

1 [Establishing a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee.]

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3 **Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding**
4 **Article IV Sections 5.20 and 5.21 establishing a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee.**

5 Note: This entire Section is new.

6 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

7 Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding
8 Article IV, Sections 5.20 and 5.21, to read as follows:

9 **Sec. 5.20. Findings; Establishment and Organization.**

10 (a) The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that it is in the public interest to
11 officially recognize walking as an important component of our transportation system, and as a
12 key component to creating livable and suitable communities. Accordingly, the Board of
13 Supervisors seeks to develop and implement focused policies that encourage pedestrian
14 safety, education, and convenience in transportation and city planning.

15 Over the past fifty years, many American cities, including San Francisco, have seen a
16 dramatic shift away from pedestrian and public transportation toward a reliance on the private
17 automobile for primary transportation. In that same time period, the City has seen a reduction
18 of its public walkways, pedestrian right-of-ways, and valuable inner-city green spaces.

19 In San Francisco, as throughout the world, the quality of urban life is being threatened
20 by encroaching environmental actors. San Franciscans also suffer from increasing poor air
21 quality, elevated noise levels, increased traffic congestion, longer trip times, and diminishing
22 public space. These and other factors have led San Francisco to adopt a Transit-First policy
23 favoring public transportation, bicycles, and pedestrian travel over the use of automobiles.

24 The City's streetscape is similar to many cities and towns in Europe. Narrow streets
25 and interesting destinations combine to make our streets conducive to walking. Encouraging

1 pedestrian presence on our City's streets and sidewalks not only reduces our City's reliance
2 on the automobile, but also helps create communities and neighborhoods that are deemed
3 livable and desirable. Better pedestrian planning and policies will not only serve the
4 approximately 10% of San Franciscans who walk to work on a regular basis, but also all
5 visitors to and residents of San Francisco because each person is a pedestrian at some point
6 in every trip they take.

7 San Francisco has an unusually high rate of pedestrian injuries for a city its size. In the
8 past five years, nearly 5,000 pedestrians have been injured on city streets, and over 130
9 people have been killed. Our seniors, youth, and citizens with disabilities are especially at risk
10 for being injured and/or killed in a motor vehicle collision. Nationally, pedestrians account for
11 only 13% of traffic fatalities and 2.2% of traffic injuries. However, in San Francisco, they
12 account for more than half of the motor-vehicle related deaths and about one-third of the
13 hospitalizations and have outnumbered or equaled car occupants in traffic fatalities in San
14 Francisco in nine of the past ten years.

15 (b) There shall be established a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. This Advisory
16 Committee, composed of concerned and informed residents, will provide a source of expertise
17 on issues concerning pedestrian safety, convenience, ambiance, and planning.

18 The Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven voting members appointed by the
19 Board of Supervisors. The member shall consist of representative from the following
20 categories:

21 (1). Three (3) representatives from pedestrian safety organizations;

22 (2) Two (2) representatives from senior or disability organizations;

23 (3) One (1) representative from bicycle or other non-motorized wheeled personal
24 transport organizations;

25 (4) One (1) representative from transit or environmental organizations;

1 (5) One (1) representative from child advocate or school support organizations;

2 (6) One representative from a public health organization;

3 (7) Two (2) at-large representatives.

4 (c) In addition to the eleven voting members, the following City departments shall
5 select and send a non-voting representative to Advisory Committee meeting: the Department
6 of Parking and Traffic, the Department of Public Health, the Municipal Railway, the
7 Department of Public Works, the Planning Department, the Police Department, the Recreation
8 and Parks Department, District Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office on Disability, and any
9 other City departments whose work impacts pedestrians. All City departments, commissions,
10 boards and agencies shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee in conducting its business.
11 The Board of Supervisors also requests that the Transportation Authority, San Francisco
12 Unified School District, the Redevelopment Agency, and the Golden Gate National Park
13 Service assist in the work of the Advisory Committee.

14 (d) Advisory Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of
15 Supervisors. In addition, an Advisory Committee member's term shall expire by operation of
16 law upon the issuance by the clerk of the Committee a notification adopted by the Advisory
17 Committee certifying that the member in question has three consecutive unexcused
18 absences from meetings of the Advisory Committee.

19 (e) The term of each Advisory Committee member shall be two years; provided,
20 however, that the member initially appointed shall, by lot, classify their terms so that half of the
21 members will serve a one year term and half will serve a two year term. In the event a
22 vacancy occurs during the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed to
23 complete the unexpired term of office vacated.

1 (f) At the initial meeting of the Advisory Committee, and annually thereafter, the
2 members of the Advisory Committee shall select a Chair, and any other officers as deemed
3 necessary by the Advisory Committee.

4 (g) The Advisory Committee shall establish rules for its own organization and
5 procedures and shall meet when necessary as determined by the Advisory Committee. All
6 meetings shall, except as provided by law, be open to the public.

7 (h) The Advisory Committee shall be supported by the Department of Parking and
8 Traffic to the extent that funding and staff resources permit. The Board of Supervisors urges
9 the Department of Parking and Traffic to include in its proposed budget funds sufficient to
10 cover the cost of mailing, reproduction and other activities needed to complete the work of the
11 Advisory Committee. In addition, an interdepartmental report on pedestrian issues and
12 current projects will be presented to the Advisory Committee on a monthly basis by staff from
13 the Department of Parking and Traffic.

14 **Section 5.21. Duties of the Committee.**

15 (a) The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee shall have the power and duty to:

16 (1) Create subcommittees as necessary;

17 (2) Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and other City departments,
18 commissions, boards and agencies in order to improve pedestrian safety and ambiance;

19 (3) Develop concepts and review policies and planning efforts regarding pedestrian
20 improvements including, but not limited to, issues of safety, traffic calming, education, and
21 sidewalk and crosswalk treatments;

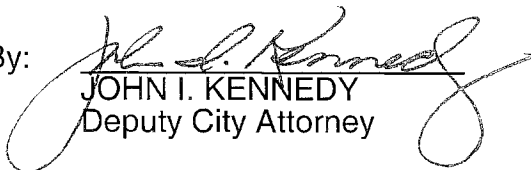
22 (4) Make recommendations on funding opportunities and priorities to the Board of
23 Supervisors, the Municipal Transportation Agency, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the
24 Transportation Authority, and other departments, commissions, boards and agencies;

1 (5) Review and make recommendations on policies and programs related to
2 pedestrians in the Transportation Element of the Master Plan of the City and County of San
3 Francisco, and make recommendations on the goals and their implementation to the Planning
4 Commission;

5 (6) Report to the Board of Supervisors on an annual basis, with quarterly appearances
6 before the Board of Supervisors as needed, on statistics on pedestrian injury and fatality
7 statistics, causes of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, recommendations for changes in
8 policies, funding and enforcement, and other pertinent issues;

9 (7) Support the development of a Pedestrian Master Plan, in conjunction with city
10 agencies and community input, which will offer a comprehensive review of the policies,
11 procedures, practices and physical infrastructure of the City that affect pedestrians, and will
12 also provide recommendations to make walking safer and more convenient through sidewalk
13 improvements, new City policies, educational programs, promotional efforts and transit
14 access.

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May 20, 2002 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

May 28, 2002 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,
Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

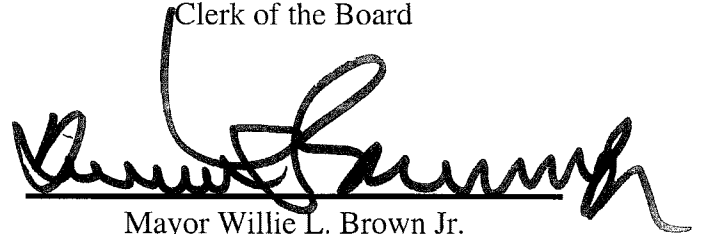
Absent: 1 - Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was **FINALLY PASSED** on May 28, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved