

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 9, 2025



Location: Board Room, Administration Building
Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94129

Members Present: Parker Day, Kevin Gammon, James Grady, Sasha Madfes, Susan Nawbary, Warren Wells

Members Absent: Candy Doran, Timothy Hunter, Barbara (BJ) Jones, Charles Metzler, David Pilpel, Ray Scherck

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

Guests Present: Michael Jones, Consultant

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Warren Wells called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions.** This item was skipped as there were no visitors.
3. **Consent Calendar.**
 - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2025.** This item was delayed due to lack of a quorum. Warren Wells stated that a vote would be taken later in the meeting if a quorum of seven members was reached. Minutes were reviewed by the six members with no comments and a vote will be taken at the June 11, 2025 meeting if there is a quorum of seven or more members.
4. **Committee Business.**
 - a. **Bridge Sidewalk Special Event Closure Presentation.** David Rivera presented the operational steps involved to accommodate Special Event Closure requests on the Golden Gate Bridge. He shared the required timeline, permit information, and the extensive coordination necessary between internal and external agencies. Event notification signs usually are posted at each sidewalk entrance on the Bridge (East and West) 30 days in advance, but no less than two weeks. The Marketing Department sends out E-blasts and posts notices on the District website thirty days in advance of the event. Sasha Madfes commented that she appreciates the text messages she receives for scheduled Bridge events requiring sidewalk closures. Warren Wells stated that he would like to see such events posted on all the District's social media platforms. Mr. Rivera said the event season is typically April through November. He also noted that the West Sidewalk on the Bridge is never closed completely, due to public safety.

After completion of Item 4a. and Susan Nawbary's arrival at 5:28 p.m., Warren Wells asked for a vote to approve the February 12, 2025, meeting minutes, which were approved unanimously. After the meeting, staff realized that a quorum of members had not been

present at the April 9 meeting. Therefore, the February 12, 2025, minutes will be approved at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

b. Bicycle Safety Incident Statistics Presentation. Mr. Rivera presented Bicycle Safety Incident Statistics from 2015 to the present, summarized by number of incidents and by location of incident. Reports of incidents have decreased since 2015. The various locations noted were on the Bridge sidewalks, Lower Conzelman, Alexander Avenue, adjacent state property, and other reported incidents. There were more reported incidents on the Bridge than any other location. The Bicycle Incident form on the website was discussed. Also discussed was a variety of injuries that people have reported, from minor scrapes to a broken collarbone. When incidents require transport to a hospital, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is always involved, Mr. Rivera said. James Grady commented that these statistics further support the need for a bicycle counter on the Bridge sidewalks. He stated that every other Bay Area bridge has a counter. Sasha Madfes remarked that speed limit signs may have contributed to fewer incidents. Susan Nawbary wanted to know more details, such as locations on the Bridge where the most incidents took place. Warren Wells answered that they are all over the Bridge. Parker Day mentioned that the General Manager's report on the website (in Board Meeting Minutes) notes which incidents are solo incidents and which are multi-bicycle incidents. Warren Wells again mentioned a QR code could be posted on either end of the Bridge for incident reporting.

c. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations. Susan Nawbary noted a large pothole on Alexander Drive, northbound lane, south of East Road. She also mentioned the shaded gravel pullout area that collects runoff during rains. She said there is tall orange fencing there. David Rivera commented that he would follow up on this matter.

5. **Public Comment.** None.

6. **Adjournment.** Warren Wells adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Golden Gate Bridge Board Room, San Francisco, CA. [This meeting was later cancelled due to lack of a quorum.]