Village

Encourage staff to consider where transportation fees and traffic impact fees are being collected and where they can be spent in funding approved CIP projects.

### **MOTION:**

Chair Lim made the motion to support the proposed Capital Improvement Program as presented. Commissioner Saponara seconded motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Measure M Multiyear Subregional Program FY25 and FY26 List of Potential Projects – Action Item**

Joaquin Siques, Deputy Director introduced this item, Talin Shahbazian, Associate Planner with DOT presented the item answering the commissioner questions. Talin informed the commissioners of an incorrect date in the staff report, the correct date of when this item was last presented to council is May 4, 2020 not April 20, 2020. Nader Asmar, Principal Engineer with DOT, assisted in answering the commissioner questions.

**MOTION:**

Chair Lim made the motion to recommend this item be presented to the City Council as presented. Vice Chair Camhi seconded motion, the motion passed, Commissioner Saponara abstained.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

**7. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

None presented.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Litwin informed the commission he was not in agreement with SB9 and SB10, stating it would negatively impact the environment and department of transportation.

Commissioner Sales thanked staff for the CIP presentation, stating it is disheartening to not make more progress with the projects and the tracking and communications of the projects can improve. It would be helpful to tell the story of the city, of progress and lack of progress. Encourage staff to look into the new set of funding in California, the Regional Climate Collaborative (RCC), and Transformative Climate Communities (TCC), as there is money to increase resiliency around energy issues.

Commissioner Morrissey thanked staff for the CIP presentation, addressed the valid concern of SB9, informing staff that the southern California association of governments is also administering a number of grant programs called the leap and reap grant opportunities which are for local and regional early action projects focused on addressing the housing crisis in California, specifically on innovative transportation projects and innovative transportation solutions to address some of the challenges related to the demands that the state has for increasing housing in Pasadena. Informed staff of infractions on one way traffic streets, specifically on Union, which may be caused by construction and the upcoming Union Street protected bike lane project. Expressed concern regarding the

Pasadena Citizens Service app, stating it is not as responsive as it was in the past. Shared concerns for local frequented restaurants regarding maintaining on street parking, requiring restaurants to remove outdoor dining; asking staff to consider the benefit of maintaining the outdoor dining.

Commissioner Bowles-Martinez asked how the City's transportation and infrastructure can support women and respond to the needs of women in the transportation point of view. Proposing to have a gender disaggregated data report to see what change can be done to the infrastructure with in transportation to better understand the impact to both groups of men or women.

Chair Lim stated she has served on three commissions for the City of Pasadena and the majority are men, and at times has been the only woman serving. Encouraging councilmen to encourage more women to serve on commissions, as women can bring a different point of view.

Commissioner Saponara endorsed Commissioner Bowles-Martinez and Chair Lim's comments, stating that Metro's Woman and Girls Council released a report understanding how women travel which provides a perspective and data into the unique travel demands and needs of women; he will send to staff to share with the commission. Echoed Commissioner Sales's comments regarding accountability and being able to chart in a transparent way, thanked staff for the presentation and hard work.

Commissioner Beal shared with the commission an organization called the Woman's Transportation Seminar that has been around for approximately 30 years, this organization is a great resource to further the careers of women in transportation.

## **9. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Lim noted the Department of Transportation is led by a woman which she appreciates seeing her in the leadership position. Would like commissioners to consider if they would like to be part of the 710 Subcommittee and send an email directly if interested in participating, this item will be added to the April TAC agenda. Updated the commissioners on in person meeting option being considered by City Council in upcoming meetings.

## **10. STAFF UPDATE**

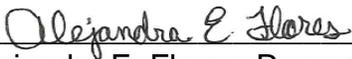
Deputy Director Siques informed the commission that Council extended the remote meetings for Council, Commissions, and Committees an additional month into April and will revisit the item the following month.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

On the Order of Chair Lim, she made the motion to adjourn meeting, Commissioner Sales seconded, the motion passed unanimously to end the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

The next meeting of the TAC will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom, staff will be at City Hall 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Alejandra E. Flores, Recording Secretary