

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 10, 2023



Members Present: Parker Day, Candy Doran, Dan Federman, Phoebe Ford, Kevin Gammon, James Grady, Jon Herman, Sasha Madfes, Susan Nawbary, Warren Wells

District Staff Present: David Rivera, Deputy General Manager, Bridge Division; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department

Guests Present: Michael Jones, Michael Jones Consulting.

Sasha Madfes called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

1. Consent Calendar.

Approval of Minutes from the February 15 Meeting. Warren Wells moved to approve the minutes and Dan Federman seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the meeting minutes of February 15.

2. Committee Business.

a. Feedback on District Strategic Planning. Members agreed to submit the list of topics that were identified last November as key goals and interests of PBAC, with a one- or two-sentence summary of each item. Warren Wells offered to type the summaries of each topic in real time at the meeting. Following this discussion, the committee agreed that it was a productive exercise and voted unanimously to submit the list in letter form to the Board. Sasha Madfes and Warren Wells stated that they will work with District staff to accomplish this by the June 12 deadline.

b. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian District-wide Observations. Susan Nawbury suggested that the white bicycle symbol on the bridge west sidewalk should be painted green to match Caltrans' green bicycle lanes and to differentiate from the white pedestrian symbol. She commented that the sign is located at the beginning of the bike lane and suggested that the symbol should be repeated at various intervals along the bike lane. The group discussed the need for international signage.

c. Alexander Avenue Discussion. 1) Michael Jones presented information from online studies regarding Alexander Avenue. He remarked that the roadway is widely used by several diverse groups, including bicycle commuters and pedestrian tourists unfamiliar with the area. He noted the high number of accidents on this small stretch of road and asked for feedback from the group to identify specific safety issues, striping issues, pavement issues, and any ways to find solutions to make Alexander Avenue safer. 2) David Rivera gave an overview of improvements and repairs that were made to the roadway following a mudslide in January. He noted that the land surrounding and including Alexander Avenue has multi-jurisdictional stakeholders, making any projects or improvements complex and time-consuming. Mr. Rivera mentioned other safety improvements currently being planned, including bicycle lane striping upgrades. He also agreed to send photos to the group via Planning staff of adjustments recently made to the west sidewalk bridge railings to address the loud, shrill noises resulting

from the bridge retrofit 2020. Lastly, Mr. Rivera encouraged the group to email him with any safety issues relating to the bridge.

d. PBAC 2023 Meeting Schedule. Due to time constraints, a schedule for the remainder of the year was not discussed. Sasha Madfes proposed a date of July 12 for the next meeting. The committee voted unanimously to meet on Wednesday, July 12.

3. **Public Comment.** None.

4. **Adjournment.** Sasha Madfes adjourned the May 10, 2023 meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee at 6:32 p.m.

Following the meeting, staff learned of a conflict with the meeting location on July 12. Therefore, an email survey was taken, and the next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee was changed to Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dairy Room, Sports Basement-Presidio, San Francisco, CA.