

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 19, 2022



Members Present: David Alexander, Parker Day, Carolyn (Candy) Doran, Dan Federman, Kevin Gammon, James Grady, Jon Herman, Timothy Hunter, Sasha Madfes, Charles Metzler, Susan Nawbary, Phoebe Rockwood, Ray Scherck, Warren Wells

District Staff Present: David Rivera, Deputy General Manager, Bridge Division; Amorette Ko-Wong, Secretary of the District; Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Director of Public Affairs; Raymond Santiago, Manager of Traffic Engineering and Transit Facilities; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department

Guests Present: Michael Theriault, President, Board of Directors; Elbert Hill, Board of Directors; James Mastin, Board of Directors

David Rivera called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He welcomed the applicants present to be members of the first GGBHTD Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC).

1. **Introductions.** Staff, new members, and visitors introduced themselves.
2. **Presentation by Staff.**
 - a. GGBHTD Overview/b. PBAC Overview. David Rivera combined Items a) and b) and gave a brief description of the District's establishment of the PBAC and how bicycles play an integral part of all District modes of transit: bus, ferry and bridge.

At this point in the meeting, the agenda was altered for the Election of Officers.

3. **Election of Officers.** David Rivera stated that a chair and vice-chair would be needed to facilitate and monitor the meetings. Warren Wells asked if there was an established charter for the PBAC and whether the group would create resolutions for the Board of Directors. David Rivera stated that this committee is more of an advisory board. The Board committees make recommendations to the Board, not advisory committees. Secretary Ko-Wong echoed that PBAC is an advisory committee to staff, and electing officers would help provide structure and parameters to work within, so the committee can then formulate ideas for needed solutions to take to staff. President Theriault remarked that the Board receives reports of the advisory committees prior to their Board meetings.

After more group discussion, Sasha Madfes and David Alexander, both of San Francisco, volunteered to be chairs. Warren Wells, Berkeley, and James Grady, San Francisco, volunteered as vice-chairs. Warren Wells suggested that these appointments could be held for a period of one year, with vice-chairs ascending to future chairs.

(A vote to confirm the chair and vice-chair positions will be taken at the beginning of the next meeting to verify the leadership of this advisory committee.)

4. **Determine Preliminary Meeting Schedule and Time.** The group agreed to meet via Zoom again next month on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m., and every other month thereafter for the first few months.
5. **Discussion of PBAC Goals.** This will be an ongoing item on the agenda, as the committee evolves and develops more specific goals and objectives. During the meeting, Sasha Madfes created a Google excel spreadsheet for members to list discussion points for future meetings. A copy of the spreadsheet is attached to this document. The spreadsheet also contains topics that were discussed at the meeting.
6. **Discussion of Issues Surrounding Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity on the District's Properties.**
 - a. Identify Significant Issues. Two most significant issues were identified:
 - 1) Bicycle access on the Bridge sidewalks during pedestrian activity.
 - 2) Bicycle access and safety issues along Alexander Avenue, most of which is owned and operated by the District.
 - b. Consider Potential Action Items for Future Meetings. The two issues identified above will be the primary focus for the immediate future, as well as other items of interest on the attached list. This agenda topic will be ongoing.
7. **Member/Visitor Comments.** None.
8. **Adjournment.** David Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m.