

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 7, 2024



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

Members Present: Parker Day, Candy Doran, James Grady, Timothy Hunter, Sasha Madfes, Susan Nawbary, David Pilpel, Warren Wells

Members Absent: Dan Federman, Phoebe Ford, Kevin Gammon, Charles Metzler, Ray Scherck

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

Guests Present: Director Bert Hill; Michael Jones, Michael Jones Consulting; Odin Palen.

1. **Call to Order.** Sasha Madfes called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. A quorum of members was present.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions.** The committee, staff, and visitors introduced themselves.
3. **Election of Officers.** Per David Pilpel's request, Josh Widmann shared *Article III: Officers, Section 2, Election of Chair and Vice Chair*, from the PBAC Bylaws, to review the rules and regulations of PBAC's election processes. Following this, Sasha Madfes moved to nominate Warren Wells for Chair. There were multiple seconds. Warren Wells was unanimously elected as Chair. Susan Nawbary then moved to nominate Sasha Madfes for Vice-Chair. James Grady and Candy Doran provided seconds. The committee unanimously elected Sasha Madfes as Vice Chair.
4. **Consent Calendar.**
 - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2023.** Warren Wells moved to approve the minutes and David Pilpel seconded but proposed that the word *recited* be replaced. Warren Wells suggested *summarized* as an alternative. With this edit, the committee unanimously approved the November 8, 2023, meeting minutes.
 - b. **Modification of Bylaws.** Josh Widmann shared *Article IV: Meetings, Section 2, Location and Time*, from the PBAC Bylaws for the committee's review. The committee voted to change meeting days from the third Wednesday to the second Wednesday of selected months. Warren Wells moved to approve the modification of Bylaws. Timothy Hunter provided a second.
5. **Committee Business.**
 - a. **PBAC 2024 Discussion Topics Prioritization.** Michael Jones reviewed the committee's accomplishments in 2023 and suggested that this meeting be used to plan for 2024. The committee agreed to utilize each of the four remaining meetings in 2024 to focus on a single high-priority District or committee project. Warren Wells stated that

PBAC could provide letters following each meeting, similar to the Signage/Wayfinding letter submitted to the Board. Small, sub- or “ad hoc” committees could be responsible to develop each letter.* Following a lengthy discussion and review of the original list of PBAC’s priority topics, the committee determined the subject areas for the four remaining meetings of 2024:

- April 10 – San Rafael Transit Center Design and Relocation project (Presentation by consultant and District staff)
- June 12 – Alexander Avenue (Presentation by the District’s Engineering Department)
- August 14 – Sidewalk Maintenance-Storage and Special Events Policy (Presenter TBD)
- October 9 – Bus-Bicycle Interaction, i.e., bicycle parking, racks on buses (Presenter TBD).

b. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations.

1. Alexander Avenue: Warren Wells again mentioned the difficult left turn off the Alexander Avenue ramp. He noted that Caltrans is currently inspecting it.
2. East Bridge Sidewalk: Candy Doran asked about the motorized scooters that park around the towers on the East Sidewalk and stated how they block traffic. David Rivera said they are used by workers underneath the tower and cannot be moved.
3. East Bridge Sidewalk, low wall on south side: James Grady mentioned the low wall at the south side of the East Sidewalk, behind the Roundhouse, and how a fence is needed there. David Rivera stated that National Park Service owns this area, but he would communicate with them. Susan Nawbary asked if a letter regarding the situation would help staff.
4. Bikes on Buses: Parker Day pointed out issues with the underbelly bike racks on MCI buses. Several others agreed. This topic will be covered at a future meeting.
5. Equipment Stored on Bridge West Sidewalk: James Grady asked about the equipment that is stored on the west sidewalk. David Rivera confirmed that it is related to work on the suicide barrier/net. Although the net will be complete by April, equipment will remain on the west sidewalk to construct the electric travelers at a later date.

- c. **Outreach for Vacant PBAC Spot.** Josh Widmann reminded the committee that the District email box PAC@goldengate.org is where interested parties should request an application. He updated the committee on recruitment efforts.

6. Public Comment. None.

7. Adjournment. Sasha Madfes adjourned the February 7, 2024, meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee at 6:22 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m., at the Golden Gate Bridge Board Room, San Francisco, CA.

*According to the Brown Act, Ad Hoc Committees are limited to committees that meet both requirements: 1) The committee is comprised solely of less than a quorum of the legislative body which created it; and 2) The committee meets for a short duration to gather information about a single subject. Ad Hoc Committees do not need to comply with the Brown Act’s notice and open meeting requirements.