

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes September 11, 2012

Meeting started at 5:35 PM.

Present: Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Kevin Clark, D-1; John Lowell, Disabled Advocate; Raymond McCoy, D-11; John Ehrlich, D-2; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zach Marks, At-Large; James Rhoads, D-5; Richard Rothman, Senior Advocate; and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate.

Excused: Abigail Evans, Public Health; Pi Ra, Ped Org; Raymon Smith, D-6. and Paul Supawanich, Bicycle/Non-Motorized Org.

Unexcused Absent: Christopher Coghlan, D-7;

There are currently 15 appointed members.

Staff: Luis Montoya, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the August minutes.

2. Public Comment: Howard Bloomberg: is concerned about the 17 pedestrian fatalities last year and wants to see timely accurate statistics on fatalities and injuries.

Kimberly Jones: Was hit by a car in 2010 and is doing better. Thank you PSAC for working on Pedestrian Safety.

3. SFPD Traffic Company: Eric Mahoney, SFPD, Major Accident Investigation (MAI): Collision and death at Eddy and Larkin still being investigated including detailed signal and walking times. Their study of the Trader Joes fatality on Masonic shows 51% of fault due to the driver and 49% for the pedestrian. SFMTA is still studying. **PSAC**

Comments: A) City should license bicyclists.

4. SFMTA Staff Report: Luis: Upcoming Community Meetings: A) Second St. 9/20 6:-8:00 at CBS 235 2nd, at Tehama, may include bike track. B) Polk St. 9/26 6:30 – 8:00 at 1300 Polk, First congregation Church. C) Green Connections 5:30 -7:30 1800 Market, LGBT Center. D) MTA is adding more school crossing guards for areas with multiple lanes, where the State does not allow reducing maximum speed to 15 mph. E) Taraval SFPD is teaching schools how to manage their traffic. **PSAC Comments:** A) Mayor's Disability Council should be notified of meetings. B) Buses should have pedestrian sensors. C) Businesses paying a share of mid-block crossing and other pedestrian safety improvements has been used in other areas. D) Have colleges gotten involved in pedestrian safety? **LM** Yes.

5. Van Ness BRT and Complete Streets: Shari Tavafrashi, SFMTA: Described the transit and pedestrian improvements proposed with this project. There is a problem because the project does not meet all of the requirements of the 2012 Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM) because even though Van Ness is part of Highway 101 is it also a long existing City Street with limitations. To complete the project SF needs an exemption from the HDM requirements for: A) 11 foot traffic lanes because the traffic lanes on Van Ness have long been 10 feet with no problems and the extra street width is not available; B) Corner bulbs with a three foot clearance from the inner traffic lane because two feet of clearance provides better pedestrian visibility and a shorter walk; and C) five foot clearance between plantings and a traffic lane because 1.5 feet is all

that is available in order to preserve and enhance as much as possible of the existing median plantings and the clearance is not between a traffic lane but between a dedicated transit lane. **PSAC** asked many questions to clarify the issues and voted:

PSAC supports the request for the above exemptions. Howard will draft the letter and **Thomas** will correct, format and sign.

6. One Bay Area Grant (OBAG): Ben Stupka, SFTCA: SF will receive \$38 million over four years from funding derived from SB 375, based on accepting housing and supporting Transit Oriented Development. Projects can support the Transit Effectiveness Program with 70% utilized in the new housing areas. Projects will be selected later. **PSAC Comments:** The Ambassador Program, to educate bicyclists and pedestrians should be included. Public **Comment: Ed Mason:** Concerned with who will get the new housing in SF and who will pay for the maintenance of new trees.

7. PSAC Annual Report: We are supposed to prepare a report every year and we need volunteers for portions of this years report. **Thomas** will list some of the necessary portions. **Howard** volunteered to list our recent positions.

8. PSAC Bylaws: John Lowell: Noted a meeting date problem with the PSAC Bylaws as posted on the SFMTA web site, which state that the regular meeting date is the "4th Monday of every month," and recommended that they be updated at a future meeting to accurately reflect the current practice of meeting on the 2nd Tuesday. *(After the meeting your Secretary, Howard located what appear to be the latest Bylaws approved in August 2008, which do have the accurate meeting date. The Chair will investigate whether the SFMTA web site link is simply out-of-date, or whether the bylaws should indeed be acted on again. The Chair and Secretary will also discuss whether additional aspects of the bylaws might need to be updated, regardless.)*

9. Adjournment: At 7:20 PM. Next regular meeting, October 9, 2012.
Howard was note taker.