

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
City and County of San Francisco
Minutes for Tuesday, March 9, 2010
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place (Polk Street), Room 408
Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

Present Members:

- John Ehrlich, D-2
- Delvecchio Finley, D-9
- Dahianna Lopez, PH (SECRETARY)
- John Lowell, CA (VICE CHAIR)
- James Rhoads, D-5
- Richard Rothman, Senior (CHAIR)
- Raymon Smith, D-6
- Paul Supawanich, At Large
- Howard Strassner, Transit
- Katy Lidell, PSO
- Pi Ra, PSO
- Kevin Clark, D-1

Absent:

Excused:

- David Pelfrey, D-4
- Jay Lee, At Large
- Andrew Bley, D-7

SFMTA Staff: Oliver Gajda, Pedestrian Program Manager.

1. Motion to approve agenda (agenda approved)
2. Chair Report
 - a. Mr. Rothman thanked everyone for submitting comments about the bylaws
 - b. Mr. Rothman announced that PSAC will follow PSAC bylaws regarding the quorum (until further clarification about the quorum is obtained by the Internal Affairs Subtaskforce)
 - c. Mr. Rothman met with Ms. Lopez and Mr. Gajda to discuss creation of subtaskforces
 - d. Mr. Rothman contacted members of the bicycle coalition, school district, Police Department, and Department of Public Health to help advise the subtaskforces.
3. Public Comment
 - a. Mr. Strassner: Will these taskforces have to meet in public?

- i. Mr. Rothman: No, subtaskforces do not have to meet in public, but they should provide periodic public updates on any work done
 - 4. Cost of Pedestrian Injury, Ms. Lopez (San Francisco Injury Center)
 - a. Report on the Cost of Pedestrian Injury for San Francisco from 2004-2008
 - b. General Findings
 - i. N= 3,598 (pedestrian collisions treated at San Francisco General Hospital)
 - ii. Total Cost of Injury 2004-2008: \$171 million in charges and of that \$75 million in cost
 - iii. Of the \$75, 76% was charged to public funds (e.g., Medicare, MediCal, out-of-pocket)
 - iv. 26% of admitted patients accounted for 82% of the total cost for all years
 - v. Manuscript submitted to the Journal of Trauma; Public version of the report will be available at the San Francisco Injury Center website in late March/early April
5. Updates from Mr. Gajda (SFMTA):
 - a. Better Streets Plan
 - i. Looking for approval this spring
 - ii. Last few steps: certification and environmental review
 - b. Projects
 - i. 24th street/mission—improving and planning the BART station along Valencia and South Van Ness
 - ii. Accesible pedestrian signals—final policy being drafted; SFMTA applied for funding for more pedestrian signals (procurement but not installation)
 - c. PSAC Website updated by SFMTA staff
 - d. Abstract Submitted to International Conference (Walk 21) by SFMTA and San Francisco Injury Center (SFIC), comparing the full lifecycle cost of engineering treatments to reduce vehicle-pedestrian collisions over 20 years with the cost of pedestrian injury.
6. Request from Mr. Ra:
 - a. The mint plaza has more people walking at Mint/Mission. Can this area be reassessed in terms of safety and engineering countermeasures?