

# Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes May 12, 2015

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

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

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the April minutes.
2. SFPD Update: Sgt. Mahoney was not present again. Sonja will call the SFPD to see if they can get someone to a PSAC meeting.
3. Announcement: Child Killed Today: in a collision on San Jose near Ocean.
4. Geen Lee, Chinatown Pedestrian Advocate: His mother was killed, walking in the crosswalk, in a collision, while crossing Stockton at Sacramento last September. The driver accelerated going uphill to turn left. Geen met with SFMTA, WalkSF and the Chinatown community and his persistence lead to the following improvements in January: daylighting on Sacramento; pedestrian crossing head start and scramble crossing signals with more time. Everybody is pleased with the changes and they seem to be working. The driver was

guilty of vehicle manslaughter, a misdemeanor, for no jail time. PSAC Comments: Good fast work! Scramble diagonals are not painted. Geary and 26<sup>th</sup> has a similar problem with fast cars and a nearby senior center. Punishment should be harsher. Vision Zero includes funding for senior safety.

5. David Grant, SF Chapter of California Alliance of Retired Americans and WalkSF: Seniors are 40% and children are 14% of those injured in collisions. Scrambles need to be clearly marked. Need Grass root support to pass red light cameras. We have to create opportunities for politicians and police to look good in the media. Need support for pedestrian safety bills at CA Legislative council. PSAC: Come back when ready to introduce a bill. A kid was fined \$197 for crossing during countdown. Is there a chance to change law requiring pedestrians to only start to cross during the "white time" at count-downs and or reduce the fines. Finland charges driving fines proportionate to income why not CA. DG: NO!

6. MTA DPW Seeking Federal Grants, Eileen: Presented a list of projects requesting PSAC support. PSAC Comments: Prefer engineering improvements to education on left turns. Need tech business support for pedestrian and bicycle safety. PSAC can't support now because support wasn't on our agenda.

7. SFMTA Update, Neal Patel: Major changes to upper Market Street intersection will require more study because of possible impacts on traffic. Scrambles work best on intersecting one-way streets. Painted beige zones work to make drivers turn further out from corner curb. PSAC Comments: Scrambles actually provide more time for traffic flow because the time for two pedestrian

crossings is combined into one plus a little for the extra diagonal distance. A scramble specialist should speak to PSAC. NW corner of Folsom and 11<sup>th</sup> needs daylighting. Need a report on Vision Zero progress.

8. Future Meeting Items: New: 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: Robin: SFPD protocol for chases. Becky: TI with those for and against proposals. From December 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, F) Uses for our sub-committee. February: G) Robin: Safety of countdowns and Police Sting tickets to jay walkers. 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. Announcements: Sonja: SFPD presented their quarterly report on Vision Zero.

10. Adjournment: 7:45 pm. Next regular meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2015, Room 400 at 6:00. Howard S. was note taker.