

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes August 13, 2019

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Ped safety organization; Cyndi Bakir, Bike org; Jay Bain, D-1; Andrew Jacobs, D-2; Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4; Serena Unger, D-5; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Evy Posementier, D-8; Kevin Stull, D-9; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Howard Strassner, transit or enviro org; John Winston, SFUSD; **Excused:** Gabrielle Haug, D-3; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability; **Absent:** None. There are currently 14 appointed members. **Staff:** Michael Jacobson

Quorum for meeting (12 total present)

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approve Agenda

- a. Agenda approved

4. Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes approved

5. General Public Comment

- a. No general public comment

6. SF Police Department Report

Sgt Embody

- 7/10: Stockton – vehicle and pedestrian crossing mid-street, pedestrian sustained brain injury and broken pelvis, ped found at fault
- 7/14: Lincoln and 7th – vehicle and ped, ped at fault
- 7/18: Eddy and Mason – trailer vs ped, fatal, driver charged, open investigation
- 7/21: Taylor and O'Farrell – Two peds on foot, crossing Taylor, Tesla struck peds, one fatal, one survivor, driver charged
- 7/27: Van Ness and Turk – Ped in crosswalk, vehicle struck ped, vehicle failed to stop, ped suffered life-threatening injuries, suspect still outstanding
- 8/4: 1150 Carroll St and Giant – vehicle vs ped, fatal collision, no witnesses identified, driver has not been identified
- 8/5: Oakdale and Newhall – vehicle vs ped, vehicle failed to see ped in crosswalk, ped fractured neck
- 8/10: 16th and Bryant – vehicle vs ped hit and run, struck ped in crosswalk, suspect vehicle failed to stop, vehicle had been stolen, open investigation
- 8/10: 5th and Market – cab driver vs ped, driver unable to stop after evasive maneuver

7. SFPD Traffic Company

Acting Captain Luke Martin

- Traffic Company is a citywide unit handling traffic enforcement, collision investigation, traffic control, assist with marches/demonstrations/events, dignitary escorts, etc.
- Staffing levels: 54 officers (8 officers at SFO), 5 sergeants

- Provided additional staffing over the last year
- Another Traffic Co class in September
- Traditional staffing has been 60 or 70, so working up to that level
- Day shift and swing shift
 - Staffing from 7 am to 5 pm, and 2 pm to 12 am, no coverage between 12 am and 7 am
- Try to break down traffic enforcement onto High Injury Corridors
 - Also devote resources to areas of recent incidents
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are the most at risk
- Have done 24 recent operations involving ped safety
 - E.g. send officers out and hit a particular area and keying in on drivers making unsafe turns, not yielding, on cell phones, etc.
 - Also do decoy operations to see whether drivers will yield to peds
 - Have cited 513 drivers over the 24 operations
- To address spike in ped collisions
 - Has set aside officers to solely focus on peds
- Looking to partner with SFMTA to give traffic engineers data based off of officer information and experiences
- 5 target violations for Traffic Company: running a stop light, running a stop sign, speeding, illegal turn, not yielding to a ped
 - Try to hit at least 50% of their citations under one of these 5 target violations

Public Comment

Mal Kennedy (sp?)

- How many citations were appealed and how does that process work?
- How can we work with Traffic Company to aid in enforcement?

8. Octavia Open Street Project

Mark Dreger – transportation planner with SFMTA

- Octavia and Hayes are on the High Injury Network
- SFMTA has received many complaints about speeding on Octavia Street, T-intersection
- Staff determined the area would benefit more from a pedestrian-focused redesign
- Public space is going away
- More car-free affordable housing
- Project was approved by the SFMTA board
 - Restrict vehicle traffic on Octavia Street
 - Reverse one-way traffic flow on Linden Street
 - Add painted safety zones at intersection
 - Install a protected bikeway on Hayes Street
 - Add a passenger loading zone on Fell Street
- Hayes Valley has seen a 50% increase in TNC usage in the neighborhood in recent years
- Will be implemented in Fall 2019 and evaluated in Winter 2019/2020

Public Comment

Mal Kennedy

- How is the streetscape designed for food delivery?
 - Answer: Additional loading space added to neighborhood. Also, vertical “straws” to provide differentiation of street vs blocked off pedestrian and bike access.

9. SFMTA Report

Michael Jacobson, SFMTA

- Citation data available on Controller's website
- Automated speed enforcement
 - o Later this month, convening of state task force
 - Rethink how we set speed limits and how automated enforcement comes into play
- Rapid response fatality reporting
 - o Eddy and Mason on 7/18: Truck struck ped, pedestrian scramble added to intersection
 - o O'Farrell and Taylor on 7/21: driver ran red light, upgrading size of the signal heads to increase visibility of signals, also adding leading ped interval for crosswalks
 - o Fifth and Market on 8/10: refreshed paint at all crosswalks
- Quick builds
 - o Valencia Street leading up to Duboce: Parking protected bike lane extended and bike signal added, gives priority to peds and cyclists crossing over Duboce, also added a protected left turn phase
 - o 7th Street b/w Townsend and 16th: Includes painted safety zones, bike upgrades, retiming signals for slower walk speeds
 - o Brannan: Paving project, restriping and narrowing travel lanes
 - o 6th Street between Market and Folsom: Will be a lane reduction, painted safety zones, daylighting
- Conversation
 - o Civil grand jury report
 - PSAC mentioned and recommendation from civil grand jury that PSAC sunset
 - o Michael has been working to try to figure out best next steps
 - Leg team has reached out to Board of Supervisors
 - BoS will have to introduce legislation to extend PSAC
 - So far, there have not been any sponsors
 - o Many ways for PSAC members to get involved with other civic activities related to pedestrian safety
 - August 15th, multimodal accessibility advisory committee meeting at 1 pm at SFMTA
 - August 18th, Sunday streets
 - Sept 5th, SFMTA CAC, 5:30 pm at SFMTA office on the 7th floor
 - Sept 8th, Sunday streets
 - Sept 16th, Vision Zero Task Force, meet at 1 S. Van Ness at 10 am
 - o Working on letter to BoS to support PSAC
 - o Work on consolidating websites
 - o Could ask Civil Grand Jury to revise their report
 - o BoS has to provide an official response to the Civil Grand Jury recommendations. PSAC should ensure that BoS writes in our comments in their official response.

10. Chairs Report

Kevin Stull, D-9 PSAC

- Civil Grand Jury workstreams to be completed (as described in item 9)

11. Members Report

Martin

- Additional pedestrian safety activities within D-4

John

- Balboa reservoir
 - o 45 day comment period for draft report
 - o Would recommend PSAC reviewing the report
 - o Sept 30th meeting with CAC on the topic

Serena

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Conference next week

Jay

- Outside Lands happened last weekend
 - o Limited news on ped incidents, which is a good outcome
- Neighborhood concerns over dockless bikes and scooters and hazards that they may present
 - o Want to focus on sidewalk safety
- Sup Fewer held a shared mobility public meeting on July 15th and the Richmond Rec Center
 - o Open forum to discuss these services

Howard

- Need to get better about reviewing

12. Future Agenda Items

- Expired seats, need to deal with this with the clerk's office and to figure out how to get reappointed
- Ensure that we have the 2018 annual report for PSAC on the next month's agenda for finalization
- Figuring out how to properly onboard new members (onboarding binder? Resources?)
- Continued discussion of PSAC's priorities and what proactive actions we'd like to take
- Serena: Have colleague present results of bike and ped conference
- Cyndi:
 - o Review the response of Sup Haney's call for a state of emergency about pedestrian safety
 - o Follow up on status of projects and proposals that have been supported by PSAC
- Howard: Potentially have subcommittees of PSAC
- SFDPH to present (especially Vision Zero data)

13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next Meeting: September 10, 2019.