

Edwin M. Lee | Mayor

Torr Nolan | Chairman

Jerry Lee | Vice-Chairman

Cameron Beach | Director

Leona Bridges | Director

Cheryl Brinkman | Director

Malcolm Heinicke | Director

Bruce Oka | Director

Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. | Executive Director/CEO

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

### Compiled by the SFMTA Livable Streets Staff

#### A. PLANNING

**1. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE:** The next Task Force meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Related to the Task Force work, two hearings were heard by the BOS. One on 3/22 and another on 4/7. Staff developed a budget for the Pedestrian Safety Executive Directive to attempt to address the goals and tasks outlined in the Mayor's Directive to increase pedestrian safety. SFMTA Livable Streets will lead the 15 MPH School Zones and Home Zone Action Items, once funding is secured.

**2. PEDESTRIAN VOLUME MODEL REPORT:** Staff compiled final comments on this report for submittal to the consultant team. The primary purpose of this project is to identify intersections with the highest pedestrian crossing risk, compare the level of pedestrian activity in different parts of the City, and provide more robust information to inform the prioritization of intersections for pedestrian improvement projects.

**3. CROSSWALK GUIDELINES:** Livable Streets staff is actively making final changes to the crosswalk guidelines. It is hoped that the Innovation team within Livable Streets will be able to finalize this document this Spring.

#### B. FACILITIES

**1. CROSSWALK RE-OPENING:** Four closed crosswalks have been approved for reopening by the SFMTA Board of Directors: Innes/Middlepoint; Columbus/Leavenworth; Bay/Leavenworth; Pine/Stockton. The Geary/Steiner Crosswalk Opening has been put on hold while a construction plan and cost estimate for a new streetlight pole is determined. The crosswalk reopening at Geary/Webster is being discussed with the district supervisor. Funding was requested (Prop K) to reopen the western crosswalk at Buchanan/Marina.

**2. GOLDEN GATE PARK PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS:** Livable Streets staff is working with DPW on various pedestrian improvements in Golden Gate Park. Staff is

planning to install a midblock crosswalk in front of the Arboretum on 9<sup>th</sup> between Middle East Drive and Martin Luther King.

**3. MINNA-NATOMA HOME ZONE:** Livable Streets staff coordinated funding requests needed to design and build the Home Zone project quickly. Staff met with DPW in the field to discuss the feasibility of a raised crosswalk at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and South Van Ness where staff is developing an alternative that includes a decorative treatment for the west crosswalk and a speed hump west of the intersection. Environmental review is expected to be complete by the end of April, 2011.

### **C. Funding**

**1. CONTINENTAL CROSSWALKS:** Livable Street was awarded a \$400,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) effort for continental crosswalks citywide, and will proceed with installing staggered continental crosswalks, yield teeth, and “yield here to peds” signage at as many existing uncontrolled crosswalks on multilane streets as possible. A work order for continental crosswalks and yield teeth at Alemany/San Juan and Alemany/Theresa was prepared.

**2. OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) GRANT:** Staff is coordinating with the SFMTA Long Range Planning Group to develop an OTS grant for the second phase of WalkFirst. The grant application will include funding for additional school walking audits.

**3. PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS:** Prop K design and construction money is being requested for 5-8 pedestrian refuge islands. Locations were prioritized based on public requests, collision history and upcoming paving. The following locations list will be reduced as design and community input move forward: Geneva/Stoneridge, 16<sup>th</sup> Ave./Fulton, Geneva/Howth, Winston midblock east of Lake Merced, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave/Moraga, Clayton/Ashbury, Lake/5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **D. Miscellaneous**

**1. SUNDAY STREETS:** March 20 was the first Sunday Streets event of 2011. Eight events are planned for each second Sunday of the month through October. Rain threatened, but plenty of folks still came out to walk and ride their bikes along the Embarcadero. The second event was April 10 in Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway.