

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes August 11, 2015

Meeting started at 6:04 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability Org; Morgan Fitzgibbons, Bicycle; John Lowell, Senior & Disability Org; Meredith Osborn, D-5; Kevin Stull, D-6; John Winston, SFUSD; Thomas Rogers, D-10; and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate. Excused: Sonja Kos, At-Large; Todd Henry, At-Large; Christopher Coghlan, D-7 Absent: Trevor McNeil, D-4; Christina Tang, D-3: and Kevin Clark, D-1. There are currently 15 appointed members. Staff: Louis Liss, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the July minutes.

2. Announcements: A) PSAC is concerned that the SFPD has not come to a PSAC meeting since December 2014. Becky and Sonja will follow through. B) SFPD is not providing collision data. C) District Six holds monthly pedestrian safety meeting. Last month they dealt with signs "People live here".

3. Public Comment: Ollie Graves: Concerned that TI concentrated all of the commercial activity in one place rather closer to more residents like the rest of the City. PSAC: The longest walk is only ten minutes.

4. Better Market Street: Britt Tanner, MTA and Simon Bertrang: Presented: BMS deals with 2.2 miles. Some design is starting for the EIR and then construction in 2018. Market is the busiest street for Transit; Pedestrians and Bicyclists. The Project will: a) Increase surface Transit Capacity, from 85 buses per hour to 100;

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b) Reduce fatalities per Vision Zero; c) Increase bike share to 8%; and d) Bring Activity and Energy to the Street. This will include wider bus islands per ADA and improved street surface. Probable preferred alternative (1) limits traffic to buses, taxis, bikes and trucks from Van Ness to Main. No private cars! Alt (2) is less restrictive for study purposes. These include sub alternatives of a) dedicated bicycle track or a shared curb lane for bikes. The bike track alt. has local bus boarding islands which narrows portions of the sidewalk to 22.5 feet Alt (3) has dedicated bicycle lanes on Mission and the Mission buses on Market. Bikes would still be permitted on Market. They expect a 20% reduction in Rapid Bus running time with buses in the center and stops every 2,000 feet. They are studying moving most truck loading to side streets. Some businesses don't have access to side streets so Market will still have some trucks unloading. There will be some corner bulbs, mostly on side streets to reduce walking times. They are working with BART. Only 50% of funding is now available from Prop A and known sources. Need funds from feds and state. VLF may not be necessary. PSAC: Needs good info and should be involved early.

5. Safer Market Street: Ian Trout, MTA: Presented: They polled people on Market and found that 84% came by alternatives to driving and very few drove on Market. Data showed that most collisions occurred mid blocks rather at intersections.

SMS includes: a) Generally no turns on to Market from Third to Eighth, with more restrictions after the Central Subway is finished; b) Extension of transit only lanes; and c) passenger loading zones on the crossing streets near Market. Diversion signs are with symbols. Google has already changed their map info. They expect to

divert 1,000 vehicles during the PM peak hour. Early enforcement is with PCOs and SFPD. Some enforcement will continue. Early pictures showed no cars on Market. Evaluation is ongoing but results will not be published for six months.

6. Red Light Cameras: Meredith and John W: Presented: MTA urged them to delay a resolution to wait for expected legislation. Tabled for now. Will reconsider after about three months.

7. SFMTA Update, Louis Liss: Speed hump program is ongoing they provided 30 this summer. Reducing speed on San Jose by eliminating a lane. Eliminating a lane on Golden gate and providing a bike lane.

8. Future Meeting Items: Morgan and Howard B: This item, including items accumulated over time is to prod the members, who suggested the item, to organize their suggestion and for our chair to organize for the item or prod the members. NEW: Ask SFPD to work on pedestrian safety issues not ticket bikes at stops signs. Comments: Police like black and white rules; Pedestrian citations have increased; Release resolution to PSAC ASAP; July: John W: Concerned with parking of the sidewalk; Becky and Howard B. Start Data sub-committee, first meeting will be on Monday August 3 at 5:00 in 408. Becky: TI support. Annual Report writers contact Sonja. From June: Chris We need attention for Ped safety issues and enforcement against bicyclist who break the rules. Meredith and John Winston: Speed Cameras, prepare for Supervisors and find a member of the State Legislature to carry to issue. From May: Safety during construction. Howard S: Change State laws for high fines for pedestrians who start to cross during the count-down period. Signs warning drivers of

enforcement. Use of technology to make cars behave more safely. From April: A) Howards S & B and Morgan. Congestion Pricing, B) "Black boxes" in City vehicles. January: C) Chris: Stop Line at every intersection, D) Possible speakers: Erin Still on don't block the box and the SFPD on their opposition to some pedestrian safety improvements. E) Kevin S: Amber Alert for Hit and Runs, H) Howard B: Why SFPD thinks that collision deaths have come down. I) Morgan: District Six banners about residents and high traffic streets. J) Kevin S: How large vehicle driver training works.

9. Adjournment: 7:45 pm. Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2015, Room 400 at 6:00. Special Meeting on September 1, in Room 418 at 5:00 to discuss bike enforcement and Market street. Howard S. was note taker.