

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes – May 12, 2009

Meeting started at 5:30 PM,

Present: Members: Kevin Clark, D-1; Delvecchio Finley; D-9; Katy; Liddell, Public Service; John Lowell, child advocate; Pi Ra, PS; Richard Rothman, Senior; and Howard Strassner, Transit. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Heath Maddox, MTA. **Excused:** Mark Benjamin, D-8; Andrew Bley, D-7 and Raymon Smith, D-6. **Absent:** David Pelfrey.

1. Announcements: John: Castro and Seventeenth is having a trial as a pedestrian area under the Great Streets program. **Heath:** MTA is installing ped counters in the area. **Kevin:** Countdown signals were installed on Park Presidio. **Howard:** Asked questions on count downs on State Highways.

2. Minutes: PSAC approved the April minutes.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Pedestrian Right-of-Way Enforcement: Sergeant Bob Gynon (sp?): Presented using the visuals from the 2007 Traffic Safety Report with additional information from the 2008 Report. Overall we are improving very slowly and gradually reducing injuries and deaths. They perform frequent stings. This is most effective at intersection without lights. DPH studies show that East Bay drivers are more considerate of pedestrian rights in the East Bay than they are in SF. Accidents in the Sunset are mainly caused by local resident drivers. SFPD meets with DPH and the MTA monthly to coordinate information, engineering and enforcement. Pedestrian violations include: crossing against lights and mid block crossings. SF still has the highest per capita deaths in CA. Sixteen percent of fatalities are seniors. SFPD is very proactive on DUI. **Public Comment: Marshall Rach (sp?),** MTC Pedestrian representative: This presentation should go to other Bay Area communities to show what is possible. **Gary Shubel (sp?)** There were six accidents at Seventh and Brannan, probably due to high speeds and pedestrian violations. Forty years ago drivers were more observant of pedestrian right-or-way. **Bob Planthold, SAN:** This presentation should be available on our website. **PSAC Questions and Comments:** SF has more people walking and that may cause more collisions. Thirty-ninth and Geary has few lights and high speeds. SFPD should issue press releases on the results of sting operations if the media is not there. Need enforcement on bikes that do not observe pedestrian rights. Drivers should signal and SFPD should enforce. Drivers should look for pedestrians as well as other cars. The report needs more information on bicycle and pedestrian collisions.

5. Future Agenda Items: Pi: Scheduled presentations from the Bureau of Street Use and Mapping and Safe Paths of travel. PSAC members who have other agenda items should call Pi at 225-2080. to make sure that their issue is ready for discussion.

6. Adjournment: At 7:15 PM. Next meeting June 9, 2009.