

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes January 28, 2008

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

Present: Members: Shirley Bierly; Kevin Clark; John Ehrlich; Gerry Hartodo; John Lowell; Pi Ra; Billy Riggs; Richard Rothman; Raymon Smith and Howard Strassner. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Keith Mattox, DPT

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the December minutes.

2. Election of Officers: Chairperson: (per bylaws) **Raymon Smith**; Vice-chairperson: **Katy Liddell**; Secretary: **Howard Strassner**

3. Bylaws: Revision for number of meetings was considered and tabled.

4. Octavia – Market Improvements Presentation: The addition of a new bulb, no right turn signs along with signs warning cyclist about the possibility of illegal right turns has reduced illegal right turns and accidents.

5. Cesar Chavez Pedestrian Safety Project: **Peter Albert**, MTA presented: The MTA is seeking \$250,000 in planning funding from Caltrans to add pedestrian safety projects to the ongoing infrastructure and bicycle projects on Cesar Chavez from Sanchez to the freeway. The current City funded projects will constitute the City's matching share. The pedestrian project will enlist local input and consider corner bulbs and traffic calming and other appropriate methods.

PSAC voted to support the application with letter by **Ramon** based on guide by MTA.

6. Hayes Street Conversion: Return to two way traffic from Van Ness to Gough will remove a no pedestrian crossing at Gough and is supported by the neighbors and merchants. MTA proposals are not ready to review. MTA predictions of increased accidents needs additional information. PSAC tabled this item.

7. Better Streets Program: **Keith Mattox**, DPT presented details in power point for reducing multiple turn lanes and various cross walk treatments. **Keith** will provide PSAC with copies of the information so that PSAC can provide adequate consideration of the details.

Howard: Requested that PSAC consider requesting the addition of the following subjects to the Better Streets Table of Contents: Muni Bus Bulbs; Muni Transfer Intersections; Street Furniture; School Drop-Off; Street Trees; Curb Drainage Paths; Pedestrian Priority Signs and Signals; Pedestrian Crossing Signs; Pedestrian Malls and Living Streets. Better Streets and PSAC will work on the details later.

8. Turn on Red: PSAC voted to support the following Policy Statement 2008-1 with letter by **Ramon**:

Presently the MTA uses the following data to determine if an intersection qualifies for a Right Turn on Red ban:

- Number of reported collisions

- Sight distance
- Geometry of the intersection

It is the recommendation of PSAC that the following data should be required and evaluated in determining whether or not vehicles should be allowed to turn on red at an intersection:

- Volume of pedestrian traffic
- Volume and route of Public Transit
- Number of pedestrian right-a-way violations,
- Neighborhood demographic (e.g. number of senior, children, etc)
- Number of reported collisions
- Sight distance
- Geometry of the intersection

Furthermore it is the recommendation of PSAC that “No Turn on Red” measure should not be considered alone to address the pedestrian safety issues of an intersection, but should be considered with other traffic/pedestrian measures, (e.g. advance stop line and/or designated turn light). And furthermore “No Turn on Red” measure should not be limited only to an “intersection by intersection” review basis. When appropriate, MTA should consider whether or not to implement a “No Turn on Red” policy on a neighbor, district, and vicinity basis.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Adjournment: At 7:30 PM. Next meeting February 12.