

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

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Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability Org; Morgan Fitzgibbons, Bicycle; Sonja Kos, At-Large; John Lowell, Senior & Disability Org; Gary McCoy, D-8; Meredith Osborn, D-5; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate; Kevin Stull, D-6; John Winston, SFUSD; Christina Tang, D-3 and Trevor McNeil, D-4. Excused: Christopher Coghlan, D-7; Todd Henry, At-Large and Kevin Clark, D-1. Absent: Anyan Cheng, Student. There are currently 18 appointed members. Staff: Neil Patel, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the January minutes.
2. Public Comment: Pi Ra: Thank you for the accolades but I was chair of PSAC five times. Concerned that transit and pedestrian improvements tend to gentrify neighborhoods and increase rents. SF should take steps to keep old neighbors in place. Ken Richards: Concerned about large traffic bulb at Dolores and San Jose because this may cause traffic delays.
3. Muni Forward: Sean Kennedy, SFMTA: Muni Forward started as the Transit Effectiveness Program in 2007, has completed environmental review, to now include transit and reliability improvements with pedestrian improvements and Vision Zero as part of every project. PSAC Comments: Day lighting is cheaper than bulbs and useful even if it eliminates a parking space. SK: MTA

uses bulbs when sewers are not involved and daylighting to save money. PSAC: Locate passenger shelter structures as far as practical from traffic lanes. Eliminating left turn lanes is a good way to improve pedestrian safety. Advance limit lines (ALL) are useful. Haight and Stanyan have left turns for buses and ALL can provide room to help buses turn. MTA needs a process to help people crossing the street to transfer to safely catch their bus. SK: Muni must improve reliability first. Public Comment: Pi Ra: Supports daylighting and ALL. ALL allows bikes to pull ahead of traffic and serve as a buffer for street crossing pedestrians. ALL should be large enough for bicycles. Ken Richards: Concerned with costs and accounting. SK: Funding comes from Prop 'A' and follows strict guidelines.

4. SFMTA Update: Neal Patel: Polk Street goes to the MTA Board on 3/3. Part of Polk will be implemented early. Part must wait for a major sewer project. Forty Vision Zero projects are in design; fifty need approval. Money is available, from adjacent housing projects, for Octavia pedestrian improvements. PSAC Comments: Pedestrians need protection during construction. Large vehicle driver safety training to watch for pedestrians has started. NP: Bus and taxi drivers are already trained. PSAC: Are other transit service drivers trained? Proposed improvements need broader notice. Daylighting is also required for intersections that don't have many collisions. PSAC should speak out to support daylighting. Market and Laguna has a new senior center. The crossing distances are long. Are longer count down signal timings being considered? Is MTA working on the large housing project proposed for the City College reservoir site?

5. Future Meeting Items: From December A) Congestion Pricing, Howards S & B and Morgan. B) "Black boxes" in City vehicles. January: C) Stop Line at every intersection, Chris. D) Possible speakers: David Grant and/or Peter Lee on elderly; Erin Still on don't block the box and the SFPD on their opposition to some pedestrian safety improvements. E) Amber Alert for Hit and Runs, Kevin S. F) Uses for our sub-committee. February: G) Robin: Safety of countdowns and Police Sting tickets to jaywalkers. 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.

6. Announcements: Becky: Treasure Island got some daylighting, TI will be pedestrian friendly.

7. Adjournment: 7:25 pm. Next regular meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Room 400 at 6:00. Howard S. was note taker.