

San Francisco Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)
Approved Minutes
January 10, 2012

Meeting started at 5:33 P.M.

Present: Brasso, Ehrlich, Lee, Lowell, Ra, Rhoads, Rogers, Rothman, Smith, Strassner, Supawanich

Excused: Clark, Frausto

Absent: Garner

1. Approval of the January 10, 2012 Agenda: Approved unanimously; no public comment

2. Approval of the December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously; no public comment

3. Public Comment for Items not included on agenda:

Edward Mason: Spoke regarding a dangerous situation at 17th Street and Harrison Street, where a food truck was parked closed to the stop sign, obstructing pedestrians' view. Observed a similar situation at 22nd Street and Folsom Street.

4. SFPD Traffic Company Update: Item deferred due to temporary absence of SFPD personnel

5. PSAC Policies and Procedures Overview: **Supawanich** presented a brief overview of PSAC history and bylaws. **Strassner** and **Ra** also provided historical context on topics such as the instigating intersections (Van Ness/Market and 19th/Sloat, in particular), Supervisorial sponsorship, Committee naming, and relationship with City agencies; no public comment

4. SFPD Traffic Company Update: Resumed with updates from **Commander Militelo** on: motorcycle "solo" officer distribution to stations, work with bicycle community and need for continued education; 15 mph zones around schools; PSAC members asked questions regarding enforcement on Muni vehicles and citations for bus lane violations near Mission and 5th/6th; no public comment

6. Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Update: **Schwartz** presented on this joint project of SFCTA and SFMTA, part of planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network with Geary and Potrero, projected improvements in transit times and reliability while keeping overall "person throughput", lowering of some auto exposure risk for pedestrians, need to choose now between alternatives; PSAC members asked questions and provided input regarding impact to disabled community of station reduction and relocation, potential reduction in bus-pedestrian collisions if buses in center, and potential automatic alerts to drivers if pedestrians in the way but not visible.

- **Public Comment:**

- **Edward Mason:** Asked if 49 line would continue to City College, and if so how would “bunching” problem on non-BRT segment be addressed.

7. Annual Report: Supawanich stated that document was almost complete, and that this action would be to approve the Annual Report in content with the knowledge that minor edits would be coming. **Brasso** and **Strassner** provided suggestions on small edits regarding the bicycle ambassador program and the need for earlier interactions with City agencies; Motion passed unanimously; no public comment

8. Continued PSAC Action on JFK Drive: Supawanich noted that a PSAC motion had passed in November, the project was effectively in motion, and that the Committee could wait until a later month to do an on-site evaluation and provide constructive feedback at that time. **Ehrlich** and **Brasso** stated strong concerns with the potential safety issues and asked that the Committee reconsider the November action. The Committee discussed procedural aspects of reconsidering an earlier resolution versus amending it. **White** provided the general construction timetable and changes made to increase the number of disabled parking zones. Motion: The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee amends the November resolution regarding the “John F Kennedy Drive Separated Bikeways” project to request that the SFMTA treat the planned buffer zone as equivalent to a sidewalk; Motion passed 9-1 - FOR: Rothman, Brasso, Ehrlich, Smith, Lowell, Rhoads, Ra, Supawanich, Rogers, Lee; AGAINST: Strassner

9. SFMTA Staff Report: Montoya reported on the Pedestrian Safety Executive Directive and action plan, Fell/Oak bikeways, Masonic streetscape improvements, red curbs at key intersections, Cesar Chavez improvements, Safe Routes to School grants; PSAC members provided comments regarding synergy with bike corrals at intersections, why red curbs prioritized at uncontrolled intersections, push button timing, food truck visibility issues; no public comment

10. PSAC Elections: Unanimous approvals of the following officers to serve from February 2012 through January 2013: Chair: Rogers; Vice Chair: Smith; Secretary: Strassner

11. Chair's Report: Ehrlich thanked **Supawanich** for his service, which the Committee agreed with; **Supawanich** noted that WalkSF mixer deferred to a future meeting, discussed changing the February meeting date to not conflict with Valentine's Day, but elected to stick with it and keep meeting short.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.