

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes - April 14, 2009

Meeting started at 5:30 PM,

Present: Members: Mark Benjamin, D-8; Andrew Bley D-7; Katy; Liddell, Public Service; David Pelfrey, D-4; Pi Ra, PS; Richard Rothman, Senior; Raymon Smith, D-6; and Howard Strassner, Transit. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Heath Maddox, MTA. **Excused:** Kevin Clark, D-1; John Ehrlich, D-2; Delvecchio Finley, D-9 and John Lowell, child advocate.

1. Announcements: Non

2. Minutes: PSAC approved the March minutes.

3. Public Comment: Luis Montoya, MTA: Distributed copies of proposed projects for Prop K funding for fiscal year 09-10. This is an update of their Five Year Plan. The projects are mostly planning with only limited construction. There is a form on the MTA website to make requests for future projects.

4. Safe Routes to School: Philip Louie, MTA, School Area Safety Program: Quickly reviewed proposed projects requesting funding from Caltrans for West Portal Elementary School and Balboa High School Area, which were described in March. PSAC voted to support both projects with a request that the MTA inform PSAC of the outcome of the funding request and reasons for support or denial by Caltrans. There were additional concerns with the equity and method of selecting projects, based mainly on expressed neighborhood concerns and support. This may be dealt with in the future.

5. Push-Buttons: Howard: Is concerned that the Caltrans' requirement for a push button to initiate a count-down walk signal may not work for pedestrians. We need more information.

Public Comment: Jack Ramos: Pedestrians need count down signals on Nineteenth Avenue. This is very important for people who have to cross to catch a bus.

6. Future Agenda Items: Pi: Agencies and Enforcement. **Howard:** Comments to BSP and Intersection push buttons; **David:** Sunset Safe Routes to School and Intersection Upgrades; **John E.** Cross-walk safety changes; **Pi:** Comments to SFMTA Safety Guides and MTA Prop K Funding.

7. Adjournment: At 7:15 PM. Next meeting May 12, 2009.