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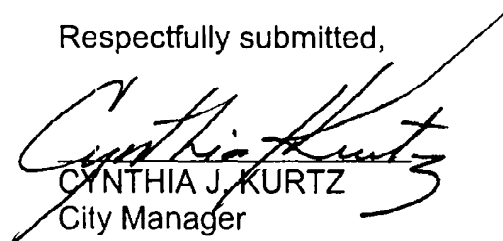
TO: City Council **DATE:** December 13, 2004
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TAC REVIEW OF ARROYO PARKWAY STREET
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The Transportation Advisory Committee had briefings and reviewed the SR 710 Mitigation Project, which includes the Arroyo Parkway Street Enhancement Project, at three TAC Meetings (April 11, May 9, and June 6 of 2003). They also reviewed the project as part of the Capital Improvement Plan on March 12, 2004. The agendas and reports are attached. Staff was available at these four TAC meetings to brief the committee on details of the projects and respond to questions on issues of particular interest to them. They did not review the detailed design elements of the Arroyo Parkway Enhancement Project, which include benches, trash receptacles and pedestrian/decorative street lights. Instead of aesthetic design elements, the focus was on operational issues related to traffic improvements that enhance the use of Arroyo Parkway as a mobility corridor.

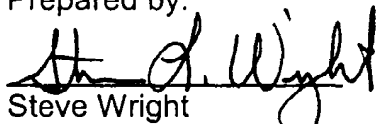
The Design Advisory Group (DAG) reviewed the Arroyo Parkway Project including the design elements. A member of the TAC is assigned to act as a liaison with the DAG but was not present during the discussion of streetscapes elements on Arroyo Parkway. Attached are agendas and attendance lists for the DAG meetings dating back to October 2002.

The final attachments are the agendas, summary, and attendance lists from two community meetings conducted for the SR 710 Mitigation Projects which occurred in May and June of 2003.

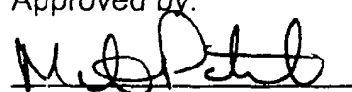
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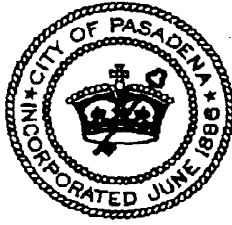

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Assistant City Engineer

Approved by:


Martin Pastucha
Director of Public Works



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Pasadena City Hall, 100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena CA
Management Conference Room
Room 323, 3rd Floor

Regular Meeting
Friday, April 11, 2003
7:30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - Limit of 3 minutes to each matter
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 6, 2003 and March 14, 2003
5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS
7. STAFF ACTIVITIES UPDATE
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Update on DAG Projects (information) --- Steve Wright/Andy Muth
 - B. Arroyo Verdugo Cities Transportation Audit (action) --- Cathi Cole
 - C. Preferential Parking Procedures (action) --- Eric Shen
 - D. On-Street Disabled Parking Guidelines (information) --- Norman Baculiniao
 - E. Bicycle Detector Loops (information) --- Norman Baculiniao
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - A. Legislation Tracking Summary
 - B. Light Rail – John Jontig
 - Project Status
 - Blue Line Construction Authority Report
 - Light Rail Station Design Team
11. INFORMATION
 - A. Committee Liaison Reports
 - City Center Implementation Task Force – Commissioner Quirk
 - General Plan Joint Subcommittee (BIG Project) – Commissioner Quirk
 - 710 Design Advisory Group (710 DAG) – Commissioner Naber
 - Blue Line Construction Authority – vacant
 - Planning Commission – Commissioner Velasquez
 - Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) – Commissioners Arevalo, Brady
 - B. Sub-Committee Reports/Status
 - Speed Hump/Traffic Calming Committee – Commissioners Arevalo, Brady
12. MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME
 - Friday, May 9, 2003 – 7:30 am
 - Friday, June 6, 2003 – 7:30 am
 - Thursday, July 10, 2003 – 7:30 am
13. ADJOURNMENT

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Staff report - include to TAC

Why is Del Mar not part of
DAG projects to facilitate

Env. Impacts

Muth, Andy

From: Wright, Steve
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 11:15 AM
To: Muth, Andy
Subject: FW: Joyce's Request

Below are questions that need to be answered as part of the TAC report. The final is due next Wednesday 4/30 which means we need to get the report in the system for sign-off this week. We talked about meeting on this, but I think I got a bit side tracked last week.

-----Original Message-----

From: Robortello, Irene
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2003 11:09 AM
To: Wright, Steve
Subject: Joyce's Request

Steve:

Joyce requested that I send the questions to you that were asked by the TAC cmmsnrs at its last meeting. There were earlier questions, but you answered those.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on DAG Projects (information) --- Steve Wright/Andy Muth

Their questions were:

1. how did DAG justify taking a look at the bottom of Raymond with a couplet to connect to the 110 without taking a look at the top of Raymond and how the Del Mar intersection, where the 210 drops off, --- OK, if we don't take care of both ends, how are we going to get that traffic onto Raymond?
2. So it was requested that a background report on DAG thinking be available for next month's meeting.
3. "If we have to get the whole part of the Del Mar traffic onto Raymond, where do we go from here so that the whole plan will make sense?"
4. "I am also interested if there is anything that the city has to do with paperwork so that when CalTrans is really shutting their doors to this, is there anything left undone and do we have to go into some or this stuff?"
5. "What, if any, environmental impact analysis do we have to do as each project rolls out? 6. "I would really like to have a detailed description of all the DAG improvements."
7. "And really how is it justified---like when you mentioned furniture on Arroyo Parkway--- how in the heck does that mitigate freeway traffic?" "What was the justification behind it---I'm sure it's all logical, but."

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Friday, April 11, 2003

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 7:41 a.m., Pasadena City Hall, Management Conference Room, Room 323.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Paul Arevalo, Michael Brady, Vince Farhat, Carolyn Naber, John Russell
Absent: Roger Gray, Richard Quirk, Juan Carlos Velasquez
Staff Present: Joyce Amerson, Bahman Janka, Cathi Cole, Eric Shen, Norman Baculinao, Amir Sedadi, Steve Wright (Dept. of Public Works), Andy Muth (Dept. of Public Works), Irene Robortello
Guests: See attached

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA --- None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Arevalo/Farhat to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2003, as submitted, and the Minutes of March 14, 2003, as revised:

1. Commissioner Naber requested the following: Attachment entitled, "Recap of Revisions- No. 7— add (*italics is addition*) --- "No. 7. Manage traffic volumes: in the neighborhood protection section *when referring to de-emphasized streets*, use the terms "limit the growth of traffic volumes" rather than "control the growth of through traffic volumes."

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

Absent: Commissioners Gray and Velasquez

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS --- None

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS --- None

7. STAFF ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Ms. Amerson stated the Mobility Element of the General Plan had been approved by the City Council on Monday, April 7, 2003. The commissioners are invited to attend the next public scoping workshop set for Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., in Council Chambers.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on DAG Projects (information) --- Steve Wright/Andy Muth

Messrs. Steve Wright, Assistant City Engineer, and Andy Muth, Principal Engineer of the 710 Mitigation Section, provided the TAC with an update on the DAG 710 Mitigation Projects. It was requested that staff return with a report next month; however, it was stated that this is subject to calendar conflicts of staff.

Commissioner Comments:

Their questions, requests and statements were: how did DAG justify taking a look at the bottom of Raymond with a couplet to connect to the 110 without taking a look at the top of Raymond? --- how are we going to get that traffic onto Raymond? --- requested that a background report on DAG thinking be

available for next month's meeting --- If we have to get the whole part of the Del Mar traffic onto Raymond, where do we go from here so that the whole plan will make sense? --- is there anything that the city has to do with paperwork so that when CalTrans is really shutting their doors to this, is there anything left undone and do we have to go into some of this stuff? --- What, if any, environmental impact analysis do we have to do as each project rolls out? --- requested a detailed description of all the DAG improvements --- and, how does the mention of street furniture for/on Arroyo Parkway mitigate freeway traffic?

B. Arroyo Verdugo Cities Transportation Audit (action) --- Cathi Cole

Ms. Cole stated that endorsing the Transportation Audit project report in concept would mean that specific implemented projects would return to the TAC for review and comment . This document would support the need for improved transportation efforts.

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Farhat / Brady to forward to the Arroyo Verdugo Cities Steering Committee a recommendation to endorse the Transportation Audit project report in concept as a basis for improving public transportation services in the subregion. It is recommended that as specific actions or programs are developed to implement the strategies identified in the report, they are reviewed by each city according to that city's internal review process.

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

Absent: Commissioners Gray and Velasquez

C. Preferential Parking Procedures (action) --- Eric Shen

Mr. Shen stated that the proposed revisions address the planning and implementation of the Preferential Parking Programs around the Gold Line Light Rail Stations. Since the program was introduced by the City as a preventive measure, staff is recommending that the petition process be waived. Also, there is a specific ruling of the California Court of Appeal stating that the implementation of a preferential parking district is categorically exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Title Section 15302(C), once the Council approves a district.

The following revisions are proposed to address the concerns:

1. Define key terms used in the Procedures.
2. REVISE the percent in concurrence FROM 65% TO 67% for the initiation of a parking study, to maintain consistence with other petition processes.
3. Define quantitative thresholds in analyzing parking impact:
 - a. The requested streets must demonstrate a minimum of 70-percent occupancy consistently before being considered for permit parking.
 - b. If the minimum 70-percent occupancy is reached, the parking study must illustrate that more than 40-percent of the observed vehicles are "non-local."
4. Define the maximum allowable number of permits for the institutional use of Preferential Parking District pursuant to PMC 10.41.095.

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Brady / Naber to review the proposed revisions to the Procedures for Establishing Preferential Permit Parking and recommend approval to the City Council. Commissioner Farhat requested a clarification on the third step of proposed Procedures by specifying the use of the County Assessor's records for the purpose of establishing property ownership. Commissioner Farhat also suggested to properly reference the legal case mentioned in the staff report to the City Council [current reference is: **Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce v. City of Santa Monica, 101 Cal.App.4th 786, 124 Cal.Rptr.2d 731 (2002)**].

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

Absent: Commissioners Gray and Velasquez

D. On-Street Disabled Parking Guidelines (information) --- Norman Baculinao

Mr. Baculinao stated that a survey had been taken of a number of cities as to their disabled parking guidelines. The guidelines that are being reported on today are in a "draft" format as the federal government has not completed the final guidelines regarding accessibility in public right-of-ways. He said requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis and that safety and business concerns would be taken into consideration.

Public Comment:

David Blacher, in relating statistics as to the number of disabled citizens in Pasadena, stated the commercial areas in the city are very much lacking of convenient disabled parking spaces and the city should take a proactive approach in anticipating a need in providing disabled parking spaces.

Commissioner Comments:

They wanted to see the comments of the Accessibility and Disability Commission as to these guidelines.

E. Bicycle Detector Loops (Information) -- Norman Baculinao

This item was continued.

9. NEW BUSINESS --- None.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Legislative Update Summary**
- B. Light Rail – John Jontig**
 - Project Status
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 - Light Rail Station Design Team

Information was tabled to the next meeting.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Committee Liaison Reports**
 - City Center Implementation Task Force – Commissioner Quirk
 - General Plan Joint Subcommittee (BIG Project) – Commissioner Quirk/Naber
 - 710 Design Advisory Group (710 DAG) – Commissioner Naber
 - Blue Line Construction Authority – Vacant
 - Planning Commission – Commissioner Velasquez
 - Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) – Commissioners Arevalo/Brady
- B. Sub-Committee Reports/Status**
 - Speed Hump/Traffic Calming Committee – Commissioners Brady/Arevalo

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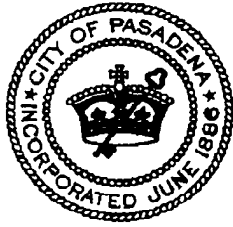
- Friday, May 9, 2003 – 7:30 am
- Friday, June 6, 2003 – 7:30 am
- Thursday, July 10, 2003 – 7:30 am

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Robortello
Recording Secretary



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Pasadena City Hall, 100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena CA
Management Conference Room
Room 323, 3rd Floor

Regular Meeting
Friday, May 9, 2003
7:30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - Limit of 3 minutes to each matter
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2003
5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS
7. STAFF ACTIVITIES UPDATE
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Look at ARTS buses (action) --- Cathi Cole
 - B. Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (information) --- Eric Shen
 - C. Bicycle Loop Detectors (information) --- Norman Baculinao
 - D. Update on Design Advisory Group (DAG) (information) --- Steve Wright
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Car Free Friday (action) --- Judi Masuda, Cathi Cole
 - B. Pasadena Light Rail Station Names (action) --- Amir Sedadi
 - C. Discussion of the Annual Work Plan for 2004 (information) --- Bahman Janka
10. CONSENT CALENDAR
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 - Blue Line Construction Authority – Commissioner Franco, Jr.
 - Planning Commission – Commissioner Velasquez
 - Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) – Commissioners Arevalo, Brady
 - B. Sub-Committee Reports/Status
 - Speed Hump/Traffic Calming Committee – Commissioners Arevalo, Brady

12. MEETING DATE(S) AND TIME
- Friday, June 6, 2003 --- 7:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, July 10, 2003 --- 7:30 a.m.
 - Friday, September 12, 2003

13. ADJOURNMENT

POSTING STATEMENT:

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Irene Robortello
Recording Secretary

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
Minutes - Regular & Special Meeting
Friday, May 9, 2003

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Russell called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m., Pasadena City Hall, Management Conference Room, Room 323.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Paul Arevalo (arrived 7:36 a.m.), Michael Brady, Vince Farhat (arrived 7:35 a.m.), Roger Gray, Carolyn Naber, Richard Quirk, Juan Carlos Velasquez, John Russell
Absent: None
Staff Present: Joyce Amerson, Bahman Janka, Cathi Cole, Eric Shen, Norman Baculinao, Amir Sedadi, Judi Masuda, Valerie Gibson, Rich Dulluvio, Juliana Iturrizaga, Irene Robortello
Guests: See attached

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA --- None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:
Moved/seconded by Commissioners Naber / Brady to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2003, as submitted.

Vote: All ayes.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gray voiced his concern about the ARTS Bus Pass issue not being on the agenda for this meeting because it is moving forward. He rides the ARTS bus quite often and bus riders have expressed, to him, that instituting a fare is all right because they will be able to present a bus pass, which is not the case. He encouraged the commissioners to ride the buses to hear the concerns of the public. He also suggested that the commissioners place issues on the agenda so that they can be discussed.

Commissioner Naber asked about the normal procedure when requesting insertion of an item on the agenda as she is aware that it is difficult to make last minute additions/changes to an agenda. Ms. Amerson stated that staff composes an agenda and sends it to the chair for concurrence. Upon concurrence, the agenda is posted. The chair or a majority of the commission may schedule a special meeting, whose purpose is stated on the notice. The notice of special meeting shall be posted at least 24 hours in advance. Commissioner Gray stated that a staff report is not always needed; however, the item needs to be agendized for discussion by the commission. Commissioner Naber stated she favors the setting of regularly scheduled meetings so that commissioners can note these dates on their calendars.

Commissioner Farhat volunteered to be the TAC's representative to the Blue Line Construction Authority. This is listed under No. 11, Information Items, Committee Liaison Reports.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Russell stated that solely having morning TAC meetings is challenging to the public because attendance is limited. To accommodate the public's participation, it was suggested that some of the TAC's meetings be scheduled for the evening hours. He requested that staff arrange an alternating,

monthly meeting schedule between morning and evening hours with a sense of consistency; and provide this schedule to the commissioners, with sufficient advance notice, so it can be noted on future calendars.

7. STAFF ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Ms. Amerson stated the city has its **Bike To Work Day** on May 15. The commissioners are encouraged to participate and refreshments will be available.

For the Ambassador Campus project, there are two tentative dates for the scoping meetings, which are scheduled to be held in the evening. The meeting of Tuesday, May 27, is for staff and the consultant. The Planning Commission (PC) is holding a meeting on Wednesday, June 11, and is requesting that the TAC participate in the hosting of the meeting. The PC is extending an invitation to the Design and Historic Preservation Commissions. It is to be in a workshop format.

Ms. Amerson stated that the two action items on the Notice of Special Meeting are scheduled to be heard after 8:00 a.m. These transit-related issues are being taken to the City Council before the June TAC meeting. [Note: See items at the end of these Minutes]

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Look at ARTS buses (action) --- Cathi Cole

Ms. Cole related the background of the service that began in 1994. The TAC is being asked to revisit the buses and ask, "Where are we today?" and "What type of buses?" As the city is examining future bus purchase options, it provides an opportunity to look not only at the image of the buses but at the type of buses to be used in the city. The department recommends that a mix of vehicles be considered; this mix reflects the areas in which the buses operate. The city is committed to involving the Art Center of Design and the Department of Water and Power in the exterior designs. Retaining the use of art as the theme on the buses is recommended because it becomes an identifying characteristic of the service and the program's acronym: ARTS.

Commissioner Comments: They asked about the operation of air bag deflators (the bus front lowers to allow passengers to board); wanting larger/taller windows so passengers can see out and the public can see in; liking the "trolley" look because of its openness, friendliness, appeal to non-bus riders, and historical reference to the "Red Car" lines that once passed through the area; questioned the use of a trolley-type bus because it looks "funny (hokey)" in certain areas; the use of wraps on the windows; prefer to use the word "shuttle" as opposed to bus; the implementation of the shuttle service as originally envisioned was to have a quick, clean, open, inviting, hop on, hop off, get-around town type of transportation; and questioned the financial aspects regarding purchases;

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Arevalo / Farhat to put together a subcommittee to discuss shuttle (bus) size and the art look/concept. It is recommended that the windows on the sidewalk side be completely clear, except for very tiny incidental-type art work and the majority of the windows on the street side be art free.

Vote: All ayes, except for Commissioner Brady who opposed. Motion carried.

A subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Russell, Gray, Naber and Brady, are to further discuss the ARTS bus issue. Their focus will be bus size; the wrap configuration; looking at a different style (think shuttle and not bus), screen part of the windows or not, and the long term issue of art look/concept.

B. Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (information) --- Eric Shen

Ms. Amerson stated this would be postponed. She also stated that once the toolbox is shared with TAC, a brochure will be put together and be made available to the various neighborhood associations. Related to this item is the Speed Hump Policy and this is to be brought to the June TAC meeting.

C. Bicycle Loop Detectors (information) --- Norman Baculinao

Ms. Amerson stated this was previously agendaized twice. A report and presentation materials were provided for today's meeting. If there are specific concerns, she requested that staff be contacted.

D. Update on Design Advisory Group (DAG) (information) --- Steve Wright

Ms. Amerson stated that a report was provided for today's meeting that addressed the issues that were raised at last month's meeting. It was decided that staff is to provide a report on what South Pasadena has done, how it will impact Pasadena, and the impacts of the approved changes. This item is to be the main issue at the next meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

They were: how will the hook ramp between South Pasadena and Pasadena affect this city?, needing to focus on the decisions in South Pasadena that affect this city; has all paperwork been submitted so as to not lose funding?; wanting to see a map showing that DAG funding is taking care of ITS systems; the treatment off Del Mar at 710/210 stub to encourage traffic to go over to the multi-modal corridors; i.e., Raymond / Fair Oaks / Arroyo Parkway (DAG did not receive enough funding to handle this so it is something to keep in mind as funding might become available); requesting a presentation from staff regarding "missing links" in the ITS system; and requesting a special meeting to discuss the issues in a more in-depth manner.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Car Free Friday (action) --- Judi Masuda, Cathi Cole

Ms. Masuda explained the commitment of staff time and resources in conjunction with various events during the upcoming calendar year. Car Free Friday Day was not included in the department's budget and staff is off the third Friday in September.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gray stated that his purpose for having an annual Car Free Friday Day was to afford private groups, businesses and private advocacy groups the opportunity to recognize and support this event. At some point, the city might offer funds in its promotion. A proclamation will provide that it be an on-going, annual day that is recognized by the city.

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Brady / Arevalo to recommend that the attached language for a Car Free Friday proclamation be approved ~~and that the Commission consider changing the date from the third Friday of September and combine the event with one of the existing programmed events celebrated by the City.~~ and that the third Friday in September be declared Car Free Friday

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

B. Pasadena Light Rail Station Names (action) --- Amir Sedadi

Mr. Sedadi informed the commissioners of the historical background for the Pasadena Light Rail Station names. There is no fiscal impact with the name change. Ms. Amerson stated that the names listed on the report under "Recommended Name Changes" are supplemental (secondary) names and will not replace the current names. The staff report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Public Comments:

Ms. Maggie Campbell, President of the Old Pasadena Management District addressed the commission and presented a report outlining the preferred name changes in order to capitalize on the area the Gold Line Stations serve. They preferred to name the stations Old Pasadena / Memorial Park and Old Pasadena / Central Park because in concept it serves the riders better.

Commissioner Comments:

They were: pros and cons were discussed on the naming of all the stations; need to consider the relevance of the name to the area in which the station lies; and discussed that placing the name of one entity/business might be too limited.

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Arevalo / Brady to forward to the City Council a recommendation for name changes for the Gold Line Light Rail Stations in the City of Pasadena. [Below are the "revised and leave as is" name changes (that include the entire name) agreed upon at the meeting.]

Fillmore Station
Del Mar Station / Old Pasadena
Old Pasadena / City Hall
Lake Avenue Station
Allen Avenue / College Station
East Pasadena Station

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

C. Discussion of the Annual Work Plan for 2004 (information) --- Bahman Janka

Ms. Amerson stated that staff had prepared a list of potential objectives. Earlier this year, the City Council revised the schedule for submittal of annual reports and work plans from advisory commissions from October 31 to August 31.

Commissioner Comments: It was decided that the entire commission meet this year on a Saturday for a half day retreat to discuss the projects listed on the report, create a multi-year program, and next year a subcommittee can meet to update the information.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Legislative Update Summary**
- B. Light Rail – John Jontig**
 - Project Status
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Action taken: Information was tabled to the next meeting.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Committee Liaison Reports**
 - City Center Implementation Task Force – Commissioner Quirk
 - General Plan Joint Subcommittee (BIG Project) – Commissioner Quirk/Naber
 - 710 Design Advisory Group (710 DAG) – Commissioner Naber
 - Blue Line Construction Authority – ~~Commissioner Franco, Jr.~~ Commissioner Farhat is the TAC's new representative
 - Planning Commission – Commissioner Velasquez
 - Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.) – Commissioners Arevalo/Brady

B. Sub-Committee Reports/Status

- Speed Hump/Traffic Calming Committee – Commissioners Brady/Arevalo

Action taken: The Blue Line Construction Authority has a new TAC representative. The other committee liaison reports were tabled to the next meeting.

12. MEETING DATE(S) AND TIMES

- Friday, June 6, 2003 --- 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 10, 2003 --- 7:30 a.m.
- Friday, September 12, 2003

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE LISTED ON THE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND DISCUSSED AFTER 8:00 A.M.

1. Interagency Transfer Agreements (action) --- Cathi Cole

Ms. Cole spoke about entering into agreements with recognized public transit operators to provide transfers between the ARTS system and other public transit systems. This would result in greater convenience and mobility for the public. The agencies include, but will not be limited to, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Foothill Transit, etc.

Commissioner Comments:

They were: asked whether there was a reference to an MTA monthly pass that would be valid on Pasadena's system (told this is a different issue).

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Arevalo / Brady that the TAC recommend for City Council consideration and approval authorization of the City Manager, upon review and concurrence of the City Attorney, to enter into inter-agency transfer agreements with duly recognized public transit operators to provide greater convenience and mobility for the public.

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

2. Agreement with the City of South Pasadena (action) --- Cathi Cole

Ms. Cole stated the City of South Pasadena would do their own marketing and scheduling. Route structuring would be retained by them. This is seen as mutually beneficial.

Commissioner Comments:

They were: requested a clarification of the contract details regarding expenses, routes, hours, and statistics;

Motion:

Moved/seconded by Commissioners Farhat / Arevalo that the TAC recommend for City Council consideration and approval authorization of the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of South Pasadena to provide fixed public transit service for the City of South Pasadena.

Action taken: No objections; motion passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Robortello
Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: May 9, 2003
TO: Transportation Advisory Commission
FROM: City Engineer
RE: SR 710 Mitigation Project

At the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) meeting of April 11, 2003, it was requested that staff provide TAC with information on the eight projects that comprise the SR 710 Mitigation Project and background information on the 710 Design Advisory Group (DAG).

The eight projects that comprise the SR 710 Mitigation Project were approved by City Council on June 17, 2002. The projects are as follows:

1. Raymond Avenue to SR 110 Connector
2. SR 110 Freeway to SR 210 Freeway Connector / Marengo Interchange Emphasis
3. California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Fair Oaks Avenue
4. Arroyo Parkway Street Enhancement
5. Raymond Avenue Widening
6. Lake Avenue/Walnut Street and Hill Avenue/Walnut Street Intersection Mobility Improvements
7. California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Raymond Avenue
8. Traffic Control and Monitoring System – Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

The DAG in conjunction with City staff developed a comprehensive set of projects that would address citywide traffic impacts caused by the SR 710 Freeway gap. It was recognized that traffic impacts due to the 710 Freeway gap are not only confined to the “710 Corridor”, but are experienced citywide and the DAG and staff worked toward identifying a set of projects that would provide citywide solutions. There is limited funding for 710 Freeway traffic mitigation measures and the DAG and staff acknowledge that these projects do not solve all of the traffic impacts caused by the 710 Freeway gap. However, these projects are the first step toward providing solutions that benefit the entire community of Pasadena. Specifically as it relates to the concern about traffic access between Del Mar Boulevard and Raymond Avenue, the ITS project which includes smart signal technologies on Del Mar Boulevard will improve traffic operations and facilitate access between these two corridors.

A copy of the June 17, 2002 agenda report to City Council prepared by the DAG is provided as Attachment 1 to this report. This report not only recommends the eight projects for City Council approval, but also provides the history of the DAG and the process by which these eight projects were developed and approved. Attachment 2 provides a more detailed description of each project.

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The total cost of the SR 710 Mitigation Project is \$ 27,675,000. Federal funds through Transportation Bill H.R. 5394, which was passed by the United States Congress in October 2000, will pay for 88.53 % (\$24.5 Million) of the project costs. The remaining local match of 11.47 % will be funded through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) (10%) and local funds (1.47%). All of the eight projects are currently included in the City's Capital Improvement Program. MTA has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the City providing the \$2,770,439 (10% of local match).

Caltrans will administer the federal funds for these projects and has authorized the preliminary engineering phase for all eight projects. Funding for these projects is secure as long as the deadline of September 30, 2004 is met to obligate the federal funds. In order to obligate the federal funds, the City must obtain Caltrans authorization to construct. This requires environmental clearance, certification of the plans, specification and estimate and right of way certification. Environmental clearance is required for all of the projects. These clearances will mostly include categorical exemptions and possibly negative declarations on a couple of the projects. It is not anticipated that a full EIR will be required for any of the eight projects. The specific degree of environmental analysis will be determined as we move forward with the process. The City Council has awarded contracts to several consultant firms for preparation of the engineering design and environmental document for all eight of the projects.

Detailed schedules for each of the eight projects are provided as Attachment 3 to this report.

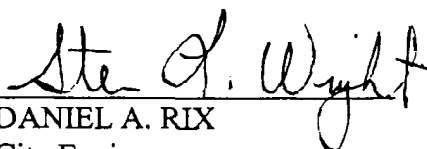
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