

# Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes September 13, 2019

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

**Present:** Howard Bloomberg, Ped safety organization; Cyndi Bakir, Bike org; Jay Bain, D-1; Andrew Jacobs, D-2; Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4; Serena Unger, D-5; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Evy Posementier, D-8; Kevin Stull, D-9; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Howard Strassner, transit or enviro org; John Winston, SFUSD; **Excused:** Gabrielle Haug, D-3; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability; **Absent:** None. There are currently 14 appointed members. **Staff:** Michael Jacobson

Quorum for meeting (12 total present)

## Minutes:

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Approve Agenda

- a. Agenda approved

### 4. Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes approved

### 5. General Public Comment

- a. No general public comment

### 6. SF Police Department Report

- a. No SFPD report

### 7. SFMTA Report – Michael Jacobson

- No rapid response updates
- Quick build updates:
  - o Brannan Street
    - Crews are restriping travel lanes
    - Intersection daylighting along the corridor
  - o 6<sup>th</sup> street
    - Restriping
    - Turn restrictions
    - Painted safety zones
    - Daylighting
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Calendar
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> street improvement project
    - Transit improvements – transit boarding islands
    - Upgraded bike facilities
    - Pedestrian lighting
    - Sidewalk widening
  - o Mission and Excelsior project
    - New signals and upgrading existing signals
    - Enhancing transit infrastructure
- State Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force

- Focus: Rethink how we set speed limits
- Task force has met twice and will meet two more times
- Local delegation invited to the task force
- Website has agendas and presentations and an email address for the public to file comments (0.traffic.fatalities@calsta.ca.gov)
- PSAC could provide comments for the state
- Other activities
  - Monday Sept 16 Vision Zero Task Force Meeting (10 am to 12 pm, 1 South Van Ness)
    - Discussing release of the 2018 severe injury report that DPH works on
    - Updates on state task force
    - Talking about city fleet vehicles safety improvements
    - Demo of transbase dashboard mapping tool
  - Friday Oct 4 Vision Zero Committee Meeting (10 am to 11:30 am, room 263 in City Hall)

## **8. Townsend Corridor Improvement Project – Jonathan Streeter (Public Relations Officer)**

- Project goal
  - Create a safer Townsend Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> streets
  - Improve safety for bikers
  - Improve ped access to corridor
  - Improve Muni reliability and connection to Caltrain
  - Create safe, intuitive, and accessible loading zones for all users of the Caltrain station
- Over 70% of SF Caltrain riders walk, bike, or take transit to get to or from the train station
- Thousands of bike riders and peds cross near Caltrain station every day
- Construction Schedule
  - Likely mostly during winter 2019 but could get pushed back depending on weather
- Largest concern with major Caltrain intersection is the stopping of ride hailing vehicles in bus stops or red curb areas
  - SFMTA has no authority over ride hailing vehicles at this time
    - Only enforcement is through ticketing of drivers and prevention through education and geofencing
- Proactive ask to look at bike rack parking, especially for such large renovations such as in this project

## **9. Approve 2018 PSAC Annual Report**

- Many thanks to Martin for compiling this annual report
- Good framework for future reports for future years
- Approved

## **10. Chairs Report**

Kevin Stull, D-9 PSAC

- Future status of PSAC
  - Our committee was set to sunset on Oct 1
    - Unless legislation would be introduced by the Board of Supervisors
- Erica Maybaum, Legislative Aide in Sup Yee's office
  - Wanted to hear from PSAC our thoughts on extending PSAC
  - Proposal is to extend PSAC for another year until October 1, 2020
    - Keeping legislation as is, just extending the sunset date
    - Howard suggests forming a sub committee focusing on goals and recommendations for PSAC to provide for next year prior to the extension deadline
  - Suggestion to be more active with committee members and Supervisors
- Kevin:

- Hoping that the legislation moves forward and will keep PSAC members updated

## 11. Members Report

- a. Bettina:
  - i. Chase center opening went very well, hoping that that success continues
- b. Thomas:
  - i. War on Cars podcast is worth listening
- c. Serena:
  - i. Looking at how San Francisco can become a child friendly city
    - 1. Looking at pedestrian safety in the built environment
    - 2. Went to a conference
- d. John:
  - i. Balboa Reservoir CAC
    - 1. Meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Talking about the redesign of Ocean Ave
    - 3. Pushing for SFMTA to talk about how they will proactively work on transit and accessibility for the new residents of that area
- e. Jay
  - i. Thursday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, having a public safety community meeting at the senior center
  - ii. Would recommend getting out into our communities to share pedestrian safety feedback

## 12. Future Agenda Items

- Serena: Presentation on child safety in the built environment
- Serena: Have colleague present results of pike and ped conference
- Kevin: Department of Public Health representative to talk about the severe injury report from last year
- Howard: Subcommittee for future direction of PSAC
- John: Automated speed enforcement resolution (would like to bring this back)
- John: Citywide speed limits (e.g. maxing speed limits to 25 mph)
- Expired seats
- PSAC priorities

## 13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next Meeting: TBA