

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes October 29, 2019

Meeting started at 6:03 PM.

Present: Jay Bain, D-1; Andrew Jacobs, D-2; Gabrielle Haug, D-3; Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4; Serena Unger, D-5; Kevin Stull, D-9; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental; Jon Winston, SFUSD; Cyndi Bakir, Bike; **Excused:** Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Evy Posementier, D-8; **Absent:** None. There are currently 13 appointed members. **Staff:** Michael Jacobson

Quorum for meeting (10 total present)

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approve Agenda

- a. Alteration to Item 7 – 25 mph to 20 mph
- b. Agenda approved

4. Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes approved

5. General Public Comment

- a. No general public comment

6. SF Police Department Report

Sgt Embody

- 4 collisions
 - o 10/26 – 0014, South Van Ness and 13th, ped hit in roadway, driver fled the scene, minor injuries, sideshow in SF
 - o 10/13 – 2044, Castro and Market, ped in crosswalk, struck by driver, driver has been arrested
 - o 10/01 – 1350, 4th and Berry, ped in crosswalk, struck by vehicle, driver fled, have not ID'd the driver at this point
 - o 10/26 – 2247, Hass and Gillman, Bayview area, fatal pedestrian strike by vehicle

7. Resolution – Setting maximum speed limits to 20 mph citywide

Jon Winston, SFUSD

- Resolution to reduce the default speed limit to twenty miles per hour on all San Francisco streets where the speed limit is not posted
- Amendment: Add in a “whereas” statement where this is beneficial to children, youth, the elderly, etc.
- Amendment: Resolve to do safe systems approach
- Amendment: Reflect final version of the bill
- Recommendation to share resolution with Michael Jacobson ahead of time for him to provide insight in the development of the resolution language
- Recommendation to change resolution and have it be ready for next month’s meeting
- Recommendation to work with Jodie Medeiros from WalkSF to polish the language

- Item will be tabled until next month

8. Resolution Requesting Transit First Pedestrian Signs at All Transit Stops

Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental Organization

- Will share draft of resolution to PSAC prior to next month's meeting
- Item will be tabled until next month

9. SFMTA Report

Michael Jacobson, SFMTA

- AB 2363 – state zero fatalities task force
 - o Creation of this task force, meets 4 times, goal is for state Dept of Transportation to draft recommendations to rethink how we set speed limits
 - Final meeting is in December
 - o Goals for task force:
 - Fine tuning 85th percentile
 - Introducing a safe systems approach
 - Focus is the vulnerable road user, not the road geometry
 - o Task force is taking public input
 - Opportunity for individuals or PSAC to advocate at the state level
 - o Email at the following address to comments: Zero.traffic.fatalities@calsta.ca.gov
- Traffic fatalities
 - o 10/13 – Divisadero and Hayes, southbound driver jumped over median, driver struck a vehicle and killed driver of other vehicle, no engineering solutions to this case for rapid response
 - o For Rapid Response, it must be considered a Vision Zero fatality to initiate a Rapid Response
- Citywide signals
 - o Re-timing 1/3 of all traffic signals due to a federal grant
 - o Goal is to give more time for pedestrians to cross the street
 - o Added 9 ped scrambles in the Tenderloin
- Thursday, Nov 7, 6-7:30 pm, 251 6th Ave, Community Meeting and Public Hearing for Quick Build Projects
 - o Quick Build Component
 - Daylighting
 - Painted Crosswalks
 - Clear/visible signage
 - Signal retiming
 - o Transit Division Project
 - Converting 4-lane street to a 3-lane street on California
 - Reduce travel lanes and widen lanes to account for bus usage
- SFMTA has completed 5 quick builds thus far this year
 - o 7 planned quick builds for next year

Public Comment

Jodie Medeiros – Executive Director of WalkSF

- SF is light-years ahead of other places in California in terms of pedestrian safety
- Have an advanced way of looking at speed in SF
- State is unfortunately taking baby steps with the Zero Fatalities Task Force, but it is a start

- Going for short-term goals – e.g. high injury networks, school zones, etc.
- PSAC should talk about/discuss automatic speed enforcement
- How can WalkSF share more info? – Emails to the Chair, pedestrian org spot on PSAC, coffees with the Chair and sharing of information

10. Subcommittee for Future Direction of PSAC

Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental

- Committee first formed in 2003
- Should start doing a lot of work to re-shape PSAC
- Would like to meet online first and then in person later
- Name 4 members to subcommittee
- By next Tuesday, November 5th, send Martin ideas/feedback

11. Remembrance of Howard Bloomberg

- Dedicate this meeting in honor of Howard

12. Chairs Report

Kevin Stull, D-9 PSAC

- Next week is election day
 - Hope everyone votes

13. Members Report

Thomas

- Prop D – Money will go to pedestrian and safety-related issues; 2/3 vote
- Community Meeting 10/30 at Potrero Hill Rec Center

Cyndi

- Celebrate the passage of the market street re-design
- Huge improvement for pedestrian safety

Gabrielle

- Update on resolution on Columbus, Stockton, and Green
 - Sup Peskin allocated some funds to research this
- Post and Larkin Resolution
 - New timing put into the lights to improve the safety of that intersection

Jay

- California Street Resolution
 - Would like to share resolution

14. Future Agenda Items

- Fulton street safety project
- Potentially explore car-free Tenderloin
- Captain Martin and Commander Perea to talk about traffic enforcement operations
- Continued discussion of PSAC's priorities and what proactive actions we'd like to take
- Presentation on child and youth safety initiatives

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next Meeting: November 12, 2019.