## **Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee**

Draft Action Minutes - February 10, 2009

Meeting started at 5:30 PM, Quorum was achieved at 6:15

**Present: Members:** Kevin Clark, D-1; Delvecchio Finley, D-9; John Ehrlich, D-2; Katy Liddell, Public Service; David Pelfrey, D-4; Pi Ra, PS; Richard Rothman, D-8; and Howard Strassner, Transit. There are currently 13 appointed members. **Staff:** Cristina Olea, MTA. **Excused:** Andrew Bley, D-7 and John Lowell, child advocate. **Not Present:** Shirley Bierly, Public Health and Raymon Smith, D-6;

- 1. Explanation of Traffic and Walk Signals: Cristina: White Walk means pedestrians can start to cross after checking both ways. Blinking Yellow, with Countdown means don't start (faster walkers may start because they can easily finish crossing during blinking) but finish crossing. Yellow flashing time is based on a walking pace of 3.5 feet per second. Total crossing time (white plus flashing yellow is based on a walking pace of 2.5 feet per second. Red hand shows after count down is completed.
- **2. SFMTA Pedestrian Safety Policies and Guidelines: Cristina:** Presented the Table of Contents before sending PSAC the draft for comments next month. These policies will cover issues not included with the Better Streets Plan. **Cristina** explained where push buttons are used in order to initiate a pedestrian crossing signal: State Highways (required by law); High Traffic Streets; Mid-Block Crossings; APS (included) Low pedestrian crossing volumes.
- 3. Announcements: Katy: There will be six Sunday Streets this year (maybe eight per Newsom). The Streets start in April on three different routes. Katy: Speaking at the Oak Park Health Center on 2/18. Richard: Rules Committee appointed him to seat 3, senior or disability representative. David: Working with schools near Sloat and Sunset for better crossing guard coverage. Pi: Taraval Station police have been doing cross-walk stings. Kevin: Concerned about surface conditions of cross-walk areas. Cristina: Call 311 to report problem and monitor results. Cristina: Introduced Luis Montoya, a graduate from MIT in urban planning, now working for MTA. Cristina: MTA has a grant from State Office of Traffic Safety to do Pedestrian Safety Assessments around Market and Sixth on March 3 and 4. Call Pi to take part. Cristina: Stimulus package may include \$12.4 million for street repairs. MTA will try to include a few bulb outs. Pi: MTA should provide PSAC with Quarterly Reports of their efforts on pedestrian issues.
- 4. Public Comment: None
- **5. Minutes: PSAC** approved January minutes.
- **6. Elections: PSAC** elected Katy Liddell Vice-Chair.
- **7. Members who Miss Meetings: PSAC** approved having **Howard** send a letter to the Rules Committee stating that: Shirley Bierly has missed more than three consecutive meetings and her seat is therefore vacant. Gerry Hurtado has formally resigned as representative of District 3. **Pi** will inform the Supervisors of district vacancies. **PSAC** members should introduce themselves to their new district Supervisor. **Howard** will request Supervisor Elsbernd's sponsorship of our

recently approved request for a change in the membership section of PSACs formation ordinance.

- **8. Future Agenda Items: Pi:** Review Traffic at Whole Foods on Stanyan; and Congestion Pricing (if ready). **Howard:** Comments to BSP and SFMTA Pedestrian Safety Policy. **Richard:** LRV Collisions with Pedestrians. **David:** Letter to SFPD on Sunset and Santiago Collision. **Pi:** Comments to SFMTA Safety Guides.
- **9. Adjournment:** At 7:20 PM. Next meeting March 10, 2009.