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Attached are my comments on Agenda Item #5 for consideration by the members of the City Council

**Pasadena City Council Meeting February 26, 2024**  
**Agenda Item 5 – Contract with Fehr-Peers to Develop a Safe Streets for All Action Plan**

**To: City Council:**

Mayor Gordo, Vice Mayor Madison, and Councilmembers Hampton, Jones, Lyons, Masuda, Rivas, and Williams

**From:**

Thomas Priestley, Ph.D., AICP

I enthusiastically support this proposal for the City to contract with Fehr-Peers to develop a Safe Streets for All action plan.

Preparation of this plan will position Pasadena to access additional funding under the Federal Safe Streets for All program to implement much-needed modifications to the city's streets to improve conditions for pedestrians.

In approving this contract, I recommend that the Council direct DOT to develop a work plan for this project that directs Fehr-Pehrs to use this contract to implement what would essentially be the analysis and planning process for the initial phase of the PTAP Implementation program that I am proposing. The work to be done by Fehr-Peers should include:

- identifying the sites of recent crashes that have resulted in deaths or serious injuries,
- conducting analyses of the roadway conditions that contributed to those crashes,
- identifying quick-build measures to eliminate or mitigate the safety risks at those locations and developing plans and budgets for their installation.
- defining the protocols and evaluative criteria for a monitoring program.

The work plans and cost estimates for the installation of the quick build measures at the high-risk locations that Fehr-Peers proposes can then be used to prepare a request to the Safe Streets for All program for funding of their implementation.

Because the application for additional funding that results from the work done under this initial contract will also include a request for the funds needed for monitoring the installations, preparation of an analysis of their effectiveness, and an assessment of lessons learned, this project could be considered as a "demonstration project" for which, at the moment at least, I understand that a large amount of funding is available.

Approval of this contract will be a valuable first step in advancing the timely implementation of PTAC to address the issues at the locations where pedestrians are at the greatest risk.