

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 2010, 8:05 A.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

The special meeting of the City Council with Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, 5th District; County of Los Angeles, was convened at 8:05 a.m. by Mayor Schneider. City Councilmembers present: Cacciotti, Putnam, and Sifuentes (arriving at 8:10 a.m.); Mayor Pro tem Ten; and Mayor Schneider. Councilmembers absent: None. Other officials present: City Manager Davidson; Assistant City Manager Gonzalez; City Attorney Adams; Transportation Manager Woods; Community Services Director Pautsch; Grants Analyst Perkosky; Administrative Analyst Chiu; and Deputy City Clerk Kbjian.

Present from the County of Los Angeles: Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, 5th District; Sussy Nemer, Field Deputy; Rita Hadjimanoukian, Field Deputy; Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy; Paul Novak, Planning Deputy; and David Pilker, Department of Public Works.

Present from Metro: Michelle Smith, Transportation Planning Manager.

**SR-710 RELATED
ISSUES, INCLUDING
BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
THE SR-710 TUNNEL
ALTERNATIVE,
REMOVAL OF SR-710
SURFACE ROUTE
FROM THE
METRO/CALTRANS
TUNNEL SCOPING
PROCESS AND THE SR-
710 MULTI-MODAL
OPTIONS AND COST-
BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

Transportation Manager Dennis Woods gave a brief overview of issues related to the proposed extension of the SR-710. The Board of Directors for Metro recently decided to move forward with a scoping meeting on a tunnel, he said. He said a letter has been prepared by the City's legal counsel, Jan Chatten-Brown, requesting that the option of a surface route be removed from Metro's plans prior to the scoping process. Copies of the letter were provided to Council and made available to the public.

Councilmember Cacciotti asked for clarification on the scoping process. Michelle Smith, Transportation Planning Manager for Metro, described the scoping process as the first step in the environmental review process. The robust scoping process for the SR-710 freeway project is scheduled to commence in October and will take approximately six months, she said. During the process a wide range of potential solutions will be

considered before narrowing those feasible solutions based on technical information and feedback from community groups, she also said.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period. He limited speakers to two minutes each.

Members of the public who spoke in opposition to the proposed SR-710 extension were Jim Miller, 1103 Hope Street; Dr. Clyde Williams, 4115 Barrett Road, Los Angeles; Don Jones, 225 Madeline Drive, Pasadena; Clarice Knapp, 417 El Centro Street; Susan Bolan, 3528 Prospect Avenue, La Crescenta; Carol Kramer (no address stated); Ernie Arnold (no address stated); Jan Soohoo, 1339 El Vago Street, La Canada; and Odom Stamps, 318 Fairview Avenue.

At 8:30 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Ten left the dais to attend another meeting.

Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

Discussion followed. Mayor Schneider stressed the importance of the removal of the surface route. Supervisor Antonovich stated he opposes the surface route but thinks it still needs to be studied to avoid legal contest. He said completing freeway systems is important for mobility, eliminating bottlenecks and increasing the flow of traffic. Councilmember Putnam asked if there were studies supporting the need for the 710 freeway completion other than the study released by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich, came to the podium to respond. He said there were no other studies. Mayor Schneider made comments and said that real scientific studies are lacking.

**RECONNECTING THE
RIM OF THE VALLEY
TRAIL ALONG THE
ARROYO TO CREATE
BIKEWAYS AND
PEDESTRIAN PATHS**

Councilmember Cacciotti reported on the proposed trail to connect the Rim of the Valley trail along the Arroyo. He displayed a map on the overhead projector illustrating the proposed trail. He described the proposal as part of a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation network.

Mayor Schneider determined that there was no public comment on this item.

David Pilker, Los Angeles County Public Works Department, and Paul Novak, Planning Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich, made comments at the podium.

FUNDING FOR THE SR-110/FAIR OAKS AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Grants Analyst Tracey Perkosky reported on the status of the SR-110/Fair Oaks Avenue Interchange Improvement Project and the need for funding. This capital improvement project is a complement to the Fair Oaks Corridor project, she said, and is part of a series of projects aimed at traffic calming in the region. She also said the project will complete the intersection with the creation of a hook ramp on State Street. She described benefits of the project and funds that have been secured over the years. Funding shortfalls for construction and design total approximately \$8.5 million, she said.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

Don Jones, 225 Madeline Drive, Pasadena, made comments and provided Transportation Deputy Cano with a DVD on the proposed Valley Boulevard/Alhambra Road connector.

Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

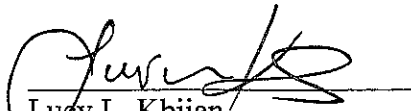
Councilmember Putnam asked a question regarding the potential use of Measure R funds. Transportation Deputy Cano said that if the 710 project does not go through, money may go towards San Gabriel Valley highway projects in the next 15 to 20 years. Metro would have to approve the reallocation of the excess funds by a 2/3rd vote, he added.


BUDGET ISSUES

Supervisor Antonovich briefed the Council on current budget deficit issues affecting the State, the County and many cities and school districts.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.


Lucy L. Kbjian
Deputy City Clerk


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor