



# DRAFT MINUTES

## VISION ZERO COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Kim called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The following members were:

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed, Kim and Yee (3)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Mar (entered during Item 2), Tang (entered during Item 4) and Wiener (entered during Item 3) (3)

### 2. Approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2014 Meeting – ACTION

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Kim, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Wiener (1)

### 3. Update on Near-Term Capital Projects – INFORMATION

Chair Kim welcomed the group. She noted that the commissioners had dedicated funding to Vision Zero in the annual budget approved June, and requested an update on the status of funded projects.

Mari Hunter, Senior Planner at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), said that the SFMTA had already delivered eight of the Vision Zero projects on the near-term capital projects list. She stated that the costs of all forty projects on the list summed to \$21 million. Project managers had been assigned to all projects and projects funded by General Fund add-backs had also been included on the list of projects.

Chair Kim and Commissioner Mar indicated that two of the projects (curb extensions at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Howard Street and a new traffic signal at Masonic Avenue and Ewing Terrace) were planned prior to Vision Zero and questioned whether they should be included on the list. Tim Papandreou, Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Policy at the SFMTA, acknowledged that some projects had been planned prior to Vision Zero and indicated that he would take the feedback into consideration. Commissioner Yee commented that some projects planned prior to Vision Zero are being expedited as a result of the process.

Commissioner Wiener noted that investment in Districts 4 and 8 seemed low relative to the share of collisions happening in those districts. He expressed his concern about the need for pedestrian safety improvements to upper Market Street. Commissioner Wiener stated that he wants to see momentum in addition to funding to get the Vision Zero projects done within 24 months.

Commissioner Mar stated that it was important to use data and look at the most dangerous intersections. He noted that the new traffic signals at Masonic at Ewing Terrace, and Geary at Palm should be referenced as falling in both Districts 1 and 2.

Commissioner Breed requested a map showing the most problematic intersections and how the Vision Zero projects related to those locations. She stated she wanted to understand the data particularly for streets like Turk, Eddy, and Golden Gate Avenue, especially eastward toward Steiner. Megan Wier, Epidemiologist at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, noted that city departments have the data indicating where bicycle and pedestrian collisions happen and where they are most severe. Ms. Hunter agreed to provide the information requested by Commissioner Breed.

Commissioner Yee stated that he would like more information the scope and schedule of the projects funded through General Fund add-backs for District 7. Ms. Hunter agreed to provide an update.

Chair Kim requested a breakdown of the funding sources for the \$21 million for the Vision Zero near-term capital projects. Mr. Rewers responded that the funding was coming from SFMTA Revenue Bonds, Prop K, operating funds, and General Fund add-backs.

During public comment, Nicole Schneider, Executive Director of Walk SF, reminded the Committee that the original purpose of Vision Zero was to go above and beyond projects that were already planned.

Debbie Gould, a resident of District 6, requested more information on the definitions of road diets and leading pedestrian intervals and asked if the list of projects could be modified.

Leah Shahum, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, echoed the concern of Nicole Schneider that the Vision Zero projects ideally would go above and beyond work that was already planned.

Mark Fong, an attorney, spoke on behalf of the family of an individual who was killed on September 20 at the intersection of Stockton and Sacramento. He reported that three days later another individual was struck at the same intersection, and in fact, 29 pedestrian injuries and two fatalities have occurred at the intersection over the previous nine years.

Chair Kim requested a recess and the Committee declared the meeting in recess at 11:10 a.m.

Transportation Authority Chair Avalos temporarily removed Commissioner Mar from the Committee and appointed Commissioner Tang in place of Commissioner Mar to serve until the end of the meeting. Vice Chair Yee reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m., with Commissioners Breed and Tang in attendance.

#### **4. Update on Enforcement Activities – INFORMATION**

Commander Ali of the San Francisco Police Department relayed that, as of August 31, there had been a 62 percent increase in the number of traffic citations issued compared to 2013. He noted that citations had focused on the top five pedestrian safety collision factors, which accounted for 24 percent of the citations issued.

**5. Vision Zero Progress Report – INFORMATION**

Tim Papandreou of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) noted that two-year action strategies would be ready for release in December and highlighted items contained in the progress report packet.

Megan Wier, Epidemiologist at the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), noted the release of the Transbase database, available at [www.transbasesf.org](http://www.transbasesf.org). She explained that the database was a key input into Vision Zero. Commissioner Tang asked for more information on some of the policy initiatives and changes that might need to occur in support of Vision Zero. Mr. Papandreou noted that the SFMTA was not currently allowed to implement automated speed enforcement. He also referenced the need for Don't Block the Box programs and stated that the SFMTA was looking into the role of Parking Control Officers in enforcing the don't-block-the-box message.

Commissioner Yee asked about the focus of the safety education initiatives. John Knox White, Transportation Planner at the SFMTA, explained that the SF Safe Streets education campaign, which launched in September, involved citywide outreach with a focus on four high injury corridors: Geary, Mission, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and Kearny. He stated that the additional funding provided through the city budget would be used to support the program until state Active Transportation Program grant funding was available to expand the campaign to ten corridors and provide 52 weeks of enhanced citywide enforcement and speed-related enforcement on those focus corridors. Mr. Knox White agreed to send Commissioner Yee more information on the focus corridors.

During public comment, Bob Planthold reported that Governor Brown had vetoed Senate Bill 1151 which would have doubled the fine for driving under the influence in school zones. Mr. Planthold suggested that the Transportation Authority, the SFMTA, and advocacy groups could coordinate around a Vision Zero policy agenda. Mr. Planthold suggested that San Francisco follow the California Traffic Control Devices Committee recommended guidelines for walking speed of 2.8 feet per second.

Nicole Schneider of Walk SF thanked John Knox White from the SFMTA for his data-driven approach to safety education.

**6. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There were no new items.

**7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.