



**Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
June 25, 2014 10:00 AM – 12:00
Draft Meeting Summary**

The meeting was attended by the following PAC members:

Wendy Alfsen, California Walks
Rocky Birdsey, Marin Center for Independent Living
Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission
Anne Darrow, Napa County Office of Education
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Carol Levine, Alameda County resident
Marty Martinez, San Francisco resident
Bob Planthold, San Francisco resident
Sofia Recalde, Contra Costa County resident
David Simons, Santa Clara County resident
Joel Slavit,

Non-members:

Bobbi Benson, Burlingame resident
Duper Tong, Caltrans Headquarters Office of Traffic Engineering
Jean Finney, Caltrans District 4 Office Chief
Anh Phan Nguyen, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Branch
Sergio Ruiz, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Branch
Aprile Smith, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Branch
Beth Thomas, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Coordinator and PAC Liaison

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

A quorum was reached.

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

The March 2014 meeting summary was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Status and disposition of previous PAC comments on the Draft 2012 CA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)

The PAC reviewed responses from Caltrans to the 15 priority comments that the members had selected at the March 2014 PAC meeting. The response indicated that some of the proposed edits to the CA MUTCD were significant enough that they would need to go to the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) for consideration, and that CTCDC would need to recommend approval of those edits, before Caltrans could implement them. The PAC members therefore selected eight comments to forward for consideration at the September 2014 CTCDC meeting. These affect 7 sections of the CA MUTCD. Duper Tong from the Caltrans Office of Traffic Engineering participated to answer questions about the process.

Agenda Item #4: State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI) Report on Caltrans - pedestrian-related recommendations and next steps for Caltrans

Beth pointed out the pedestrian-related recommendations that were included in the report produced by SSTI on Caltrans. After discussing these items, the PAC approved a motion to form a subcommittee to develop a letter to submit to Caltrans in order to point out specific pedestrian-related recommendations and ask that they be implemented. Lauren agreed to Chair the Subcommittee and Wendy and Rocky agreed to participate on it.

Agenda Item #5: Updates on Policies/Guidance/Issues Previously Presented

Highway Design Manual update – Beth stated that the revision to the curb extension (bulbout) standard, which would allow for larger curb extensions, was expected to be approved in August. Explained that Headquarters is changing the bulbout standard to be consistent with ITE and FHWA guidance. Beth also reported that the National Cooperative Highway Research (NCHRP) Study “Development of Crash Modification Factors for Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing Treatments” is attempting to evaluate the crash reduction effectiveness of curb extensions and the rectangular rapid flashing beacon, among other pedestrian treatments.

Agenda Item #6: Public Comment

Bobbi Benson from the City of Burlingame reported problems with sidewalk uplifting by large trees and with corner curb ramps on El Camino Real (SR 82) in Burlingame. Beth reported that Caltrans is developing an accessibility project for El Camino Real in Burlingame. She indicated that she would find out whether it is covering the block that Bobbi was describing.

Agenda Item #7: Topics for Next Meeting

One of the PAC members reminded the group that the SSTI subcommittee work would need to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #8: Announcements and Information Sharing

No announcements were made.