

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes August 14, 2018

Meeting started at 6:05 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability Org; Kevin Stull, D-9; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Meredith Osborn, D-5; Evy Posenentico, D-8; Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental Advocate; Thomas Rogers, D-10; and John Winston, SFUSD. **Excused:** Martin Fein, D-4 and Andrew Jacobs, D-2. **Absent:** Jacquie Chavez, D-11. There are currently 12 appointed members. Vacant Seats: D-1,3,7 and Bicycle Org. **Staff:** Victoria Chong.

1. SFPD Report: Sgt. Embody: A) Man was killed while sleeping in garage entrance. B) Skate boarder going the wrong way hit vehicle. C) Traffic company was once 100 now only 37 leaving only two as investigators. D) Solo motorcycle officer requires a long training period. E) Road rage is considered as an assault not a collision.

2. Rail Alignment Benefits: Susan Gygi and Jeremy Shaw: High Speed Rail will replace a need for miles of new freeway and many airport gates. Undergrounding tracks will connect neighborhoods while relieving congestion. Relocating rail yard will provide site for housing and commercial (scope not planned for at this time) while improving street and sidewalk connections. Prologus, largest industrial site developer in the world, owns the land under rail yard. Possible new rail yard location does not have street crossing at this time. Growth projections for 2065 were just projected from the more detailed projections for 2045. About \$1.2 Billion of \$5 billion required for the project, alternative 2, is available at this time. All benefits of the project have not been monetized at this time because they are not fully known. **PSAC:** Concerned that the benefits of improved connectivity in Mission Bay were not noted. **PSAC Voted** unanimously: PSAC supports Alternative Two of the Rail Alignment project.

3. Minutes: Approved July minutes with district corrections.

4. Election: PSAC Elected Kevin Stull to fill remaining term of Co-Chair.

5. Cross Fit Dangers: Stuart Watts, resigned from PSAC because he now lives in D-8: Some gyms are now using sidewalks for exercise space. This is often problems for pedestrians because of different speeds and occasionally crowded sidewalks have exercisers running into the street. **PSAC:** This is a bigger problem including riding and parking space for bicycles and scooters.

6. PSAC Bylaws: Meridith: Cleaned up old bylaws with minimal changes but needs some more work. Tabled.

7. SFMTA Report: Victoria Chong: A) Announced meetings for Howard Street safety improvements. B) A SFMTA transit person will come to talk about stop spacing. C) Sloat pedestrian signal, flashing lights, are a Caltrans function. SFMTA engineer who works with Caltrans will contact Howard S. **PSAC Comments:** D) SFMTA should share proposed improvement projects earlier with PSAC, even before preliminary sketches are available for the public. E) New Metro cars do not seem to have enough seats for the disabled. F) Bus stop islands need colored curbs. G) The

alley near Via Hotel near the Giants ball park has traffic problem and has no name. H) Pedestrians have difficulty crossing Ocean Ave near BART and City College. I) Extra countdown crossing time may be necessary due to crowded narrow sidewalks.

8. Chair's Report: Becky: Will get back to work to produce an annual report.

9. Future Items: New: Annual Report, **Becky**; Scooters, **Stuart**; Upper Market; Vision Zero; Muni Equity and Public Health. Along with name of responsible member: Older: A) Issues from BAC, **Howard S**; B) Speed Cameras. C) Chinatown, **Stuart**; D) Uber and Chariot; E) Road rage, **Ev**

10. Adjournment: 7:50. Next scheduled regular meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 Room 400 at 6:00. **Howard S.** took notes.