



**Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)  
June 26, 2013 9:45 – 11:45 AM  
Meeting Summary**

The meeting was attended by the following PAC members:

Wendy Alfsen, California Walks  
Anne Darrow, Napa County Office of Education – teleconference  
David Grant, San Francisco resident  
Erick Guerra, Alameda County resident  
Carol Levine, Alameda County resident  
Bob Planthold, San Francisco resident, CalPed – teleconference  
Sofia Recalde, Contra Costa County resident – teleconference  
Joel Slavit, San Mateo County Transit District  
Rochelle Wheeler, Alameda County Transportation Commission

Non-members:

Beth Thomas, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Coordinator and PAC Liaison  
Ashley Woods, standing in for Kenneth Chin, PAC Chair, City of San Mateo  
Philippe Van, Caltrans Traffic – Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties  
Roland Au-Yeung, Caltrans Office Chief – Traffic Safety  
Brian Alconcel, Caltrans Pedestrian Safety Chief – teleconference

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

A quorum was reached.

Rochelle Wheeler announced her departure from the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Matt Bomberg will be the lead Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for the agency beginning July 1, 2013.

Agenda Item #2: Review and Approval of Summary of March 2013 Meeting

The March 2013 Meeting Summary was approved anonymously.

Agenda Item #3: Report on National Cooperative Highway Research (NCHRP) Study  
“Development of Crash Modification Factors for Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing Treatments”

Brian Alconcel reported on the status of this study, which seeks to develop Crash Modification Factors for pedestrian crossing treatments. The PAC requested status updates until then and a copy of the literature review. Rochelle asked if pedestrian delay was being evaluated. Planned completion of the final report is January 2014 with a presentation scheduled for January 2014.

Agenda Item #4: Report on the Development of Caltrans' New Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Traffic Operations Policy Directive (TOPD)

Philippe Van and Roland Au-Yeung presented the new TOPD, explaining the process for determining the type of intersection control for new projects: signal, stop, or yield (roundabouts). A discussion on roundabouts included the effects of roundabouts on right-of-way, queuing, delay, and safety. Rochelle asked whether or not pedestrian safety was evaluated and if the needs of pedestrians are being considered at the Project Initiation Document (PID) Phase. While pedestrian safety is evaluated, Beth will check with Caltrans Highway Operations on whether or not pedestrian delay is evaluated. The TOPD will be implemented in Caltrans District 4 on September 1, 2013, with workshops for local agencies in August 2013. Wendy requested that Caltrans consider all modes in the ICE process. Carol suggested that factors to evaluate pedestrian safety be implemented.

Agenda Item #5: Discussion of SR 29 (Sonoma Blvd)/Illinois St. Intersection Crosswalk

Beth provided background on the crosswalk at Sonoma Blvd and Illinois Street in Vallejo. Roland updated the PAC on existing efforts by Caltrans to provide crosswalk enhancements, including possible Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB), and evaluation of a fourth marked crosswalk at this location. Bob suggested that Caltrans communicate to the Solano County District Attorney, the City of Vallejo and Police Department on existing crosswalk plans. Roland noted that the District Attorney would normally request this type of information from Caltrans, if needed, and not the other way around.

Roland gave an update on the proposal for PHB on Sloat Boulevard at Forestville in San Francisco, the first PHB on the State Highway System and first in District 4. Wendy requested an update in the next quarter or six months.

David asked about proposed pedestrian crossing treatments for the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Project. Roland described the conditions on Van Ness as very different and that they are all signalized. David suggested that bulbouts be used.

Wendy proposed a motion for the PAC to send a letter to Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi, requesting that Caltrans notify the Solano County District Attorney, the Vallejo City Mayor, City Manager, and Vallejo Police Chief of proposed crosswalk treatments and that safety was a qualifying factor in enhancing intersection crosswalks. The motion passed. A second motion passed, proposing that if the District Director does not send letters to the local contacts, then the PAC would send letters to them directly.

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

Beth provided updates on the California Highway Design Manual (CA HDM) and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD).

CA HDM: The intent of Caltrans guidance on bulbouts is to be consistent with the Federal Highway Administration guidance, including a 2' setback from lane edge. This should be updated by the end of the month.

CAMUTCD: Beth reported that responses to PAC comments were incomplete and only cover Parts 1 and 9. Beth provided a brief summary of responses and proposed a write-up to send to PAC members. Carol volunteered to help organize responses.

#### Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

No public comments were made.

#### Agenda Item #8: Topics for Next Meeting

- Responses to PAC comments on CAMUTCD
- Report on Complete Streets Implementation Plan, including staff resources

#### Agenda Item #9: Announcements and Information Sharing

David updated the PAC on a Senate Bill to introduce senior slow zones and accompanying signage.