

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes August 13, 2013

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Kevin Clark, D-1; Christopher Coghlan, D-7; John Lowell, Senior & Disability Org; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability Org; Sonja Kos, At-Large; Gary McCoy, D-8; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zack Marks, At-Large; Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate; Christina Tang, D-3 and John Winston, SFUSD. Excused: Pi Ra, Pedestrian Organization, and Devin Silvernail, D-9.

There are currently 15 appointed members. Staff: Darcie Lim, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the June minutes.
2. Public Comment: A) Kimberley Jones: Sees a continued lack of enforcement on drivers misbehaving. B) Tim Dougherty, Bicycle Advisory Committee, Rep. to PSAC: Sees that cooperation could be useful.
3. Sgt. Mahoney, SFPD Traffic Company: Three pedestrian operations last month leading to 108 citations. There were 423 pedestrian victims of collisions in the first five months this year, indicating essentially no improvement over recent past. PSAC Comments: A) SFPD should add pedestrian injuries to press releases. B) Need more foot patrols in SOMA Pedestrians are often forced into street to avoid bikes and skate boards. Public Comment: Bob Planthold: SF will be seeking new Federal grants for enforcement and education. We should have a good chance because we are so unsafe.

Mahendra Prasad: Violence from cars is greater then violence from weapons.

4. Pedestrian Strategy Update: Mari Hunter, SFMTA:

A) Will have a list of projects by years end. B) Will seek the above Federal grant to purchase additional hand held speed detectors. C) DPH will monitor and issue reports on use of detectors. D) Collision reports with cause will be sent to PSAC. E) How are speed limits set. PSAC Comments: A) Ambassador program moving too slowly. B) Need to discuss more PSAC involvement in Pedestrian Strategy. C) Would like see more Mayoral involvement in Ped Safety.

5. Better Market Street (BM): Simon Bertrang, DPW and Andrew Lee, SFMTA:

Described proposed project as it enters EIR phase, and public scoping. Para Transit will be able to use cycle track to serve disabled. PSAC Comments: More should be done to improve Muni service especially at center boarding islands. Public Comment: Bob Planthold: BM should be more ADA compliant; Some para-transit vehicles are nine feet wide and narrower cycle track will not allow for level unloading. Kimberly Jones: Needs more for education.

6. Walk First Strategy: Chava Kronenberg: Controller's Office: Controller implemented passenger counting on buses to improve Transit Effectiveness project. Controller will lead prioritizing toward Pedestrian goals and finding funds.

7. West Portal Ped Safety Proposals: Matt Chamberlain: Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association: Presented three proposals as a response to three neighborhood deaths by auto collisions. Public Comment: Bob Pressley: Small projects need support from PSAC.

8. Future Agenda Items: PSAC Comments: A) Support for West Portal Proposals; B) Proposals for Kearney and Jackson; C) Lower Speed Limit on Monterey Boulevard and D) Definition of Severe Collisions from DPH.

9. SFMTA Update: Darcie Lim: Has been promoted and rotated. Normally PSAC rotation is at least two years. PSAC Comments: In response to collision injuries by Recology driver: Can utility vehicle drivers be provided with training similar to Muni drivers.

10. Chairs Report: Zack: A) Related recent auto collisions with pedestrians. B) We still have a lot of work to do. C) Seeking PSAC volunteers for tabling at Sunday Street events.

11. Adjournment: At 8:10 PM. Next regular meeting, Sept. 10, 2013.

Howard Strassner was note taker.