

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes August 14, 2012

Meeting started at 5:30 PM.

Present: Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Kevin Clark, D-1; John Lowell, Disabled Advocate; Christopher Coghlan, D-7; Abigail Evans, Public Health; John Ehrlich, D-2; Pi Ra, Ped Org; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zach Marks, At-Large; Richard Rothman, Senior Advocate; Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate and Paul Supawanich, Bicycle/Non-Motorized Org.

Excused: Raymond McCoy, D-11; and James Rhoads, D-5.

Unexcused Absent: Raymon Smith, D-6. There are currently 15 appointed members.

Staff: Darcie Lim, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the August agenda.

2. Minutes: PSAC approved the July minutes.

3. Public Comment: Rita Evans, works at the Berkeley Transportation Institute, is concerned that information provided by Uniform Traffic Signals and ASHTO don't support pedestrian and non-motorized users. CA Dept. of Transportation has better guidelines for Complete Intersections. She wants to be sure that this information is available to all City agencies.

4. SFPD Traffic Company: Dennis O'Leary: Collision and death at Eddy and Larkin being investigated. **PSAC Comments:** A) Should cab drivers be required to undergo drug test after collision, as required for para transit? B) What is the status of the Community Courts? C) We need data on cell phone use by drivers and pedestrians relative to collisions.

Eric Mahoney, SFPD: Major Accident Investigation (MAI) looking for root causes. He will speak on Trader Joes on Masonic next time he comes.

5. Commendation of Former Captain Casciato: PSAC issued commendation by acclamation and with sincere thanks.

6. Pedestrian Strategic Action Plan: Frank Markowitz, DPH and Mari Hunter SFMTA: distributed copies of the Plan's Strategies and Priorities. **PSAC Comments:** A) Too many agency polices contradict other agency policies. B) Need public involvement in Safety Education and Measurement of Improvements. C) Need better Muni service. D) Consider people sensors on buses to reduce collisions with pedestrians. E) SF needs to have less parking to reduce car ownership and driving. F) Plans should require ground floor businesses. G) Need complete integration of pedestrian, transit and driving as part of the plan. **Public Comment: Odie:** Bring drivers and pedestrians together.

7. JFK Drive Cycle Track: PSAC attendees of the last tour gave their views. There will be another tour on 8/31 at 3:00 starting at 8th and JFK, organized by the SFBC. **Public Comment: Neil Patel**, SFBC: Bike Tracks are used widely and work well. SFMTA did before studies and is doing after studies which should be complete after six months of

start of use. **PSAC Comments:** PSAC and Mayors Disability Council should have been involved on the planning for JFK. PSAC requested a copy of the draft report on JFK and tabled the item until that is occurring, in order to allow for an informed, comprehensive comment.

8. Prop AA Program: PSAC endorsed the pedestrian portion of the program which mainly includes funding for pedestrian signal improvements.

9. Traffic Calming: Miriam Sorrel, SFMTA: Distributed copies of a list of the many traffic calming tools. The process is being reviewed and they are not accepting new applications. In past the program only dealt with residential areas and they intend to extend the process to thoroughfares. **PSAC Comments:** A) Expedite selection process because each project has taken too long. B) Wants to see a comparison of current and revised evaluation methods. **Public Comment: Odie:** Should explain signal sequence problems relative to pedestrians.

10. SFMTA Staff Report: Darcie: A) Working on integrating Prop B funding with DPW. Adding more bulb outs and continental painting and adding 34 pedestrian crossing time signals and more way finding signs.

11. Announcement: Senior Action Network and Planning for Elders have merged to become **SF Senior and Disability Action.**

12. Adjournment: At 7:30 PM. Next regular meeting, September 11, 2012.
Howard was note taker.