

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 22, 2021

Honorable Mayor Victor Gordo
and City Council of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council:

Subject: FY 2022-2026 CIP – Recommendation to Prioritize Funding for Certain Complete Streets and Multi-Modal Safety Projects

At its meetings on March 25 and April 22, 2021, the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) voted unanimously to support a request for additional priority funding to expedite delivery of a number of Projects identified in the Transportation section of the proposed FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as further summarized in this letter. The TAC also received numerous public comments in support of funding prioritization for these Projects, and others.

The TAC appreciates the work of staff to develop a CIP in alignment with available resources, especially considering the on-going constraints and uncertainties presented by the pandemic. However, the pandemic and our collective experiences over the past year have proven just how vital our streets and sidewalks are not just for mobility, but also for health, the economy and quality of life. At this critical time, the City of Pasadena should be accelerating implementation of safety enhancements and investing in infrastructure to support a truly multi-modal transportation network.

The request includes four projects in the *Active Transportation/Complete Streets* and one project in the *Transit* category:

- Pasadena Bicycle Program FY 2021-2025 (*Priority 1, Project Number 75111*)
- Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Program FY 2021-2025 (*Priority 5, Project Number 75112*)
- Citywide Continental Crosswalk (*Priority 16, No CIP Project Number Unfunded*)
- Greenway (Bike Boulevard) Implementation – Design Phase (*Priority 17, New Project*)
- Bus Stop Improvement Program (*Priority 44, Project Number 75900*)

These include multi-year programs with a menu of vetted, and ready-to-go multi-modal safety improvements that, with additional resources, the City can realize in the near-term. It also

includes a new (unfunded) Project to initiate design and outreach for the north-south bicycle boulevards identified in the 2015 Bicycle Transportation Action Plan, an important and overdue step towards establishing an integrated citywide bicycle network which should be prioritized for funding in the near-term.

The request also includes the following project in the *Traffic Operations, Traffic Signals, and ITS* category:

- Traffic Signal at Orange Grove Blvd. and Craig Ave. (*Priority 39, Project Number 75097*)

The recently resurfaced Orange Grove Blvd. continues to experience high-speed traffic, and unfortunately, a significant number of traffic collisions, including two separate incidents over the course of a weekend in the fall of 2020 that resulted in a motorist and a pedestrian fatality. The proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Orange Grove Blvd./Craig Ave. is an important safety improvement along this corridor that was originally planned to be installed in FY21 prior to the pandemic and should be reprioritized for funding in FY22.

To the extent that additional prioritized funding for all of the Projects cited above is not feasible in FY22, the TAC encourages staff and the City Council to consider the need and importance of these Projects and other complete streets and multi-modal safety improvements, should they be eligible for additional resources that may become available at the local, state or federal level including resulting from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 or future infrastructure investment programs.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Transportation Advisory Commission

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