



Moving News for District #6

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General Plan Guiding Principle

“Pasadena envisions a community where people can circulate without a car.”

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Commissioner Highlights

Vince Farhat and his wife, Betsy, moved to Pasadena in 1996. They live in southwest Pasadena with their son, William. In 2003, Vice-Mayor Steve Madison appointed Vince as the District 6 representative on TAC. Vince has served as Chairperson since April 2005.



Vince is a past president of the West Pasadena Residents' Association. As a neighborhood leader, Vince worked to address community concerns about increased traffic congestion. Vince first became interested in serving on TAC in order to promote neighborhood quality of life.

During Vince's tenure as Chair, TAC has recommended the City Council create a new traffic impact fee to fund needed transportation and transit improvements. TAC also has been working with the Department of Transportation to create an annual report card to measure Pasadena's traffic conditions, and to develop recommendations to improve the Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO). In addition to these initiatives, TAC has continued to strongly support the expansion of the ARTS bus system.

A guiding principle of our General Plan is that Pasadena “will be a city where people can circulate without cars.” The General Plan also calls on City Hall to protect

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Protecting Neighborhood Streets

Recently the Department installed an electronic speed feedback sign at the intersection of Lida Street and Pegfair Lane. This solar-powered device displays vehicles' downhill speeds if they exceed the posted speed limit (25 MPH) and flashing “SLOW DOWN” when drivers' speeds greatly exceed the speed limit. With an on-board system to record traffic speeds and volumes along with date and time, the Department can relay information to the Pasadena Police Dept. so that enforcement can be focused to the times when most speeding occurs. A similar unit will be installed on northbound Linda Vista near Sylvia Canyon in May/June 2006.



Traffic Engineering and Operations

DOT FACTS

- ARTS Buses drive over 650,000 miles annually and carry 1.3 million passengers.
- Pasadena neighborhood streets have more than 410 speed humps.
- Pasadena has 300 intersections with traffic signals.
- Six of the 13 Gold Line Stations are in Pasadena.

TRAFFIC INVESTIGATIONS

In the last year, the Department received 33 requests for traffic investigations in District 6. The majority of the traffic investigations were for parking restrictions, speed limit issues, and a number addressed concerns for pedestrian safety. As a result of the traffic investigations, the Department issued various work orders to install parking meters and various parking restrictions, additional speed limit signage, and pedestrian warning signs. Additionally, to improve pedestrian safety and access, a raised island was installed at the intersection of Ma-

rengo Avenue and Fillmore Street.

SCHOOL AREA IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the Safe Routes to School Project the public schools throughout District 6 will receive upgraded school area signage, curb ramps at corners, and miscellaneous sidewalk improvements.

710 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Traffic signal improvements are being made along major corridors to facilitate mobility citywide, including the installation of Closed Circuit Television cameras and fiber-optic communications along Fair Oaks Avenue, Raymond Avenue and Arroyo Parkway. Ma-

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In an effort to preserve the unique quality of neighborhood streets, a citywide ordinance was passed in June 1950 to eliminate parking on City streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. unless otherwise posted. It was imposed to allow street cleaning during these early hours and to easily identify abandoned vehicles.

Award-Winning Programs



The City of Pasadena was named as the **Most Bicycle-Friendly City of the Year** (2004) by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition.

The **2004 Mobility Element, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Community Handbook, and the Guidelines for Transportation Review of Projects** were named the **Best Transportation Planning Program of the Year** by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

The City received the prestigious **Corporate Rideshare Diamond Award** from the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for its unsurpassed excellence in promoting Transportation Demand Management (TDM) to City employees, local businesses, and residents.

California Walks presented Pasadena with its **"Achieving Walkability"** award, recognizing Pasadena's leadership efforts toward achieving a walkable, livable city.

Residents with no temporary or permanent parking available to them may apply for an overnight on-street parking permit at the City's Municipal Services Division, 280 Ramona Street, or by contacting staff at (626) 744-4166.

All residents may request a short-term exemption for their vehicle or for a guest vehicle. Five exemptions are allowed for each vehicle during a six-month period. In order to receive the temporary exemption, residents can contact the Department's parking enforcement staff at (626) 744-6440.

BIKE ROUTE REFURBISHMENT

The Department of Transportation installed a *Class III Enhanced Bike Route* on Linda Vista Ave. This installation included parking edge-line striping, Bike Route and "Share-The-Road" signs. DOT has also installed a *Class II Bike Lane* on Lida St. for those many cyclists that use Lida St. to reach the Art College and those who use it for exercise and recreation. The new bikeways on both Lida St. and Linda Vista Ave. also offer the added benefit of traffic calming on those streets because of the visual narrowing of the roadway.



Traffic Operations Continued

Major street improvements are currently underway at Glenarm Street which will impact Raymond Avenue and then Arroyo Parkway over the next few years. Traffic Operations assists in the traffic control and traffic signal management to help alleviate the construction impacts.

Flashing Yellow Traffic Signal Operations

The Department is currently testing an experimental version of the protected/permissive left-turn signal to provide additional left-turn capacity. The project uses a 4-signal display using flashing yellow arrows arranged vertically. This new style of protected/permissive left-turn signals is currently installed along Arroyo Boulevard at California Avenue and Arroyo Boulevard at Del Mar Boulevard. (See Graphic)



Steady Red Arrow = Stop
Steady Yellow Arrow = Prepare to Stop
Flashing Yellow Arrow = Left turns allowed after yielding to oncoming traffic and
Steady Green Arrow = Left turns allowed.

Battery Backup Project

All adjacent Gold Line traffic signals will receive battery backup power supplies to ensure full operation with train gates in the event of power outage.

Proposed Traffic Signal Installations

The intersections of Fair Oaks Avenue at Fillmore Street and Arroyo Parkway at Bellevue Street are identified for new traffic signal installations.

Pedestrian Enhanced Delineation System (PEDS)

The Department has received approval to implement an experimental project at the intersection of Arroyo Parkway and Fillmore with the goal of increasing compliance with pedestrian signals. Pedestrian warning lights will be installed in the marked crosswalks aimed at pedestrians rather than motorists to further reinforce the pedestrian crossing interval.

Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Signal Retiming

The CBD Retiming Project will improve traffic signal efficiency for 100 traffic signals including those along the arterials such as Maple Street, Corson Street, Walnut Street, Fair Oaks Avenue, Los Robles Avenue, Union Street, and Lake Avenue.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER



Carolyn Naber moved to Pasadena when she was married to her husband John in 1981. Their daughter, Christina was born at Huntington Hospital. They first lived in District 1 and now they live in District 6. Their business is located in Pasadena. Carolyn was honored when Mayor Bogaard nominated her for a position as Commissioner on the Transportation Advisory Commission in January 2003. Carolyn has previously served on the Old Pasadena Parking Meter Advisory Commission and on several transportation and traffic-related committees such as the Southwest Traffic Study Group. She was first interested in transportation when she became concerned about cut-through traffic intruding on to neighborhood streets. Also, she was curious as to how large cities around the world managed traffic so that historic city centers were vibrant, non-auto, and pedestrian-friendly, while at the same time were commercially thriving and the neighborhoods protected. When she traveled with her husband on business, Carolyn began taking pictures of wonderful walking streets such as La Rambla in Barcelona and Kärtner Strasse in Vienna. She was also impressed by the electric busses that traveled a circular loop around Melbourne, Australia, "They were easy to use, fast, and took me virtually anywhere I wanted to go." She became interested in how parking management played a part in creating walkable, vibrant downtowns and has a collection of photos with her next to parking meters around the world. Noting that these major cities she visited could help figure out a way to provide clean, safe, inexpensive and efficient public transportation, she thought that Pasadena could benefit from some of these concepts: "With our historic downtown and the resources we have, I thought that we could do better." If you have transportation issues you would like to discuss, you can reach Carolyn at (626) 795-7675 crnaber@earthlink.net

ARTS

The Transit Division is pleased to note that as part of their ARTS service changes last year, significant improvements in District 6 were implemented. These ARTS route changes included increasing service and providing improved connections to the Gold Line. One of the most exciting changes was the addition of Route 70 which provides weekday rush-hour ser-



vice for West Pasadena residents to the Gold Line and other key destinations. Other ARTS routes which directly serve District 6 include Routes 10, 20, and 51/52. ARTS Route 10 provides service along Green Street and Colorado Boulevard in Old Pasadena and the Central Business Dis-

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neighborhoods from traffic intruding on neighborhood quality of life. As Chair of TAC, Vince is committed to implementing these General Plan principles. He supports the expansion of Pasadena’s ARTS bus system, and “smart growth” developments that encourage walking and public transit. Vince also supports expanded use of Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans to protect residential neighborhoods from traffic. If you have transportation issues you would like to discuss, you can reach Vince at Vince.Farhat@sbcglobal.net.

Pasadena Bikes

The Department of Transportation has expanded the bikeway network with 60 miles of additional bike lanes, enhanced bike routes, and standard bike routes. Bike parking has been increased throughout the City with the installation of 200 new bike racks.

The Pasadena Bike Map and a *Rules of the Road* brochure are now available in both English and Spanish.



Twelve bike racks have been installed at the corner of Arroyo Bl. and Seco Street to accommodate bike uses in the Rose Bowl area.

Parking Operations

The Parking Division recently coordinated the installation of a new Carbon Monoxide Gas Detection system in the Paseo Colorado subterranean garage facility. The new system will improve the efficiency of the ventilation system and reduce energy costs. In addition, an upgrade was made to the existing Parking Revenue Control System (PARCS), which included a new software package designed to enhance monitoring and reporting capabilities.

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Route 20 provides service in the South Fair Oaks corridor and to the Gold Line stations in District 6. Route 51/52 continues to provide the only direct transit service between the Art Center College of Design campuses, to the Rose Bowl, and along Linda Vista Avenue, as well as service to JPL and Gold Line stations. All ARTS routes now begin an hour earlier on weekdays at 6:00 A.M. The City also increased the frequencies of the busiest ARTS routes during the weekday mornings and afternoons, including Route 20 which carries the most ridership in the system. ARTS staff implemented this change to increase transit capacity during the peak hours. For information about the ARTS bus services visit www.cityofpasadena.net/trans/transit/trans_arts.asp

Pasadena Dial-A-Ride

During this past year, the Dial-A-Ride program conducted special presentations at various facilities for its *Group Ride Program*. Outreach for this program focused on residential and activity centers for seniors and persons with disabilities. The intent of the Group Ride Program is to help organize transportation for groups of people who qualify for Dial-A-Ride and would like to travel together to local destinations.

For more information about the City’s Dial-a-Ride program visit

: www.cityofpasadena.net/trans/transit/dialarideinfo.asp



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