

# BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday December 16, 2013

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 408

**Regular Meeting**

## AGENDA

### 1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

### 2. Announcements & Acknowledgments - Resignation of Lena Nsomeka Gomes, District 9; Seating of Micah Allen, District 10

### 3. Approve Minutes - October 24, 2013 BAC Meeting

### 4. Public Comment: *(Discussion Item)*

**The public may address the Committee on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee.** This should not relate to any item on this agenda since the Committee will take public comment after it discusses and/or before voting on each agenda item. The Committee requests that each person limit him/herself to three minutes.

### 5. Chairman's Report *(Information)*

- **Committee Member Business** – Opening in District 9; Civil Grand Jury; Budget Hearing on 12/4

### 6. Committee Member Reports *(Information)*

### 7. Governmental Reports

**a. MTA Bicycle Program Report** – Ben Jose has been assigned as our new MTA coordinator.

**b. BART Task Force** – Dr. Shirley Johnson

**c. Report on PSAC Joint Initiatives** – Morgan Fitzgibbons

**d. SFPD Report on Safety and Security Issues** – Officer Matthew Friedman, Park Station

**e. Polk Street Working Group Progress** – Richard May and Richard Tille

**8. Improvements to Bike Plan Sharrow Schedule** –The Bike Plan Injunction was settled in 2009, and while most of the planned treatments have been completed, the lowest unit cost item, stenciling of Shared Lane Marking (Sharrows) have not yet been completed. It now appears that the funding has been exhausted, with no plan for reinstatement. Furthermore, there are comments, perhaps unrelated that there are administrative problems in the Paint Shop.

*Action: Discussion with MTA and CTA representatives regarding a potential direction in moving the delayed sharrow program forward.*

*Sponsor: Bert Hill, District 7*

**9. Bicycle & Pedestrian Collision Mitigation Procedures** – Many communities in the U.S. have noted a decline in the rate of bicycle/motor vehicle collisions and fatalities with the increase in bicyclists and assertive design road treatments to provide greater separation. San Francisco appears to be trending

towards an increase in collisions and 2013 already has recorded four bicycle/vehicle fatalities, a rate higher than any on record, since 1997.

*Action: Draft Resolution for Approval*

*Sponsor: Marc Brandt, District 3*

**10. Change to Meeting Schedule for 2014** – With the movement of the Housing Authority to City Hall, their meeting date and time conflicts with the BAC on the fourth Thursday of each month, except November and December, wherein the BAC schedules a single date for both months in early December. City Hall Office Management has offered some alternatives, the most consistent being the fourth Monday of each month.

*Action: Motion for Change of meeting dates in 2014, requiring a quorum vote.*

*Sponsor: Bert Hill, District 7*

**11. Public Distribution of Lights and Reflectors** – The MTA has long provided funding for providing bicycle headlights and blinking rear lights in late November. This has turned out to be one of the most popular and beneficial government funded programs promoting safety, improving the visibility of bicyclists being approached from the same or opposite direction. Unfortunately, it does not address the Vehicle Code requirements for reflectors on wheels, front and rear, or pedals/ankles, the latter considered the most recognizable indication of a bicyclist on the road. Given that most bicycle vehicle collisions involve crossing or turning traffic, such reflectors should be considered at least as important as lights. Furthermore, most bike shops don't sell a full set of reflectors, in spite of, or because of, the low cost.

*Action: Resolution for Expansion of Light Giveaway to Include Reflectors*

*Sponsor: Bert Hill, District 7*

**12. Continuing Status Review on Spot Project Requests** –The lifting of the Bike Plan injunction has already resulted in a large expansion of bicycle treatments throughout the City. While overall they are working as expected, we have been notified of some necessary spot projects that would clarify and improve use of the routes at little cost. Over the past few years the list has become unwieldy and out of conformance with the MTA list. With the establishment of a new coordinator, we will plan a meeting to conform the two lists.

*Action: Assignment of Committee Member(s) to meet with MTA and re-establish current list*

*Sponsor: Bert Hill, District 7*

**13. Adjournment**