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## July 2011 - SFMTA Livable Streets Quarterly Report to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

### Compiled by the SFMTA Livable Streets Staff

#### A. PLANNING AND DESIGN

**1. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE:** SFMTA Staff are working with partner City agencies and advocates on fulfilling the Mayor's Executive Directive and reducing pedestrian injury collisions. Specifically, construction of the city's first Home Zone in the vicinity of Marshall Elementary School is on schedule for construction by the end of 2011; Implementation of 15 MPH school zone signage at all 200 eligible locations is on track to be implemented by Spring of 2012; identification of the "high risk" corridors to be targeted for improvement is in progress; and targeted law enforcement to increase pedestrian safety has begun.

**2. 15 MPH SCHOOL ZONES:** Planning and Design for 15 MPH signage at 100 out of 200 schools is complete. Legislation is complete for 50 schools. A public hearing for the next 50 schools is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>. Installation of the first 100 schools will begin in September or October. Signage at the remainder of the schools will be complete by the end of the 2011-12 school year.

**3. 8<sup>th</sup> STREET:** Staff is exploring the possibility of improving safety for people walking and riding bikes along the 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor through a road-diet to be possibly implemented in conjunction with a planned paving project starting in August.

**4. 14<sup>th</sup>/MARKET POCKET PARK:** DPW has begun design work on the bulb out. Staff are working with adjacent property owners to solicit input on the design of streetscape elements.

#### B. IMPLEMENTATION

**1. GOLDEN GATE PARK PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS:** Construction for squaring-off the large radius corners at 9<sup>th</sup> and Martin Luther King and at Martin Luther King and Middle East Drive should begin in July 2011.

**2. GEARY/STEINER CROSSWALK OPENING:** Construction of bulbout and drainage improvements has begun at Geary/Steiner. SFMTA's striping, signage and

signal work will begin in July or August as soon as recently approved Prop K funding is ready to spend.

**3. MARINA AND BUCAHANAN CROSSWALK OPENING:** SFMTA and DPW staff met to discuss construction plans for curb ramps at the intersection of Marina/Beach and Buchanan. The crosswalk will be implemented as part of the repaving of Marina Boulevard in the Fall.

**4. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS:** Staff continues working internally and externally with stakeholders to develop designs and obtain the necessary approvals for proposed bulb-outs in the Alamo, Jefferson, Chinatown and Buena Vista projects, including working with DPW to coordinate necessary design services and sidewalk legislation. Staff recommends using the remaining Excelsior SRTS funds to increase pedestrian safety at the intersection of Alemany & Onondaga by removing one of the free right-hand turns at the north-east corner. Staff is working with DPW on a cost estimate and a grant amendment from Caltrans. A General Plan referral and sidewalk legislation will also be required.

**5. MINNA-NATOMA HOME ZONE:** SFMTA staff met with DPW and PUC staff to discuss coordination of traffic calming implementation with upcoming sewer and paving projects. This coordination, along with staffing shortages at DPW, have complicated the implementation of this project. SFMTA staff will continue to push to get this project implemented this fall as originally planned.

## **C. Funding**

**1. PROP K FUNDING:** On June 28, the Transportation Authority Board awarded Prop K funding to several pedestrian safety projects: Geary/Steiner Crosswalk Opening, Pedestrian Refuge Island Planning and Design, Sunset Elementary Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Local Match, Marshall Home Zone construction, West Portal SR2S Local Match, and 15MPH School Zone Signage installation.

**2. FEDERAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS APPLICATION:** SFMTA is applying for \$2,000,000 in Federal SRTS design and construction funding to implement safety improvements near Tenderloin Elementary and Denman Middle School. SFMTA worked with the partner city agencies to rank all public elementary schools in San Francisco based on collision data and the number of children who walk to school. Schools that had coordination opportunities with other infrastructure improvement projects to improve cost effectiveness were given additional consideration. A previous application for Denman was rejected for State funding and is being resubmitted for consideration based on demonstrated safety needs and the high number of students in the area (project would also benefit students at Balboa High School).

**3. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS NON-INFRASTRUCTURE:** Staff assisted the citywide SRTS coalition with preparing their application for \$1,000,000 to fund non-infrastructure programs such as outreach, education and enforcement.

#### **D. Miscellaneous**

**1. WALK FRIENDLY APPLICATION:** Staff submitted an application to the National Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center for San Francisco to be recognized as a Walk Friendly Community. The application included information gathered from various city departments on policies and programs to enhance walkability and pedestrian safety.

**2. SCHOOL CROSSING GURAD PROGRAM:** Crossing guards are providing summer school coverage at 12 intersections for Gordon J. Lau, Cesar Chavez, Paul Revere, Dr. George Washington Carver, West Portal Lutheran, Epiphany, Lakeside Presbyterian, Lakeshore, St. Anne, St. John and Corpus Christi schools.

**3. PEDESTRIAN VOLUME MODEL:** Consultants have submitted the Final Report that contains pedestrian volumes and exposure rates across the city for pedestrians. Staff presented this information to PSAC in June. The information will be used to guide concurrent citywide pedestrian safety planning efforts, but it is not necessarily precise enough to use for intersection-specific planning efforts. Future pedestrian counts will help refine the model and make it more useful.