

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes January 23, 2006

Meeting started at 5:30

Present: Members: Cheryl Brinkman; Aileen Carrigan; Helen Kwan; Pi Ra; Howard Strassner and Anna Zacher. **Staff:** Frank Markowitz, DPT

1. Minutes: Approved December Minutes

2. Announcements: None

3. Geary Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): Julie Kirschbaum, SFCTA (TA): Presented:

Basic BRT, alternatives for various sections and answered PSAC questions. Transferring to less frequent Muni lines can be dangerous. TA is considering methods to help riders transfer. On Market Street pedestrians often jaywalk across a traffic lane to reach a boarding island. TA is considering methods to discourage jaywalking. Geary will generally have two traffic lanes between the curb and the island. TA is also considering full block length boarding islands. Minimum island width is 8 feet, mostly 9.5 feet. Is conversion to rail possible? All BRT dimension will be suitable for future rail. TA is seeking more initial design funds for: for traffic modeling, and urban design improvements in the Tenderloin. The TA will minimize the number of left turn lanes (they are already spaced about every four blocks). The TA will avoid providing right turn lanes along side left turn lanes because this mean a pedestrian must cross four traffic lanes. The TA will seek to avoid left lanes at Limited stops because these have busy pedestrian cross walks of people seeking to transfer.

PSAC Voted: PSAC supports Geary BRT in concept (pending final design selection) because: BRT improves transit while reducing costs; improves pedestrian safety, ambiance and convenience; and supports local businesses.

4. Public Comment: Chris Duderstadt: DPW reduced the width of the pedestrian crossing to six feet when they constructed a new safety median, with a street level crossing channel and proper nose, at the Ninth and Lincoln crossing to Golden Gate Park. This is a high pedestrian demand crossing and there is insufficient space for pedestrians to stand. Also DPW never consulted with the neighbors or merchants. **Frank:** This is part of DPT pedestrian improvement program and the width is set by an ADA need for blind people to be able to touch both sides of the channel. DPT will monitor pedestrian congestion. DPT will share future cross walk improvement drawings with PSAC. **Chris:** The De Young has gated the path from JFK to Tea Garden Drive that runs between the Tea Garden and museum. **PSAC:** We will discuss this on our February agenda.

5. Elect New Officers: PSAC voted: Chair: Cheryl Brinkman; Vice- Chair: Pi Ra; Secretary: Howard Strassner

6. Adjournment: At 7:15 PM - Questions for the District Attorney deferred to next month.