

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes .September 27, 2004

Meeting started at 5:35 pm

Present: Members: Ed Franklin; Helen Quan; Jeanne Lynch; Ancel Martinez; Pi Ra, Howard Strassner; and Susan Vaughn Excused Cheryl Brinkman

Staff: Frank Markowitz, and Joern Kroll, DPT.

1. Announcements: Possible next month agenda, a report on Walk to School Day and discuss future plans for more walking to schools.

2. Minutes: .Not available

3. Public Comment: Tys Sniffen asked: What happened with speed humps made of rubber tires? Frank Markowitz: DPT has a process to handle requests for Traffic Calming studies in neighborhoods based on requests. They are backlogged. DPT found that rubber doesn't work too well. Disabled people have problems driving over humps.

4. Panhandle Pathway: Tys Sniffen presented a draft suggested resolution (Pi will complete this section of minutes) PSAC voted 6-1 to approve a resolution with selected stencils.

5. Pedestrian Master Plan Resolution: Howard Strassner presented Working Committee recommendations to oppose the resolution presented last month and instead submit recommendations for a greatly revised resolution. PSAC voted 6-0 to approve the following scope of WC recommendations pending a review of a letter to Jake McGoldrick and the Transportation Authority Commissioners (SF Supervisors).

: A) Do not approve the proposed resolution as is; for the following reasons:

a) The resolution should not be limited to non-profit community serving organizations;

b) The scope of the contract proposed by the resolution should not be limited to outreach.

B) PSAC should urge that the following improvements be included in the Outreach Resolution:

a) The resolution should encourage bids from transportation consultants experienced in the development of PMPs;

b) The contract should include the deliverable of a framework for a PMP that best serves the needs of pedestrians and public transit;

c) PSAC should be part of the Technical Selection Committee for the contractor;

d) The contract amount may have to be increased to procure the expanded scope.

6. Accessible Ped Signal: Joern Kroll and Frank Markowitz presented some new information on APS. Ed Gallagher, Bay Area Disabled Sailors said that blind people do not need APS to cross bust 90 degree intersection - they learn to use the sound of traffic and traffic noise may make APS inaudible. Embarcadero has problems with insufficient countdown time to cross safely. DPT is required by the terms of the State grant to provide six or seven APS devices in the Tenderloin and Civic Center. DPT will met with the Mayor's Disability Office on October 12. PSAC recommended that DPT select 12 sites for APS before the next PSAC meeting.

7. Adjournment: At 7:20 PM