



**Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)  
November 17, 2010 9:30 -11:30 AM  
Meeting Summary**

The meeting was attended by the following PAC members:

Lindsay Arnold, University of California Safe Transportation, Research & Education Center  
Rocky Birdsey, Marin Center for Independent Living  
Michelle DeRobertis, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Carol Levine, Alameda County resident  
Lynne March, Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
Robert Planthold, San Francisco resident  
Nicole Schneider, At Large Public Health Representative  
David Simons, Santa Clara County resident  
Russ Taft, Contra Costa County resident  
Rochelle Wheeler, Alameda County Transportation Commission  
Sara Woo, Solano Transportation Authority

Agenda Items #1 & #2: Introductions and Approval of Summaries of Previous Meetings

The meeting began with some remarks from Lee Taubeneck, Transportation Planning and Local Assistance Deputy District Director.

Next an amendment to Item #3 on the agenda was proposed by Beth Thomas, Caltrans staff liaison to the PAC. This amendment consisted of substituting the review of Part 9 of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices 2011 Draft with Part 7. The reason for the change is that Part 7 had been released for review, while Part 9 deals with bicycle facilities and should therefore be reviewed by the Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee instead. The proposed amendment to the agenda was approved by the PAC members.

Next the attendees reviewed and approved the summary notes from the previous PAC meeting on September 22, 2010.

Agenda Item #3: Review and Comment on California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) 2011 Draft: Introduction and Parts 1A and 5

The PAC received a presentation on the content of the Introduction and Parts 1A and 5 as proposed for the CA MUTCD 2011 Draft. The PAC developed comments on Parts 1A and 5. These comments are attached.

Agenda Item #4: Presentation on Results of Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) Survey of Public Agencies Regarding Pedestrian Issues

Lindsay Arnold gave a presentation on the findings from a survey of Pedestrian Coordinators and other staff involved in planning and design for pedestrians at local agencies and Caltrans.

Agenda Item #5: Report on Pedestrians Count! Workshop: What Was Learned and Next Steps

Bob Planthold reported that a key message at the workshop was that pedestrians are disproportionately injured and killed relative to exposure and that transportation funding for pedestrian infrastructure is not proportionate with pedestrian travel and injury rates. Bob also stated that the workshop included some presentations on methods for counting pedestrians and that a link to the presentations will be provided on the California Walks website.

Bob stated that outcomes from the workshop were agreement that a pedestrian/bicycle question should be included on the California Highway Patrol incident investigation form and the recognition that the Statewide Traffic Records System (SWTRS) undercounts fatalities in that people who die as a result of their injuries later than one month after a collision are not counted in SWTRS.

Agenda Item #6: Updates on Policies/Guidance/Issues Previously Presented

This item focused on the issue of restricting hours of operation of multi-use trails funded from the Bicycle Transportation Account Program. Ann Mahaney from Caltrans Headquarters participated by phone and described a proposed edit to the BTA application which will ask applicants whether the proposed trail would be open 24 hours a day and, if not, whether an alternative bicycle route is provided.

Sean Co pointed out that the Federal Highway Administration has stated that projects funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds have to be open 24/7 and that MTC has passed on this requirement to local agencies vying for CMAQ funds.

Michelle DeRobertis stated that she would like to see the BTA Program be stronger in requiring that funded trails be open 24 hours a day.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item #8: Topics for Next Meeting

No items were suggested.

Agenda Item #9: Announcements and Information Sharing

It was announced that the Lincoln Hill pathway and Cal Park Tunnel pathway openings are scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, respectively.