

**Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee**

**City and County of San Francisco**

**Minutes for Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place (Polk Street), Room 408**

**Start Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Present Members:** Andrew Bley, D-7; Kevin Clark, D-1; John Ehrlich, D-2; Delvecchio Finley, D-9; Jim Rhoads D-5 Representative; Katy Liddell, Public Service; John Lowell, child advocate; Dahianna Lopez, Public Health; Jay Lee, At Large; Pi Ra, PS; David Pelfrey, D-4 Raymon Smith, D-6; Richard Rothman, Senior; and Howard Strassner, Transit. **Absent:** Mark Benjamin, D-8 **Excused:** Paul Supawanich, At Large. There are currently 14 appointed members. **Staff:** Oliver Gajda, Pedestrian Program Manager, SFMTA.

**1. Agenda Approval**

**2. Officer Election:**

a. The following members were elected per majority vote:

- i. Richard Rothman, PSAC Chair
- ii. John Alex Lowell, PSAC Vice Chair
- iii. Dahianna Lopez, PSAC Secretary

**3. Walking School Buses (Mr. Howard Strassner, Facilitator):**

- a. Mr. Strassner reviewed two resolutions and members provided minor feedback about wording. Two resolutions are summarized as follows:
  - i. PSAC requests SF School Superintendent to include safety classes regarding walking and biking for K-12 students; and information on safe driving for parents.
  - ii. PSAC supports the implementation of the Walking School Bus Program and its members are willing to volunteer to promote buy-in from the PTA, organize walking routes, and analyze surveys.

**4. Market Street Update (Mr. Oliver Gajda, Presenter):**

- a. To address a question about the "right turn on red" rationale asked in a previous PSAC meeting, Mr. Gajda presented the findings from a published study:
  - i. Fleck, J. L. & Yee, B. M. (2002) Safety Evaluation of Right Turn on Red. *Institute of Transportation Engineers*, 6, 46-48.
  - ii. Conclusion: There is evidence to suggest that the incidence of auto-versus-pedestrian collisions occurring when vehicles turn right on red is very low (between 1-12% depending on the study sample). Therefore, the authors do not recommend prohibiting right turns on red.
- b. Comments:
  - i. Pi Ra, PSAC Member: During the rainy season, will people still be out directing traffic?

- ii. John Ehrlich, PSAC Member: 50% of collisions are not on the 2007 Collision Report. What will be done to rectify this?

**5. Quarterly Report (Mr. Oliver Gajda, Presenter):**

- a. Mr. Gajda presented a summary of pedestrian-related projects currently in progress. The following handouts were given:
  - i. "January 2010- SFMTA Pedestrian Program Quarterly Report to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)"
  - ii. "EP-40 Pedestrian Circulation & Safety Proposition K 2009 Annual Report"
  - iii. SFMTA Raw Dataset Sample – Mr. Gajda presented the group with a sample spreadsheet of the type of data collected/archived by the SFMTA regarding street treatments (e.g., posted speed limit) and the presence of a pedestrian generator (i.e., is an intersection near a school, park, etc.).
- b. **Comments/Recommendations from Mr. Gajda:**
  - i. The focus on pedestrian safety education needs to be increased.

**6. Public Comment:**

- a. Member of the Public: "There is no crosswalk going east/west on Franklin & Grove (Near Van Ness)"

7. **Adjournment:** 6:50 p.m.; next meeting: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

***Dahianna Lopez, RN***

***PSAC Secretary***