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Mayor and Council,

The Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition supports the Transportation Advisory Commission's letter, dated April 3, 2019, requesting additional funding to expedite completion of bicycle improvements related to the Pasadena Bicycle Program, Project #75075 as described in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). We agree that priority should be given to projects that can be simply and quickly implemented, including completion of the Roseways network, updating the City Bicycle Map, and education efforts.

On June 10th, a Special Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and the City Council will convene to discuss the CIP for Transportation. In preparation for that meeting, the Complete Streets Coalition has invited all of the Council members, in addition to staff from the Department of Transportation and Public Works, to "Ride the Roseways" with us on Saturday, May 4th, to experience first hand the benefits of a network of low stress streets, and to identify locations for better connections and signage.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Item 13



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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 3, 2019

Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek
and City Council of Pasadena
Pasadena City Hall
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
Pasadena, California 91101

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council:

Subject: FY 2019-2023 CIP – Recommendation to Increase Funding for Pasadena Bicycle Program FY2016-2020 (Project #75075)

On behalf of the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), this letter summarizes our support for additional priority funding to expedite completion of bicycle improvements related to The Pasadena Bicycle Program, Project #75075 (Project) as described in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). TAC requests that the Mayor and City Council consider and approve TAC's recommendations provided in this letter.

At its meeting of 28 March 2019, TAC voted unanimously to support a request from the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition (Coalition) to increase funding for the Project. The Coalition made several recommendations to support and prioritize the Project, including:

- Increase funding for FY 2020 by 200% to \$360,000 from \$120,000;
- Extend implementation of the Project in FY 2021 and 2022; and,
- Involve bicycle and other active transportation users in the design and implementation of the Project.

TAC agrees that implementation of improvements that support bicycle and other non-motorized forms of transportation use should be a funding priority for the CIP and supports the proposed increase in funding. TAC acknowledges that the Project is listed as the #1 priority list in the Transportation section of the current CIP, however, this top priority is receiving only \$120,000 in funding for FY2020. TAC supports additional funding for the Project and is requesting that an additional \$240,000 in funding be allocated for FY2020.

The delay in the Orange Grove Complete Streets project may be a source of “freed-up funding” that could be re-directed to additional funding for the Project.

With recent community concern about implementation of larger and more costly Complete Streets projects, such as the Orange Grove project, TAC feels that further priority should be given to projects that can be more simply and quickly implemented and without major disruption to existing neighborhoods. Based on this, the type of bicycle-related striping, signage and education efforts proposed by the Project represent excellent opportunities.

Specifically, TAC suggests that the following areas be prioritized with the increased funding to more completely and more quickly implement the following:

- Achieve 100% completion of Roseway network by the end of FY2021, including complete signage and street markings.
- Prioritize completion of “through routes” over scattered implementation of selective, but incomplete, improvements on all routes.
- Update City Bicycle Map (both hard copy and online), to improve clarity and usability of bicycle network information and bring draft map to TAC for review prior to publishing.
- Include proposed Interactive Bike Map information into Open Streets data initiative (or similar) so that third-party route planning software can prioritize routes for bicycle.
- Prioritize education efforts to improve resident awareness of the creation of a City-wide bicycle network. TAC is a resource to assist DOT with community-facing education efforts that involve bicycle and other non-motorized forms of transportation users.

Lastly, TAC understands that DOT staff will soon be preparing the next five (5) year implementation program for the Bicycle Transportation Action Plan. TAC supports this direction and encourages that drafting of the next implementation program include a vigorous community outreach process, including representatives from the bicycle user community and neighborhoods served by proposed routes. TAC requests that it be involved in reviewing and commenting on the process for updating the Plan, including a role for TAC in assisting the City with outreach.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,



James De Pietro
Chair, Transportation Advisory Commission

c: Pasadena TAC members
Pasadena Transportation Staff