

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

May 8, 2012

Approved Minutes

Meeting started at 5:30 PM.

Present: Christopher Coghlan, D-7; John Ehrlich, D-2; Abigail Evans, Public Health; John Lowell, Disabled Advocate; R. Gary McCoy, D-11; Pi Ra, Ped Org; James Rhoads, D-5; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Richard Rothman, Senior Advocate; and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate.

Excused: Paul Supawanich, At-Large.; Kenneth Frausto, Ped Org

Unexcused Absent: Jay Lee, At-Large; Ramon Smith, D-6; Kevin Clark, D-1.

There are currently 15 appointed members. **Staff:** Luis Montoya, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the April February minutes.

2. John Ehrlich: Distributed a reprint of an article that showed only Van Ness had fewer collisions after the imposition of double fines. Three other busy streets got worse. He is also concerned with Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit impacts on traffic and pedestrian safety. **Howard** responded that the EIR study showed that traffic will not be worse than currently and that the project includes bulbs and center islands to improve pedestrian safety.

3. SFPD Traffic Company: Capt. Al Casciato: Report: a) Slow progress with the formation of Community Courts on Pedestrian and Bicycle Infractions. b) Data entry system for collisions needs to be improved. c) He will retire before our July meeting. PSAC can thank him in June. d) Collision with pedestrian on Masonic, near Trader Joe's being studied in detail.

4. Pedestrian Strategic Action Plan: Frank Markowitz, DPH: distributed copies of the Plan and Priorities. Basically the plan will work to reduce conflicts between all modes. **PSAC Comments:** Plan should include: No right turns on red; corner bulbs and more education. **Public Comments: Robin Brasso:** Plan should include support for the Ambassador program and coupling left turn signals for cars with red for pedestrians.

5. Crosswalk Push Buttons: Howard: Tried again to explain his proposed resolution. **PSAC** members are concerned that the resolution will reduce pedestrian safety and slow traffic. Howard should take the problem to California

Walks. **Public Comment: Odin** had questions about how countdowns worked. **Howard** explained.

6. Green Connections: Lily Langlois, Planning: They are focusing on six neighborhoods and seeking ways to improve access to nearby parks. **PSAC** comment: **MOMA** has an exhibit that shows the availability of small parcels of open space throughout SF that might be useful.

7. SFMTA Staff Report: Luis: a) 180 15 mph signs up near schools. PSAC should help publicize and remind neighbor to drive slower. b) Sunset Boulevard getting new signals with countdowns. c) Funding is available to provide corner bulbs in conjunction with scheduled street repairs. d) Christine Olea of Planning wants to speak with us on pedestrian safety improvements for Second Street . e) Luis is moving into a new role at SFMTA and will be replaced as PSAC Liaison by Darcie Lim. SFMTA is planning for a tour of JFK bike lane with stakeholders. **PSAC** wants the tour on Saturday to see the most impacts. Tour may require proper notice. Thanked Luis for his service. **Robin:** JFK works well for bicyclists but not so well for drivers leaving their cars.

8. Chairs Report: a) **Thomas** will miss the next meeting. He will set up the agenda and seek a chair. Agenda should be in larger print.

9. Adjournment: At 7:05 PM. Next regular meeting, June 12, 2012.

Howard was note taker.