

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 13, 2025



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

Members Present: Parker Day, Candy Doran, Dan Federman, Kevin Gammon, Barbara (BJ) Jones, Sasha Madfes, Susan Nawbary, David Pilpel, Ray Scherck, Warren Wells

Members Absent: Timothy Hunter, Charles Metzler

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

Guests Present: Director Elbert (Bert) Hill and Prospective Member Aaron Weiman

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Warren Wells called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum of members was present.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Committee members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves.
3. **Consent Calendar.**
 - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2025, and April 9, 2025.** Parker Day moved that both sets of meeting minutes be approved and Sasha Madfes provided a second. Committee members voted to approve both meeting minutes documents unanimously.
4. **Committee Business.**
 - a. **Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Presentation.** Josh Widmann shared a PowerPoint presentation on the various types of bicycle and pedestrian counters currently available and in use around the Bay Area as well as recent photos from the Vista Point Trail Project. He stated that the National Park Service (NPS) has installed temporary counters near the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge, and that the District is researching installing counters as well. He explained the various types of counters, including cost, accuracy, extent of construction involved (such as tearing up pavement for installation), and trip hazards. Infrared counters are the most eco-friendly. A group discussion followed the presentation, and PBAC members expressed their desire to have a counter system permanently installed on the Golden Gate Bridge. Warren Wells commented that other Bay Area bridges and multiuse paths have installed counter systems and provide bike and pedestrian use data on their websites. Mr. Wells remarked that crash data, for example, can show whether an accident occurred when bicycle volumes were high.

Parker Day asked if the NPS temporary counters are going to be made permanent, and David Rivera stated that was the intended plan. The counter system will not be difficult to install but will need power, he said. Mr. Wells asked about the location of the counters, and Mr. Rivera replied at both east and west sidewalk entrances and on both north and south ends of the Bridge.

David Pilpel suggested that it might be helpful to obtain video every few years to determine bicycle type data, as the counters do not show that information. He also mentioned writing a letter of thanks to the Board of Directors in support of the counters. Warren Wells said he would take responsibility for writing a letter to the appropriate party, and the committee can review it at the October meeting. Warren Wells also stated that he would also like to see some detail regarding type of bicycles crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, as well as public reporting of the data.

b. Membership and Bylaws Updates. Josh Widmann shared proposed edits to the PBAC Bylaws to the group. The first recommended change was to have consistency with other passenger advisory committees and cap membership at 11 members; however, PBAC members did not wish to change the maximum total of members from 16. The committee went over Section 2, which states that members must reapply every three years. Most members are due for renewal in October-November 2025. The members agreed on a proposed clause from the District's attorneys to state that members cannot hold membership on multiple District passenger advisory committees. Josh Widmann said applications will be sent to members who want to renew. A vote will be taken at the next meeting, with the edits that Josh Widmann entered in real time at this meeting.

c. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations. Parker Day commented that he was unable to board the Larkspur Ferry with his bicycle recently, as a notice with new regulations for E-Bikes and Mobility Devices was posted there. The new regulations, effective July 18, 2025, state that the maximum weight allowed for E-bikes is 50 pounds, and thus, his bike was now too heavy and too large to take aboard the ferry. There was no advance notice of the new Ferry regulations posted on the District website or social media platforms, nor was it communicated by E-Blast or text. Mr. Day also stated that he felt the new regulations should have been reviewed by PBAC prior to implementation. He said that he plans to attend the next Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee (FPAC) meeting to discuss the matter with staff.

David Pilpel requested that the schedule of meetings for the entire year be posted on each agenda. He was informed that the schedule of all PAC meetings is posted on the District website.

5. **Public Comment.** None.

6. **Adjournment.** Warren Wells adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Golden Gate Bridge Board Room, San Francisco, CA.