

Regional Pedestrian Committee – Vision and Work Plan

The Regional Pedestrian Committee (RPC) is an ad hoc advisory body to MTC staff and provides a forum for information-sharing on pedestrian issues throughout the Bay Area. The committee is composed of agency staff and advocates and its meetings are open to the public. Each year the vice-chair becomes the chair and in December staff solicits nominations for the vice-chair and at the following February meeting the vice-chair is elected.

Vision

Everyone is a pedestrian almost every day. The Bay Area is committed, at the local and regional level, to encouraging walking as a safe, convenient and healthy way to get around. The Regional Pedestrian Committee strives to improve pedestrian safety, mobility, and connectivity by promoting the best engineering, planning, public education, and law enforcement practices available.

The committee's work scope addresses the following areas.

1. Improving data collection and analysis with respect to pedestrian counts, pedestrian collisions, and quality of service measures.
2. Providing technical assistance through trainings and information sharing on best practices.
3. Educating the public on pedestrian safety and physical activity promotion through outreach campaigns.
4. Securing long-term and stable funding for pedestrian planning and infrastructure improvements.
5. Promoting pedestrian planning and policies throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.
6. Monitoring state-level legislation, projects, and programs that affect pedestrians.

Work Plan – 2008-2009:

1. Provide input to MTC staff on how pedestrian needs fit into Transportation 2035 vision and policy strategies.
 - Provide input into development of programs such as the Climate Action Campaign, Regional Bikeway Network and Transportation for Livable Communities.
2. Assist in the implementation of regional pedestrian planning needs
3. Implement MTC's Routine Accommodations Policy:
 - Checklist - Review effectiveness of process
4. Act as a regional resource to provide a flow of information:

- Establish a link with county Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees to monitor and provide support to local agency staff
 - Share information with MTC's advisory committees and other MTC ad hoc committees
 - Maintain and disseminate information about MTC's Safety Toolbox
 - Develop bicycle and pedestrian counts subcommittee
5. Provide feedback to MTC staff on pedestrian issues:
 - Review opportunities to fit pedestrian interests into MTC's existing programs
 - Provide resources to implement projects that address pedestrian needs
 6. Continue informational presentations at RPC. Topics of special interest include:
 - Approaches to enforcement
 - Data analysis
 - Local pedestrian plans
 7. Monitor and review legislative and funding developments