

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2001
FROM: TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
SUBJECT: FY 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

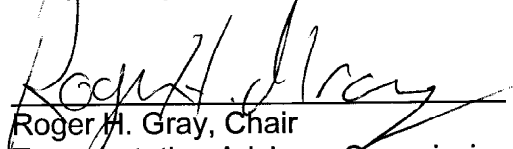
It is recommended that the City Council receive the FY 2001 Annual Report for the Transportation Advisory Commission.

BACKGROUND:

Section 2.135.090 of the Municipal Code requires the Transportation Advisory Commission to submit an Annual Report of its activities no later than October 31 of each year. The Code also requires that the report include attendance records for the members of the Commission.

The attached report documents major issues reviewed by the Commission during the past year. The attendance record is also included as an attachment to the report. The Commission is scheduling a workshop in the near future to develop the Work Plan for the FY 2002 and will provide the Work Plan to the Council separately.

Respectfully submitted,


Roger H. Gray, Chair
Transportation Advisory Commission

**FY 2001 ANNUAL REPORT
for the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

In Fiscal Year 2001, the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) continued to advise City Council on transportation matters and maintained an active role in the community. The commission considered a number of priority items consistent with the Work Plan for 2001. One of the main items focused by TAC during the past year was the expansion of the ARTS. The commission focused on items that promoted a livable community with emphasis on non-automobile modes of transportation. The TAC has sought to serve the needs of Pasadena residents within the framework of the General Plan with clear and progressive thinking. TAC actively represented Pasadena citizens, visitors and businesses by monitoring and providing input to City Council on important issues facing the city.

Focus Areas

TAC's focus areas from the FY 2001 Work Plan were as follows:

1. The Blue Line Integrated Plan
2. The role of TAC in transportation decision-making
3. Transportation planning issues
4. Review of various transportation policies
5. Review of the Mobility Element
6. Alternative fuel systems
7. Bicycle and pedestrian systems
8. Local transit system
9. Traffic calming and safety
10. Commission training
11. Reuse of the SR 710 property
12. Dedicated funding

1. The Blue Line Integrated Plan

- The City currently does not have a comprehensive Blue Line Integration Plan.
 - In May, the City Council asked TAC to develop a plan for the ARTS expansion. During the development of TAC's proposed ARTS expansion plan, a critical factor was the placement of routes adjacent to Blue Line stations. As proposed, each station has an ARTS line that provides service to it. The ARTS service also links neighborhoods to the stations to encourage use for home to work trips.
 - TAC has expressed interest in the concept of station cars. Staff is pursuing this, and has initiated conversations regarding the implementation of station cars at both the Del Mar Station and the Sierra Madre Villa Station. Staff has discussed the possible use of electric vehicles for this purpose with the City's Water and Power Department
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- TAC has been updated on potential transit related projects' scopes and their significance.
- TAC has reviewed staff report on the analysis of possible use of the Local Index of Transit Availability (LITA) as a way to examine livable community.

2. The role of TAC in transportation decision-making

- TAC has initiated the process for changing the TAC from an advisory to a regulatory commission.
- TAC has reviewed several large development projects and specific plans in the past year.
- TAC has provided valuable input to the City Council on the ARTS expansion.

3. Transportation planning issues

- TAC held four meetings outside of City Hall: 10/12/00 meeting at Villa Park; 1/11/01 meeting at Jackie Robinson Community Center; 3/8/01 meeting at Victory Park; 9/27/01 meeting at Memorial Park.
- Although the intent of these meetings was to attract more residents to these meetings, the goal was not successful. TAC believes the regular meetings held at the City Hall are more effective.
- Staff updates TAC on new major developments citywide, to enable TAC to make better-informed recommendations to the City Council.

4. Review of various transportation policies

- Research on preferential permit parking policy has been completed. TAC will review the policy in the coming year.
- TAC completed the review of the preferential parking permit programs for Mentor/Catalina and Ritz Carlton.

5. Review of the Mobility Element

- Representatives from TAC participate in the development and provide guidance on the General Plan update activities, including the Mobility Element.
 - TAC has been updated on the transportation system development of interim SR-710 freeway mitigation plans.
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6. Alternative fuel systems

- TAC reviewed information regarding electric and hybrid-electric bus technologies and the application of these technologies for use in Pasadena. TAC supported staff's recommendation to purchase turbine-electric buses for use on the ARTS system.

7. Bicycle and pedestrian systems

- The City has secured a total of \$290,000 grant to implement 8 street segments.
- The City is actively pursuing additional grant opportunities to implement more bikeways and initiate bike-pedestrian safety education activities.

8. Local transit system

- In May, the City Council asked TAC to develop a plan for the ARTS expansion. In a very short period of time, from June to August, TAC developed a plan that included nine (9) bus routes that provide extensive coverage of the City. The concepts behind the plan included a desire to provide a system that would be used not only by the transit dependent, but have a system that would be attractive enough to encourage those with other options to use it. Another element of the plan was to make it simple and easy to use. During the development of TAC's proposed ARTS expansion plan, a critical factor was the placement of routes adjacent to Blue Line stations. As proposed, each station has an ARTS line that provides service to it. The ARTS service also links neighborhoods to the stations to encourage use for home to work trips.
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9. Traffic calming and safety

- TAC appointed a subcommittee to revisit the current policies on speed hump installation.
 - The subcommittee requested to expand the use of speed hump to a citywide neighborhood traffic calming tool policies.
 - The first phase of lighted crosswalk installation on Orange Grove at Garfield has been completed. Staff is fine-tuning the detection methodology in order to conform to all necessary regulations and to enhance its operations.
 - The City is actively pursuing additional grant opportunities to supplement the implementation of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP).
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10. Commission training

- Members of TAC attended a workshop on Livable Communities.
- Some members are scheduled to attend the Rail-Volution conference in San Francisco

11. Reuse of the SR 710 property

- TAC reviewed the list of projects proposed by DAG for the use of federal mitigation funds

12. Dedicated funding

- TAC is in the process of working with staff and consultants to identify various revenue programs that can be used for transportation uses.
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

COMMISSIONERS

	Special TAC only		Special Joint mtg w/Plan'g		Special Work Plan		Special Work Plan		Workshop w/CCouncil	
	July 7	July 12	July 12	Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 7	Aug. 18	Sept. 1	Sept. 23	Oct. 5
2000										
Arevalo, Paul	x	E	E	E	C	E	x	x		C
Gray, Roger	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	A
Leon, Mark	x	x	x	E	N	E	x	E		N
Moore, Lorna	x	x	x	x	C	x	x	x	x	C
Franco, Jr., Victor	x	x	x	x	E	x	x	x		E
McDonald, Richard	x	E	E	x	L	E	x	E		L
Quirk, Richard				Note #1	D	x	x	E		E
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#1 - 1st meeting for R. Quirk

E - Excused

	Special		Special		Special		Special		Special	
	Oct. 12	Nov. 8	Dec. 7	Dec. 13	Jan. 5	Jan. 11	Feb. 2	Feb. 14	Mar. 8	Apr. 5
2000 - 2001										
Arevalo, Paul	E	x	C	x		E	x	x	E	E
Gray, Roger	x	x	A	x	C	x	x	x	x	x
Leon, Mark	x	x	N	Note #3						
Moore, Lorna	x	E	C	x	A	x	x	x	E	x
Franco, Jr., Victor	x	x	N	E	N	x	x	x	E	x
McDonald, Richard	x	x	C	E	C	x	x	x	E	x
Quirk, Richard	x	x	E	E	E	x	x	x	x	x
Brady, Michael		Note #2	L	x	L	x	x	x	x	x
Russell, John			E	x	E	x	x	E	Note #4	x
			D		D					x

#2--1st meeting for M. Brady

#3 - Last meeting for M. Leon

#4 - 1st meeting for J. Russell

	Special		Special		Special	
	Apr. 13	Apr. 25	Apr. 25	May 11	June 7	June 23
2001						
Arevalo, Paul	C	x	x	x	E	x
Gray, Roger	A	x	x	x	x	x
Moore, Lorna	N	E	x	x	E	E
Franco, Jr., Victor	C	x	x	E	E	x
McDonald, Richard	E	E	E	E	x	x
Quirk, Richard	L	x	x	x	x	x
Brady, Michael	E	x	x	x	x	x
Russell, John	D	x	x	E	x	x