

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 10, 2024



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

Members Present: Parker Day, Candy Doran, Dan Federman, Kevin Gammon, Sasha Madfes, Charles Metzler, Susan Nawbary, Warren Wells

Members Absent: James Grady, Timothy Hunter, David Pilpel, Ray Scherck

District Staff Present: David Rivera, Deputy General Manager, Bridge Division; Planning Department representatives: Josh Widmann, Raymond Santiago, Roberta Regan

Guests Present: Adam Dankberg, Kimley Horn; Barbara Jean Jones, Joe Mulligan

1. **Call to Order.** Warren Wells called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. A quorum of members was present.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Committee members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves.
3. **Consent Calendar.**
Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2024. Sasha Madfes made a motion to approve. Parker Day provided a second. The February 7, 2024 PBAC meeting minutes were approved as written.
4. **Committee Business.**
 - a. **San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) Replacement Project Presentation.** Adam Dankberg from Kimley Horn Associates, Engineering Consultants, shared a PowerPoint on the status of the project. He stated that they are currently in the Preliminary Design phase and that there have been several public engagement meetings already for the project. He presented the various options being considered for the Fourth Street crossings. He shared the proposed bicycle parking areas, proposed pedestrian improvements, and the preferred bike lane configurations for each option. Members commented on the perceived pros and cons of each option, understanding that this project is still in the early stages. There was a fruitful discussion on grade separation need versus mixed modes for travel through the SRTC. Mr. Dankberg explained next steps, which include obtaining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental clearance and procuring a final design contract.
 - b. **Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations.** Sasha Madfes stated that she noticed worn off paint on the east side of the bike/pedestrian lane on the bridge earlier this evening. Candy Doran and Sasha Madfes both said they were pleased to see that a temporary barrier had been placed on the lower east side curb (discussed at the February 7, 2024 meeting.) David Rivera said staff was working with the National Park Service to

install a fence at that location. Susan Nawbary mentioned the excessive vegetation growing on Alexander Avenue at the south end of Sausalito. Candy Doran also mentioned overgrown rosemary at the north end of Vista Point. David Rivera said he would put in a Help Desk ticket for Caltrans to clear it. Susan Nawbary noted a gravel pullout area going south on Alexander Avenue that fills up with water during rains, and because that area is shaded, it can remain flooded for extended periods. David Rivera said that is Caltrans' jurisdiction, but he will try to take care of it.

Warren Wells then explained how to register complaints on the Caltrans website to the committee. He suggested using the words *hazard* or *liability*, and Caltrans will respond to the issue.

Josh Widmann distributed printouts of Alexander Avenue that committee members had requested at the previous meeting.

At this time, Sasha Madfes inquired about the status of the November letter to the Board. David Rivera confirmed that it was received and included in the packet for the February 2024 Board meeting. He agreed to follow up.

c. Outreach for Vacant PBAC Spot. Warren Wells welcomed Barbara Jones, who confirmed that she had recently applied for PBAC, and was interested in returning. Josh Widmann reminded the committee that any prospective member who attends two consecutive meetings automatically becomes a member.

5. **Public Comment.** Joe Mulligan remarked that his public comment was addressed during the meeting when east-west access was discussed.
6. **Adjournment.** Warren Wells announced that the main topic for the next meeting was Alexander Avenue, and asked the members to come prepared with questions. He adjourned the PBAC meeting at 6: 29 pm.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, June 12, at 5:00 p.m., at the Golden Gate Bridge Board Room, San Francisco, CA. [This meeting was later rescheduled to August 14.]