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October 2009- SFMTA Pedestrian Program Quarterly Report to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

Compiled by the SFMTA Pedestrian Program Staff

A. Planning

1. PEDESTRIAN COUNTING PROJECT: The Ped Program concluded manual pedestrian counts at various locations citywide. The Ped Program is summarizing the pedestrian counts at various locations citywide.

B. FACILITIES

1. STAGGERED CONTINENTAL CROSSWALKS: Staff identified a few ongoing and upcoming paving projects where it may be useful to implement on a trial basis the special design. Castro/Divisadero at Waller repaving may lend itself as a test location, along with staggered school crosswalks at 15th, Henry and 14th.

C. Funding

1. HSIP GRANT FOR MISSION AND SILVER: HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT (HSIP) Grant- Ped Program submitted its grant for Mission and Silver pedestrian improvements. Because this is a Federal grant (administered by the State) In general, the grant forwards bus bulbs to both sides of Mission Street, new phasing for Silver Avenue (separating some WBLTs from south crosswalk pedestrians), better signal visibility with three new mast arms, spot enforcement, and an educational and public outreach component.

2. TEA GRANT FOR SUNSET: Ped Program applied for a grant to improve the pedestrian crossings along Sunset Blvd. Please note that these are locations with existing signals: Sunset/Irving, Sunset/Lawton, Sunset/Pacheco, Sunset/Riviera, Sunset/Vincente and Sunset/Ocean. A separate HSIP grant (for unsignalized locations) was developed by TE Special Projects for Sunset/Ulloa Sunset/Kirkham and Sunset/Santiago. Staff is developing the final grant application to include ped count down heads and APS at 6 locations identified above.

3. TEA GRANT FOR PED OUTREACH: Ped Program submitted a \$225,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant for a general 3 year citywide pedestrian safety campaign.

4. SFCTA PROP K: The Ped Program has scheduled Standard Grant Agreement (SGA) kick-off meetings for Oct 15th with the SFCTA for: Pedestrian Counting Project \$55,000; Converting Standard Crosswalks to Continental Crosswalks \$80,000; Re-opening Closed Crosswalks \$230,000; Red Visibility Curbs \$30,000; School Crosswalk Maintenance \$75,000; Construct pedestrian improvements in Golden Gate Park \$403,000 and Design two curb extensions on Duboce Avenue: \$47,000.

4. SFCTA PROP-K QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Reports are due Oct 15th. Project progress information is steadily arriving from STAFF assigned to execute these pedestrian program projects. The reports will include updates on Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) installed at 40 intersections: maintenance of 31 School Crosswalks; four Corner bulbs in the Tenderloin; 24th Street pedestrian signals and design for two corner bulbs; and, Golden Gate Park pedestrian improvements at Martin Luther King and 9th Avenue.

D. Miscellaneous

1. ANNUAL WALKSF MEETING:

Tuesday evening at SPUR the annual WalkSF meeting was held. Amit Ghosh provided the attendees detailed information about the September 21st re-organization; the vision and goals of the re-organization; and assured members that the Pedestrian Program was not neglected in the organizational change. Other speakers invited to speak were Andres from City Planning - presenting the Pavement to Parks program; and, an animated discussion with a proponent and opponent to Proposition D on the November 3rd Ballot which would create a special self supervising district on Market Street between 5th and 8th Street where new and bright billboards will be allowed.

2. WALK21 CONFERENCE:

Staff attended the Walk 21 conference in New York City. A report will be made to the PSAC.

