

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes - March 10, 2009

Meeting started at 5:45 PM,

Present: Members: Andrew Bley; D-7 Kevin Clark, D-1; Delvecchio Finley, D-9; John Ehrlich, D-2; Katy Liddell, Public Service; Pi Ra, PS; Richard Rothman, Senior; Raymon Smith, D-6; and Howard Strassner, Transit. There are currently 11 appointed members. **Staff:** Cristina Olea, MTA. **Excused:** David Pelfrey, D-4 and John Lowell, child advocate.

1. Announcements: Katy: There will be six Sunday Streets this year, dates and locations TBD. **Cristina:** The south side pedestrian cross-walk at Hayes and Gough is now open and includes a pedestrian countdown signal.

2. Minutes: PSAC approved the February minutes with corrections.

3. Public Comment: Philip Louie, MTA, School Area Safety Program: Requested PSAC support for two State grant requests under the Safe Routes to School, for West Portal Elementary School and Balboa High School Area. He distributed info on the preliminary proposals for each request. These areas were selected from a list of schools because: they are near other pedestrian projects; traffic needs and requests from parents. This item was not on the agenda for action and cannot be voted on until April. Action is required a day after the next meeting. **PSAC** comments: Construct bus bulbs with minimum corner radii. Consider other traffic calming methods on Cayuga rather than the hump. Bring the final projects back to PSAC for comments. **Pi** will prepare a draft support letter for the April meeting.

4. Muni Pedestrian Collisions: Jim Dougherty, brand new SFMTA Chief Safety Officer said: Muni diligently assesses every collision and is considering outreach to pedestrians and driver training. **PSAC** comments and concerns: Determine fault, driver or pedestrian. Strollers on Muni vehicles. Impact of priority signals on pedestrians. Safety at transfer points. Pedestrians should practice transit first. Come back with recommendations and statistics.

5. Crosswalks: John E is concerned that people are breaking the law and endangering themselves when they start to cross after the count-down has started. **PSAC** comments: We need more information on fault at crosswalks and written details of proposed changes. **Cristina:** Cross walk signals have to comply with State requirements and count-downs have resulted in a 25% decrease in accidents.

6. MTA Quarterly Report: Cristina: Will conduct a pedestrian safety assessment, with **PSAC** members, around Fourth and Market at 9:30 on March 17. MTA has accomplished and has funding for pedestrian crossing improvements. Sidewalk widening and bulb-outs are planned for the Tenderloin and Golden Gate Park. Re-striping is planned for school cross-walks and there will be additional ladder cross-walks. Use of Stimulus Funds is still pending.

7. Future Agenda Items: Pi: Agencies and Enforcement. **Howard:** Comments to BSP and SFMTA Pedestrian Safety Policy. **David:** Street Improvement program. **John E.** Cross-walk safety changes. **Pi:** Comments to SFMTA Safety Guides.

9. Adjournment: At 7:15 PM. Next meeting April , 2009.