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Committee Item No. 2

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Completed by: Alisa Miller Date May 31, 2013

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1 [Urging the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Municipal  
2 Transportation Agency, and Planning Department to Ensure the Coordination of Street,  
3 Transit, and Utility Infrastructure]

4 **Resolution urging the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works,**  
5 **Municipal Transportation Agency, and Planning Department to develop a clear policy**  
6 **for reviewing street improvement projects that overlap the jurisdiction of various**  
7 **agencies and for those agencies to expeditiously modernize codes, standards,**  
8 **regulations, and other guidelines to ensure that the City's collective public policy**  
9 **interests are advanced.**

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11 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Transit First City with various polices, initiatives, and  
12 implementation projects aimed at enhancing the City's transportation system including  
13 pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

14 WHEREAS, The Better Streets Plan establishes guidelines and standards to ensure  
15 that new streets and redesigned streets approved by the City provide universal access that,  
16 among other things, advance pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

17 WHEREAS, MTA, DPW, and the SFPUC have geographically overlapping jurisdiction  
18 over the right of way and portions thereof; and

19 WHEREAS, Improvements aimed at enhancing transit efficiency, pedestrian and  
20 bicycle safety, storm drainage control, sewage collection, water distribution and other related  
21 activities often overlap, and at times may affect or conflict with another department's facilities;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Working collaboratively to develop projects located within public rights of  
24 way to achieve multiple purposes will assist in meeting the objectives and fulfilling the mission  
25 of each department and the City; and

1           WHEREAS, The essence of meaningful interdepartmental collaboration involves  
2 effective communication between the departments regarding plans for and implementation of  
3 their responsibilities; and

4           WHEREAS, Project level coordination and communication frequently provides the  
5 means for effectively resolving spatial conflicts and identifying potential policy agreements;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Collaboration between the departments on the development of important  
8 public facilities located in public rights of way would be enhanced by the promulgation and  
9 consistent application of publically accessible state of the art specifications for the  
10 construction and operation of utility systems, drainage controls, transit facilities, streets, curbs,  
11 sidewalks, bikeways, pedestrian safety features and other such infrastructure located in public  
12 rights of way and that the greatest need for new specifications relates to situations where  
13 conflicts, or potential conflicts, between departments may arise; and

14           WHEREAS, Specifically, the Subdivision Code and its regulations can unnecessarily  
15 inhibit the development of important pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and there is lack of  
16 clarity as to when the subdivision code applies; and

17           WHEREAS, Specifically, the placement of sidewalk furniture and sidewalk utility  
18 infrastructure such as telecommunication boxes, traffic signal boxes, transit shelters, and  
19 news racks narrow the usable sidewalk area for pedestrians and in some cases produce  
20 pedestrian visibility concerns; and

21           WHEREAS, Specifically, pedestrian safety bulbouts are sometimes made prohibitively  
22 expensive when requirements to relocate subsurface infrastructure is mandated, whether or  
23 not that relocation is critical; now, therefore be it

24           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the General Manager of the SFPUC,  
25 the Transportation Director of the MTA, the Director of DPW and the Director of the Planning

1 Department to develop and execute a suitable agreement within 60 days memorializing their  
2 commitment to collaboratively develop high performing facilities in public rights of way that  
3 accommodate all of the important and essential interests of the public, including pedestrian  
4 and bicycle safety, in the successful implementation and operation of such facilities with the  
5 explicit understanding that long standing practices, standards and other inter-departmental  
6 review procedures may need to be modified; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC, MTA, DPW  
8 and Planning Department to develop and document, within 6 months, publically accessible  
9 specifications or standards for the construction and operation of each department's facilities  
10 located in public rights of way that have the potential to overlap or conflict with other  
11 department facilities, such as, but not limited to, sidewalk widening, bulb outs, medians and  
12 traffic circles with the explicit understanding that a principal goal shall be to ensure that the  
13 City's policy interests regarding pedestrian and bike safety and delivery and conveyance of  
14 essential services such as water and wastewater are met; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFPUC, MTA, DPW,  
16 and Planning Department to develop a straight-forward and expeditious approach for the  
17 review of proposals that seek a variance from any standards, policies, or other regulatory  
18 provisions; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFPUC apply the subdivision regulations and any  
20 specifications contained within such regulations only to streets contained entirely within a  
21 subdivision; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the MTA, DPW, and Planning Department coordinate the  
23 placement of sidewalk furniture and sidewalk utility infrastructure to ensure minimal disruption  
24 of pedestrian circulation and visibility; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFPUC develop a clear and comprehensive policy  
2 regarding the need to relocate subsurface infrastructure when a bulbout or sidewalk widening  
3 project is proposed with the understanding that the goal is to minimize the requirement for  
4 relocation; and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Departments named herein shall report quarterly to  
6 the Board of Supervisors on their progress.

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Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee  
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The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that 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.

Therefore the Board of Supervisors established the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee, composed of concerned and informed residents, will provide a source of expertise on issues concerning pedestrian safety, convenience, ambiance, and planning.

**Committee Members**

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April 23, 2013

Supervisor Wiener  
City Hall  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Wiener,

**The San Francisco Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee endorses and strongly supports Supervisor Wiener's new legislative package.**

PSAC supports Supervisor Wiener's proposed resolution urging interagency cooperation, communication and collaboration between the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Planning (File 130255).

PSAC also supports the proposed ordinance amending the San Francisco Public Works Code regarding Public Improvements as Gifts (File 130251). In addition, PSAC supports the establishment of a Street Design Review Committee (File 130252) and ordinance amending the Fire Code (File 130253).

We appreciate Supervisor Wiener's legislative assistant Mr. Andres Power presenting to our Committee on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and want to follow up on our request that a PSAC representative seat be established on the proposed Street Design Committee. PSAC completely agrees with Supervisor Wiener's statements regarding fragmented responsibility and the need to streamline pedestrian safety efforts. PSAC commends Supervisor Wiener's excellent leadership on this deadly serious issue. PSAC welcomes the opportunity to continue working with all members of the Board of Supervisors to make the streets of San Francisco safer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Zack Marks  
Chair of PSAC

cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Edward Reiskin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA  
Luis Montoya, Mari Hunter and Darcie Lim, SFMTA  
Elizabeth Stampe, Executive Director, Walk SF  
Christine Falvey and Gillian Gillett, Mayor's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager, Public Utilities Commission  
Mohammed Nuru, Director, Department of Public Works  
Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency  
John Rahaim, Director, Planning Department

FROM: Alisa Miller, Clerk, Land Use and Economic Development Committee  
Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 22, 2013

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener on March 12, 2013:

**File No. 130255**

Resolution urging the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Planning Department to develop a clear policy for reviewing street improvement projects that overlap the jurisdiction of various agencies and for those agencies to expeditiously modernize codes, standards, regulations, and other guidelines to ensure that the City's collective public policy interests are advanced.

This matter is being forwarded to your department for informational purposes. If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Juliet Ellis, Public Utilities Commission  
Frank Lee, Department of Public Works  
Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency  
Janet Martinsen, Municipal Transportation Agency  
Scott Sanchez, Planning Department  
Sarah Jones, Planning Department  
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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee.  
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [ ] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
- 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).
- 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.
- 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [ ]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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**Sponsor(s):**

Supervisor Wiener; Supervisor Yee

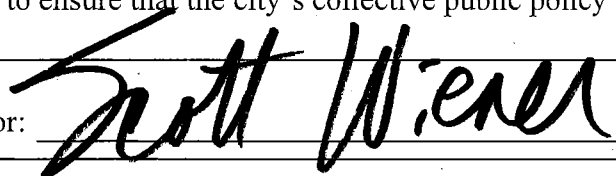
**Subject:**

Urging the SFPUC, DPW, MTA and Planning to Ensure the Coordination of Street, Transit and Utility Infrastructure

**The text is listed below or attached:**

Resolution urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA), and the Planning Department to develop a clear policy for reviewing street improvement projects that overlap the jurisdiction of various agencies and for those agencies to expeditiously modernize codes, standards, regulations, and other guidelines to ensure that the city's collective public policy interests are advanced.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



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