

# San Francisco

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee



# About Us

*PSAC has been charged with providing expertise on issues concerning pedestrian safety, convenience, ambiance, and planning as well as advocating for pedestrian safety by engaging the public, Board of Supervisors and other relevant agencies. To better engage these entities, PSAC has documented their observations about the current state of pedestrian safety in San Francisco and their recommendations for improvements.*

*It is in the public interest to officially recognize walking as an important component of our transportation system, and as a key component to creating livable and suitable communities. The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, composed of concerned and informed residents, was established to provide insight into issues concerning pedestrian safety, convenience, ambiance and planning.*

According to Supervisor Breed,  
“PSAC is a critical element of  
San Francisco’s transportation efforts.”




# Objectives

- \* Maintain the public's safety as the top priority
- \* Recommend ways to improve the ambient environment and convenience in order to encourage pedestrianism as a healthful transportation activity
- \* Make pedestrian safety recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and other City departments
- \* Develop concepts and review policies and planning efforts for pedestrians, such as safety, traffic calming, and sidewalk and crosswalk treatments
- \* Make recommendations on funding opportunities and priorities to the Board of Supervisors, the SFMTA, the Citizens' Advisory Committee and other departments, commissions, boards and agencies
- \* Review and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on policies and programs related to pedestrians in the Master Plan of the City and County of San Francisco
- \* **Report to the Board of Supervisors on an annual basis**, with quarterly appearances before the Board as needed, on statistics on pedestrian injury and fatality statistics, causes of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, recommendations for changes in policies, funding and enforcement and other pertinent issues
- \* Support development of the Better Streets Plan, in conjunction with city agencies and community input, which will offer a comprehensive review of the policies, procedures, practices and physical infrastructure of the city that affect pedestrians, and will also provide recommendations to make walking safer and more convenient through sidewalk improvements, new city policies, educational programs, promotional efforts and transit access

# 14 Accomplishments

- \* 1) We have had 55 guest speakers averaging five presenters at each meeting.
- \* 2) We have a new website and new app for smartphones.
- \* 3) We have numerous new members now totaling 20 people serving on our Committee.
- \* 4) We have a new legislative chamber in room 400.




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- \* 5) We have sent out seven formal letters advising the Board of Supervisors and provided a quarterly update and annual report.
  - \* 6) We issued two commendations honoring SFPD Sgt. Tobin and Ms. Elizabeth Stampe of Walk SF.
  - \* 7) We convinced the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Task Force to reconvene.

# Supervisor Jane Kim presented her Vision Zero plan to PSAC





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- \* 8) We persuaded the SFPD to post traffic citation statistics on their website monthly.
  - \* 9) We increased public awareness and interest in our Committee by having a PSAC booth at events like Sunday Streets.



# Additional Accomplishments

- \* 10) We have been given the important responsibility of leading the promotion and accountability of implementation efforts of the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Strategy.
- \* 11) We have started holding two meetings per month.
- \* 12) We have established a new Education Subcommittee.
- \* 13) We have been well represented at important meetings including the Mayor's Transportation 2030 Task Force and the SFCTA Transportation Plan Committee.
- \* 14) We convinced the SFMTA to install new crosswalks at Green and Fillmore Streets where Monique Porsandeh was hit by a car.

# Rally for Monique Porsandeh



# 2014 Work Plan

- \* 1) We need to increase the influence and effectiveness of our Committee in order to ensure that City agencies and Departments cooperate and respond to our requests.
- \* 2) We will be voting in March to approve the revision of our bylaws. One recommendation is to revise the SF Administrative Code to set in place triggers to increase our effectiveness. In addition, we are interested in possibly transitioning into a Commission and establishing a budget.
- \* 3) We have requested that SFMTA always involve PSAC towards the beginning of projects that involve pedestrians.

# Work Plan

- \* 4) We will continue hearing from diverse speakers and groups by inviting neighborhood groups to increase participation in our meetings. In addition, we will continue advocating for projects that we support at the SFMTA like Vision Zero.
- \* 5) We need to do better outreach and encourage our members to participate and reach out to their networks. This can hopefully be achieved by giving members concrete actionable plans with monthly reminders and progress reporting.

# Work Plan

- \* 6) We need to receive collision data from the SFPD and continuing advocating for more pedestrian sting operations. We recommend that the SFPD develop a pedestrian safety and law enforcement training course. In addition, we plan on continuing to reach out to the district SFPD Captains and Community Police Advisory Boards at each district station.
- \* 7) We will continue promoting pedestrian-friendly policies by participating in events including Sunday Streets and Walk to Work Day where we distribute safe walking tips and promotional materials.
- \* 8) We are hosting a Pedestrian Safety Public Forum at the First Congregational Church on February 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the FDR Democratic Club.

# Work Plan

- \* 9) We have been tasked with leading the publicity and accountability of implementing the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Strategy. However, we are not allowed on the Steering Committee. We need to actively push to provide funding for the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Strategy independent of the Mayor's Transportation Task Force 2030 funding recommendations.
- \* 10) The Board of Supervisors should require the SFPD to distribute pedestrian injury collision information as part of their daily crime summaries released to the press. The SFPD continues to refuse to include pedestrian collision information in their police daily crime summaries because they claim it would be too difficult or too much work.



# Thank You

