

# Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes April 14, 2015

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Present: Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability Org; Kevin Clark, D-1; Morgan Fitzgibbons, Bicycle; Todd Henry, At-Large; Sonja Kos, At-Large; John Lowell, Senior & Disability Org; Gary McCoy, D-8; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate; Kevin Stull, D-6; Excused: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate. and Christopher Coghlan, D-7. Absent: Anyan Cheng, Student. Meredith Osborn, D-5; John Winston, SFUSD; Christina Tang, D-3 and Trevor McNeil, D-4. There are currently 18 appointed members. Staff: Neil Patel, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the March minutes.

2. Speed Reduction: Neil Patel, MTA: Presented the MTA tool box. Stop signs do not reduce an auto's maximum speed because drivers speed up between signs. Speed humps work, but overly high humps cause bottoming out. MTA has an application form for residential streets to request a hump. One application is necessary for each block. Local support is necessary. Need 20% ballot return and 50% of ballots in support. Then MTA will check for speeds, collision history and traffic volume. MTA provides channels for Muni buses which are often used by bicyclists. Other methods include: Chacanes (cost twenty humps) and traffic circles. On arterials, reduced lane width and signal timing changes can help. New development areas will set new arterials. TI is being designed for slow speeds. SFPD and SFFD have input to every change. PSAC Comments: Should allow renters and owner to vote.

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Can pedestrian walk diagonally across circles? Can pedestrian walk diagonally across circles? Speeding on Fulton. MTA: Contact SFPD for enforcement against speeding. Fulton is a Muni street.

3. Automatic Safety Enforcement (ASE): Nicole Schneider, WalkSF: Speed cameras achieve large reductions in pedestrian injuries and deaths in many cities around the world. CA law does not allow ASE. MTA pushed a bill to change this in Sacramento but was unsuccessful this year. Enforcement fines would go to the car owner and not the driver, so there are no points. Net revenue, less cameras and expenses, would go to walk first improvements and traffic calming. Counties could opt in. SF would probably own the cameras. They will continue trying for a bill and individuals should contact legislators.

4. SFMTA Update: Neal Patel: Polk Street easier improvements going in. Beige will be the new color for pedestrian painted areas. Sixth Street will need an EIR because traffic impacts are extensive. DPW is supposed to enforce construction impacts on sidewalks. Projects always consider traffic shifting to other streets.

5. Future Meeting Items: New: Robin: SFPD protocol for chases. Becky: TI with those for and against proposals. From December A) Congestion Pricing, Howards S & B and Morgan. B) "Black boxes" in City vehicles. January: C) Stop Line at every intersection, Chris. D) Possible speakers: David Grant and/or Peter Lee on elderly; Erin Still on don't block the box and the SFPD on their opposition to some pedestrian safety improvements. E) Amber Alert for Hit and Runs, Kevin S.

F) Uses for our sub-committee. February: G) Robin:

Safety of countdowns and Police Sting tickets to jay walkers. H) Howard B: Why SFPD thinks that collision deaths have come down. I) Morgan: District Six banners about residents and high traffic streets. J) Kevin S: How large vehicle driver training works.

6. Announcements: Sonja: Count-downs decrease collisions by 22%.

7. Adjournment: 7:20 pm. Next regular meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2015, Room 400 at 6:00. Howard S. was note taker.