Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes – June 9, 2009

Meeting started at 5:35 PM,

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

- **1. Announcements: Katy:** The Third Sunday Streets is on Mission, on 7/19. PSAC members should volunteer. **Pi:** Height Asbury Neighborhood meeting will be on street plants. **Howard:** PSAC should become more involved in Walk to School. **John L. Pi** and **Howard** will prepare a proposal for PSAC discussion.
- **2. Minutes: PSAC** approved the May minutes with a spelling fix.
- 3. Public Comment: None.
- **4. DPW-Bureau of Streets and Mapping, Barbara Moy:** Presented the scope of their efforts relative to pedestrian safety on sidewalks and roadways with a handout. They review building plans to insure compliance and issue encroachments of street space during construction to insure compliance. They can withhold permits if safety problems are egregious. They deal with sidewalk furniture and business displays. They inspect for safe sidewalk conditions proactively (takes about 25 years to cover entire City) and on complaints. Call 311 to report problems. They will be involved in the Better Streets Plan. They also handle subdivisions, new streets and condo conversions.
- **5. Safe Streets and Road Repair Bond: Gloria Chan**, DPW presented: DPW wants to add \$368 million over 20 years in addition to funds from Prop 'K' and short term stimulus funds. This is proposed as a real estate tax to amortize the bonds in 20 years. The life of most of the improvements is longer than 20 years. More the repairs and improvements are for cars and City is committed to develop other sources of funding within five years for future programs. DPW will return in July to discuss the other sources. **Bob Planthold:** The repairs are essential and other sources are difficult to develop. **Howard:** More of the repairs should be funded by cars.
- **6. Proposed Valencia/Market Bicycle Traffic Design: Heath**: Presented a drawing that showed that showed provisions to allow bikes to make left turns from Market to Valencia by narrowing a section of sidewalk by five feet. **Bob Planthold:** The driveway in this section of sidewalk will be removed. **PSAC:** Voted to accept the design in concept.
- **6. Future Agenda Items: Pi:** Scheduled presentations from the Safe Paths of travel. PSAC members who have other agenda items should call Pi at 225-2080. to make sure that their issue is ready for discussion.
- **7. Adjournment:** At 7:15 PM. Next meeting August 11, 2009.