

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 27, 2023



Members Present: David Alexander, Parker Day, Candy Doran, Dan Federman, Sasha Madfes, Charles Metzler, Susan Nawbary, David Pilpel, Ray Scherck, Warren Wells

Members Absent: Phoebe Ford, Kevin Gammon, Timothy Hunter

District Staff Present: Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department

Guests Present: Michael Jones, Michael Jones Consulting; Don Magdauz

Sasha Madfes called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. in the Dairy Room, Sports Basement – Presidio, San Francisco. A quorum of members was present. Attendees introduced themselves.

1. Consent Calendar.

Approval of Minutes from the July 19, 2023 Meeting. David Pilpel moved to approve the minutes with the addition of the meeting location in the Sports Basement-Presidio Sign Room. Dan Federman provided a second. Members unanimously approved the meeting minutes of July 19, 2023, as written.

2. Committee Business.

a. Bridge Pedestrian and Bicycle Signage Simplification. Michael Jones gave a follow-up PowerPoint presentation to the committee on next steps for improving wayfinding and signage/stripping. He also led a discussion of bicycle access and parking at the various ferry terminals and onboard the different vessels. The group discussed the process for developing a Scope of Work and multiple steps required to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for signage/stripping improvements. Michael Jones noted that District staff could produce an RFP incorporating signage suggestions from the committee. Then it would need to be approved by executive District staff, then ultimately go to the Board. Such a project would also require an identified funding source and would need to be included in the District-Adopted Budget. He stated that this discussion could continue at the next meeting with David Rivera present in order to prioritize a list of short term and long-term signage suggestions.

b. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian District-wide Observations. Candy Doran noted several issues with bridge signage regarding pedestrians, bicycles, animals, and high wind. She also mentioned the variety of colors used. Ray Scherck commented that he felt clear signage is more important than consistency in color and style. Charles Metzler remarked that green paint should be used for a bicycle lane on the Bridge, as others have stated. Warren Wells suggested that the committee submit a recommendation to the Board to authorize a Wayfinding and Signage Study, as opposed to submitting a list of issues. District staff will provide a comment on this suggested strategy at the next PBAC meeting.

Warren Wells and others also mentioned wanting to know the best District phone number for reporting potholes or other safety issues on the Golden Gate Bridge. Josh Widmann stated that he would follow up with staff and provide this at the next meeting. David Pilpel mentioned that he was still interested in a walk-through of the Toll Plaza. Several members were eager to know when Alexander Avenue repaving would take place.

c. PBAC 2023 Meeting Schedule. Members discussed possible meeting dates for 2024. Josh Widmann recommended meeting on opposite months from other PACs. The committee agreed tentatively on the months of February, April, June, August, and October, with the caveat that schedule changes may occur throughout the year. Further discussion of actual dates will continue at the November 8 meeting.

d. Membership Vacancy. Josh Widmann shared that PBAC member Jon Herman resigned from the committee. Sasha Madfes commented that PBAC Bylaws state that the committee may not exceed 16 members, and perhaps they could add two members. Discussion ensued, and a few names were mentioned as possible candidates. Josh Widmann said to tell interested parties to email the PAC@goldengate.org mailbox to request an application. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3. **Public Comment.** Members welcomed visitor Don Magdauz.
4. **Adjournment.** Sasha Madfes adjourned the September 27, 2023 meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee at 6:39 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The location will be communicated to members by email and posted on the District's website.