

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

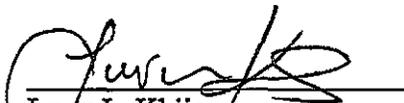
Councilmember Putnam asked a question regarding the potential use of Measure R funds. Transportation Deputy Cano said that if the 710 project does not go through, money may go towards San Gabriel Valley highway projects in the next 15 to 20 years. Metro would have to approve the reallocation of the excess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

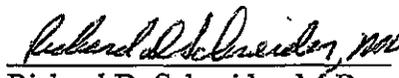
**BUDGET ISSUES**

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2006, 8:30 A.M.  
BISTRO DE LA GARE RESTAURANT, 921 MERIDIAN AVENUE**

**ROLL CALL**

The special meeting of the City Council convened at 8:30 a.m. at Bistro de la Gare, a local restaurant. The session was convened as the annual meeting between the City Council and Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District, County of Los Angeles. City Councilmembers present: Cacciotti, Margrave, Stamps, Ten, and Mayor Putnam. Councilmembers not present: None. City Officials present: City Manager Copp; Police Chief Watson; Finance Director Betta; Transportation Manager Suetsugu; and City Clerk Kilby. Present from the County of Los Angeles: Supervisor Antonovich; Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy; Dave Pilker, Head, City Services, Programs Development Division; Paul Novak, Planning Deputy; Julie Moore, Community Studies, Department of Regional Planning; and Ressie Roman, Senior Deputy; Sussy Nemer, Senior Deputy; and Rita Hadjimanoukian, Deputy, all from the Office of Michael D. Antonovich. Helen Ortiz, Regional Manager-Community Relations, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, also attended.

**TRANSPORTATION  
ISSUES**

The City Council and Supervisor Antonovich discussed the proposed 710 freeway extension tunnel alternative. The Supervisor said the County is not directly involved in the issue and has not taken a position on the 710, but said the tunnel has some "potential ability to bring all the parties together." Dave Pilker, Head, City Services, said the County is monitoring the tunnel feasibility issue.

In regard to the Gold Line, Supervisor Antonovich emphasized the need to lobby for funding to extend the line to Montclair in an environment where decision-makers are focused on Los Angeles City's needs. He said the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board needs to add 1-2 members from the independent cities to provide balance, considering the existing 4 Los Angeles City-oriented votes on the board. "It's like playing cards with a person who has a couple of aces up his sleeve . . . you're not getting a square deal."

He said a bill introduced by Senator Bob Margett (SB 1507) addresses this issue. "L.A. City uses their power to direct your resources for their street needs and their

transit needs," he said.

Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilmember Stamps, asked to add discussion of supporting SB1507 to a future agenda.

Discussion continued about extending the Gold Line to airports; about the cost-effectiveness of extending the Gold Line to Claremont vs. extending a line from Santa Monica to the ocean; about the Los Angeles City fight for the subway; about the need to add representation for non-Los Angeles cities; about priority transportation needs; and about an upcoming Ultrafine Particles conference 4/30-5/2/06.

## **HOUSING ISSUES**

The state requirement for increased density, Supervisor Antonovich said, only creates future problems. "The cities need to join together to change that," he said. Discussion followed. Councilmember Ten asked for continued support in releasing the Caltrans homes along the proposed 710 freeway extension so they can be returned to the tax rolls. Disadvantages of developing a "denser core" in Los Angeles and other areas were discussed.

## **HOMELESS ISSUES**

Discussion took place about how downtown redevelopment in Los Angeles is stimulating the drive to move the homeless to neighboring cities.

Councilmember Margrave asked about available funds to increase open space and parks. Sussy Nemer, Senior Deputy, discussed Prop A funds, Quimby funds, and answered questions about resources. Councilmember Stamps remarked that the City is 52% multifamily buildings, not single-family homes. He asked about utilizing the surface of the rebuilt Garfield Reservoir as a soccer field. Dave Pilker, Head, City Services, described an integrated regional watershed plan, which potentially could fund such projects. He announced an upcoming workshop on the plan and invited City Public Works staff to attend.

Discussion continued on the homeless issue in the City. Supervisor Antonovich stated that to address the problem, mental health, drug, and alcohol treatment are necessary. Current state law does not allow involuntary treatment, he said, and until the law is changed to require

treatment, the problem will continue. Police Chief Watson contributed to the discussion by describing the City's homeless problem. Ressie Roman, Senior Deputy, and Julie Moore, Community Studies, Department of Regional Planning, added to the discussion.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro tem Cacciotti about health violations in the Caltrans houses, Deputy Nemer said that Los Angeles County Environmental Health should be contacted. Councilmember Stamps said that when Caltrans tenants call to report health violations, they are referred to the City of South Pasadena's Planning and Building Department, which is not appropriate. Supervisor Antonovich recommended that the state assembly-member and state senator or their representatives meet with the City Building Inspector along with County Environmental Health staff to develop a protocol and implementation plan on how to handle violations.

Councilmember Margrave asked about creating housing through developer fees. Supervisor Antonovich and Planning Deputy Paul Novak responded.

**POTENTIAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
SUPPORT**

Mayor Putnam provided an overview of the City's needs for financing for needed infrastructure improvements. Supervisor Antonovich and Dave Pilker, Head, City Services, responded. **The county is monitoring the possible November ballot initiative for infrastructure improvement bond funding.** Mr. Pilker stated that historic rains over the past few years, added to the state takeaways, have impacted local road repair substantially. Mr. Pilker said that the Los Angeles County Public Works Department is located nearby in Alhambra, and he invited the City to meet with county staff to discuss available county programs.

Mayor Pro tem Cacciotti raised the issue of returning the Arroyo Seco flood control channel to a recreational resource, e.g., bike trails, horse trails, hiking trails. Dave Pilker, Head, City Services, and Planning Deputy Paul Novak responded.

Councilmember Margrave inquired about 15-20 acres between the 110 freeway and the flood control channel. He asked about a funding source to create a bridge to provide access to the land, part of which is owned by Los

Angeles and part by South Pasadena. Mr. Pilker responded, referring him to Mark Estrella, Water Management Division.

Julie Moore, Community Studies, Department of Regional Planning, in reference to the infrastructure bond, said there is potential legislation tying planning for housing and funding for infrastructure.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Putnam opened the public comment period for agenda and non-agenda items. No one came forward, and he closed the public comment period.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Putnam thanked the Supervisor and his staff for meeting with the Council and expressed appreciation to Bistro de la Gare Restaurant for hosting the meeting. He expressed thanks to outgoing City Manager Mike Copp and announced that Lilian Myers is the new City Manager, to start 05/01/06.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

  
Sally Kilby  
City Clerk

  
Philip C. Putnam  
Mayor

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2005, 7:54 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

The special meeting of the City Council—the annual breakfast meeting between the South Pasadena City Council and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich—convened at 7:54 A.M. City Councilmembers present: Cacciotti, Margrave, Putnam, Ten, and Mayor Stamps. Councilmembers not present: None. City Officials present: City Manager Copp; City Attorney Pfahler; City Clerk Kilby; and Deputy City Clerk Chiu. In attendance were Los Angeles County Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Michael D. Antonovich and five staff members: Sussy Nemer, Senior Deputy; Rita Hadjimanoukian, Assistant Deputy; Paul Novak, Planning Deputy; Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy; and Dave Pilker, Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Stamps asked for public comment on non-agenda items. No one came forward and he closed the public comment period.

**GOLD LINE ISSUES**

City Manager Copp made introductory remarks and thanked the Supervisor for assistance with Gold Line mitigation measures.

Supervisor Antonovich stated that in regard to governance, he supports the Shiff [Congressman Adam Schiff] proposal for governance of the Gold Line Foothill extension. Discussion followed on the issue of governance. Councilmember Ten expressed appreciation for the Supervisor's leadership on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley in regard to governance of the planned Gold Line extension.

On a related issue, Supervisor Antonovich noted that efforts are being made to expand the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board to add 1-2 independent cities to better focus on regional transportation needs. He said the governor would be receptive to this change, and if the San Gabriel cities were united, it might be feasible.

Councilmember Margrave noted that when the Gold Line extensions are built, the line will become a 24-hour

operation through South Pasadena. As far as construction, Supervisor Antonovich stated that he is supporting Assemblymember Carol Liu's bill to expand the Foothill extension construction board. Discussion continued on related traffic issues.

Councilmember Cacciotti raised the issue of the Gold Line bell shrouds being tested to mitigate noise. He asked Supervisor Antonovich to assist with implementation of noise mitigation. Councilmember Margrave described the shroud testing and an effective device developed by Dave Johnson, an associate of Councilmember Margrave's. Another shroud was developed that worked equally well. Both, he said, were rejected by the MTA, in spite of the fact that these shrouds could be used by all cities for noise mitigation. Mayor Stamps said that there is a lack of good faith on the part of the MTA in implementing the settlement agreement, particularly with the MTA attorney, Augustine Zuniga. City Attorney Pfahler corroborated this point and made related comments. In response to a question from the Supervisor, Councilmember Margrave estimated the cost of testing to be less than \$1,000 and the cost for the proposed devices far less than the existing device. Supervisor Antonovich agreed to encourage the involved MTA representatives to adopt a more cooperative approach to implementing the settlement agreement.

Councilmember Ten returned to the issue of governance of the construction of the Gold Line Phase II, the Foothill extension. Discussion followed on this and related transportation issues—including mass transit; Gold Line future operations and how they will impact South Pasadena; the Alameda Corridor East project and its impact on San Gabriel Valley; truck and cargo traffic; and Congressman David Dreier's position on Gold Line issues. Supervisor Antonovich mentioned key congressman to assist with the project: Gary Miller and Jerry Lewis, and said that the extension to San Bernardino could offer additional resources. He said if the governor appoints someone from the San Gabriel Valley to the California Transportation Commission, this person could represent the region's transportation needs.

#### **ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE**

Supervisor Antonovich introduced staff members present from Los Angeles County. He said his office is a strong

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COUNTY OF LOS  
ANGELES, AND SOUTH  
PASADENA**

proponent of signal synchronization and that additional funding has been approved for rain-related road repair.

Councilmember Ten expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich for various positions the Supervisor has taken. In regard to a letter sent by the City to the Supervisor to request funds for the Senior Center computer lab and to rebuild the Garfield Park Youth House, Supervisor Antonovich said staff would follow up. Councilmember Ten also requested funds to support the South Pasadena Woman's Club in its efforts to soundproof the facility. Supervisor Antonovich said he would explore this.

Councilmember Cacciotti and Mayor Stamps shared with the Supervisor the City's major transportation project, which is being paid for by Rogan funds and which will improve traffic mobility on Fair Oaks by approximately 12%. Project costs are increasing, Councilmember Cacciotti said, and he asked if the County could assist in providing "gap" funding if the existing funding falls short. Supervisor Antonovich referred him to County of Los Angeles Public Works and Planning staff present in the room.

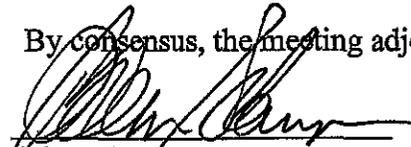
**COMMENTS BY  
SUPERVISOR  
MICHAEL D.  
ANTONOVICH, CITY  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

Supervisor Antonovich expressed thanks to the City for the mutually cooperative relationship existing between the City and the Supervisor's office over the years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 A.M.

  
Sally Kilby  
City Clerk

  
Odom Stamps  
Mayor