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**REGULAR MEETING
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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

**Thursday, April 28, 2022
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Members Present: Chair Adriana Lim, Vice Chair Glenn Camhi, Sam Morrissey, Jeffery Potter, Kevin Litwin, Jessica Bowles-Martinez, Dan Beal, and Nick Saponara

Absent: Timothy Sales

City Staff Present: Joaquin Siques, Nader Asmar and Alejandra Flores
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA -** ([Emails/Letters received and shared with TAC Commission](#))
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
None
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Creation of SR 710 Ad hoc Subcommittee – Action Item**

Joaquin Siques, Deputy Director presented item answering the commissioner questions.

MOTION:

Chair Lim made the motion to establish 710 Subcommittee. Commissioner Beal seconded motion, the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:

Following the nomination of four commissioners to the 710 Ad-hoc subcommittee and discussion regarding the number of commissioners that can participate in a subcommittee, Chair Lim made the motion to seat the following commissioners on the 710 Subcommittee: Vice Chair Camhi, Commissioner Saponara, Commissioner Beal, and Commissioner Morrissey. Commissioner Potter seconded motion, Commissioner Bowles-Martinez abstained. The motion passed with seven in favor, and one abstaining.

B. Roadside Memorial Sign Program – Action Item

Joaquin Siques, Deputy Director introduced this item. Nader Asmar, Principal Engineer with Department of Transportation (DOT), presented the item answering the commissioner questions.

Vice Chair Camhi supports the item, requesting the waiting period to go to three months instead of six months and if possible connect the families with mental services the City may provide.

Commissioner Morrissey would like staff to keep in mind the location of the sign and prevent driver distraction when reading the sign. He would also prefer the City explore technology solutions to reduce fatalities.

Commissioner Potter echoes Commissioner Morrissey's comments supports the sign, but is concerned of safety when drivers read the signs, stating automations such as flashing signs would be a better solution.

Commissioner Litwin stated if the City already has a program that creates memorials, then the City should keep that plan. The best thing the Department of Transportation can do to honor the person that lost their life, would be to investigate and fix it. Does not support this item, would like resources be used to fix the problem. Stating this is a very sensitive topic, and would like this item be moved to another time.

Commissioner Bowles-Martinez supports this item, thinks it is important to have the signs there, to remind people of fundamental danger and honor lives, as well as motivate people to find solutions. Would like to see the signs at pedestrian eyelevel, possibly have a date and QR code where the family can upload images, or have important information about the person. Would like staff be proactive and inform the families of the program. This is a good program to

humanize the people who are lost. Would like to know if there are third parties who can also contribute the maintenance of the signs, to relieve a burden on the families secure fund.

Commissioner Saponara supports the item, stating this is an important program to recognize these incidents and to honor the memory of the individuals who lost their life to street violence here in Pasadena, serving as a reminder of important of road safety. Asking if it is necessary for the commission to approve the signs.

Commissioner Beal supports the item, stating if the sign causes a moment of reflection, than its accomplished it mission. Would like to know if it is possible to add a small rose to the sign that states Pasadena, as it would be very distinctive and would be respectful. Supports Commissioner Morrissey comments. Would like staff to address the six month waiting period.

Chair Lim stated cultural concerns and does not support the item as presented as well as feeling uneasy about it, stating she is not 100% sure if this is the best way to memorialize a fatality. Would not like another sign to serve as a distraction, and does not know how effective these signs are, would prefer a symbol such as a bicycle or a figure of a person instead of a sign. Chair Lim would not feel comfortable with this commission being the body to approve these signs.

Commissioner Litwin requested the traffic investigation report of the fatality on Alan and San Pasqual to see the result of the work done.

Vice Chair Camhi stated fixing problems on the road is a separate conversation, stating the sign would not prevent the roadway safety improvements but rather encourages them. Stating there is a sign design that would be capable of adding more than one name to the sign. Agrees with the Pasadena rose idea on the sign. Stating the sign would be a positive for overall people.

Commissioner Beal, stated there may be cultural issues the commission is not aware of.

Commissioner Bowles-Martinez stated the signs would get more people involved in making the intersections safer. The sign is a great way honor people and raise safety awareness. Encourages commissioners to support item.

Commissioner Morrissey state the City of Los Angeles has a similar program if anyone is interested in seeing a similar sign. Stating this is a sign that conforms to the manual and uniform traffic control devices, stating the sign is meant for informational purposes and not meant to guide traffic and there is limitation on what the sign can say. Asking staff to consider other options more organically developed.

Commissioner Morrissey left the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Deputy Director Joaquin Siques and Nader Asmar addressed commissioner comments.

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

Jonah Kanner, Pasadena resident

Thanked staff for the presentation and supports item, requesting victims family be made aware by city staff of sign program.

Claire Zeng

Thanked staff for the presentation and supports item, especially since this is a long term memorial versus a short term community memorial.

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Thanked staff for the presentation and supports item, echoing Jonah Kanner's comment. Would like the signs to reflect the loss of humanity, potentially at eye level. Also noted that the need to require family support may create barriers to the unhoused.

MOTION:

Chair Lim made a motion to recommend acceptance of the roadside memorial side program as presented and accept the responsibility of deciding who gets chosen for this program, but would like to change TAC being the responsible body who selects who gets the sign. No second to this motion.

Commissioner Beal made a substitute motion to send this item back to staff to incorporate the commissioner's comments and suggestions, and remove the TAC as the approving body for this program. Commissioner Litwin seconded motion, motion passed 5-2.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

7. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

None presented.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No comments from commissioners.

9. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Lim thanked the commissioners, staff, and the public for their comments, regarding the Road Side Memorial Program.

10. STAFF UPDATE

Deputy Director Joaquin Siques informed the commission, May is bike month in Pasadena and there will be a number of events throughout the City starting May 1st, the website will be updated with all dates and events.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On the Order of Chair Lim, she made the motion to adjourn meeting, Vice Chair seconded, the motion passed unanimously to end the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the TAC will be a held on Thursday, May 26, 2022, 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