

SAN FRANCISCO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSAC)
MINUTES
October 11, 2011

Meeting started at 5:31 P.M.

Present: Brasso, Clark, Ehrlich, Frausto, Hunter, Lowell, Rhoads, Rogers, Rothman, Smith, Supawanich

Excused: Garner, Ra

Absent: Lee, Pelfrey, Strassner

1. **Approval of the October 11, 2011 Agenda:** Approved unanimously; no public comment.
2. **Approval of the September 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes:** Approved unanimously; no public comment.

Other: Vice Chair Hunter (Bicycle or Non-motorized Organizations) announced that she has been hired by SFMTA and has to resign as of this meeting, thanked PSAC and hopes to contribute in the future. Chair Supawanich thanked Hunter for her contributions and announced that Vice Chair position would remain vacant until officer elections for 2012.

3. Public Comment for Items not included on agenda:

- **Daniel Tomasavich:** Questioned Golden Gate Park JFK Drive bicycle tracks project; stated MTA did poor outreach; expressed concern about impact on families and those with disabilities.
- **Oliver Graves:** Asked about updates to PSAC/SFMTA dialogue on crosswalk buttons; suggested 3rd Street existing conditions as a compromise, where pushing the button on a "don't walk" signal can generate a "walk" signal immediately.

4. **WalkFirst Program Update:** Presented case studies (Silver Ave, San Bruno to Bayshore; 6th St, Market to Howard) and PSAC provided initial input; case studies not immediate candidates for implementation, as funding/analysis needed; capital improvements list presented and discussed; WalkFirst to return in November with final presentation.

Public Comment:

- **Michael Smithwick:** Concern with aggression by motorists and perception that ped crossing ends when flashing signal starts (as opposed to when it stops); education campaign may be needed.

5. **PSAC Presentations Time-Allotment Motion:** Postponed due to absence of sponsor Lee (item inadvertently taken out of order).

6. **SFMTA Staff Report:** **Montoya** reported on: 15-MPH school zones, SF receiving Gold Level Walk Friendly Community award from Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, 40% of countdown signals updated with the proper timing, and MTA processes after a pedestrian accident.

Public Comment:

- **Michael Smithwick:** Comments regarding accidents and hope that databases can be updated more quickly.

7. **Bicycle Ambassadors Program:** Brasso presented information from New York City regarding their program, where ambassadors talk politely to violators and ask them to sign pledge; intending to go to Bicycle Coalition meeting to understand how to work further on this.

Public Comment:

- **Herbert Weirner:** Strong concerns with bicycle violations and need to balance between pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist needs.
- **Michael Smithwick:** Great idea and good to work with Bicycle Coalition, so it will be peer-enforced; Oak/Scott is a particular intersection that should be considered.

8. **Pedestrian Safety Grant Requests:** None

9. **Chair's Report:** Annual report is in progress and shooting for draft shortly; received great public comment this evening and encourage PSAC members to invite public to meetings; RTP meeting coming up; attended Walk21 and many good presentations available online.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.