

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes – August 11, 2009

Meeting started at 5:40 PM,

Present: Members: Katy Liddell, Public Service; Pi Ra, PS; Richard Rothman, Senior; John Erlich, D-1; Andrew Bley, D-7, David Pelfrey, D-4. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Heath Maddox, MTA. **Excused:** Delvecchio Finley, D-9; John Lowell, Child /School Advocate; Hoard Strassner, Transit or Environmental; Kevin Clark, D-1; **Absent:** Mark Benjamin, D-8; and Raymon Smith, D-6.

1. Announcements: Heath - \$330,000 grant awarded to SFMTA for Safe Routes at West Portal; **Pi** – SAN just concluded four classes in the Richmond for Russian speakers and will now start doing pedestrian assessment walks. **Bob Planthold** – There will be an MTC Pedestrian Safety Summit on December 1st; **Heath** – Oliver Gajda will be taking his place and Heath will move over to the Bicycle Program.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Review of the Proposed SFCTA K 5-Year Prioritization Program: Ben Stupka, Senior Planner with the SFMTA, and Heath Maddox presented this plan which was adopted by 75% of the voters in 2003. It is a 30-year plan, and they do a yearly update to cover the next five years. Not all pedestrian improvement projects stand alone. Some are combined with other projects.

4. MTA Presentation: Joy Houlihan, Deputy Director of the MTA Security and Enforcement Department, talked about the status of efforts by PCOs, Transit Fare Officers, and the MRT Emergency Response Team. They have been more vigilant about sidewalk parking and double parking. The latter is down about 1%. Parking citations are down because of a couple of reasons. Street sweeping was cut from every week to every other week and there are just more spaces available in SOMA because of the recession. They will be introducing legislation at the state level to require those with disabled placards to pay a discounted fare. They have increased sting operations (2 teams increased to 4 teams) and have confiscated over 2,000 placards this year. Fines range from 0 to \$250. Placards can be time-limited (e.g., for a broken leg) or in perpetuity (e.g., somebody with a permanent disability). 335 citations have been issued so far this year resulting from cameras in front of busses to show transit lanes where double parking was taking place. Fiona Ma is supporting efforts to enable PCOs to issue misdemeanor citations.

6. Future Agenda Items: Working Sub-Committee Chair Appointment and Recommendation (Pi Ra); Piezoelectric Pavement Resolution (David Pelfrey); Adoption of July & August Minutes; SFCTA K 5-Year Prioritization Program (continuation).

7. Adjournment: At 7:00 PM. Next meeting August 24, 2009.