

**Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee****Thursday, September 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m.****One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room**Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01p.m.
2. Public comment.
  - a. None heard.
3. Approval of minutes – [August 22](#).
  - a. Passed by a voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
  - a. Project schedule.
  - b. Construction update.
  - c. Update on neighboring projects.
  - d. Business support.
  - e. Outreach update.
  - f. Member comment regarding Staff Updates:
    - i. Robert Lockhart Asked if the 79X will pick up and drop off on Van Ness.
      1. Yes.
    - ii. Bill Crissman talked about the picking up and dropping off of passengers on the 79X.
    - iii. Susie Criscimagna asked if the 79X will be using the BRT lanes.
      1. The plan is for the 79X to use Van Ness BRT lanes indefinitely.
    - iv. Bob Bardell asked about more information on the headways.
      1. More information about the 79X route can be found at [SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter](http://SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter)
    - v. Martha Knutzen noted that she doesn't think people realize the 79X is basically another Van Ness Avenue line.
5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding November meeting.
  - a. A motion passed to move the November Van Ness BRT CAC meeting from November 28 to November 21, 2019. The committee would also like to invite the Van Ness BAC to join their meeting on November 21 at 6:00 p.m.
  - b. A motion passed to cancel the Van Ness BRT CAC meeting that was originally scheduled for December 26, 2019.
6. Member comment:
  - a. Martha Knutzen asked what the topic of the next Meet the Expert would be.
    - i. SFMTA staff is finalizing the details but you should receive an email blast with the confirmed event details very soon.

- b. Mark Moreno mentioned that a couple of businesses wanted wayfinding signage.
    - i. Project staff will follow up with him about this.
  - c. Stephen Peple mentioned the renderings of the project didn't show the mountable curb.
    - i. This is not reflected in the renderings, no. But there will be a mountable curb that physically separates the traffic from the BRT lanes. There is other infrastructure the project can procure to further dissuade drivers from using the lanes, if it turns out to be the case. It is important to retain some permeability so that emergency vehicles can penetrate the lanes if need be or in case of service breakdowns.
  - d. Susie Criscimagna asked about the cameras on the buses and whether these will be used to issue citations to red lane violators.
    - i. The technology is already being used to issue citations in other parts of the Muni system, so it is a possibility.
  - e. Randy Uang asked about translation on car cards on MUNI buses.
    - i. Not all of the cards are generated by the SFMTA or the City, anyone can purchase advertising space. SFMTA is required to translate service critical information. If we do generate car cards and choose to do additional translations it usually has to do with the specifics of the campaign and the audience we are trying to reach.
  - f. Robert Bardell asked if the MUNI lane by N-Judah has a raised right of way.
    - i. Yes, we have another raised right-of-way similar to that one on the Powell Cable Car route.
  - g. Robert Lockhart expressed concern about water coming out of the pavement at Van Ness and Filbert and Van Ness and Greenwich.
    - i. SFMTA staff to follow-up about the water seepage.
  - h. Robert Anderson asked about coordination of all the projects and work at Van Ness and Market.
    - i. Our construction management team and our contractor work closely with development projects through the length of the corridor to coordinate our work. They have developed relationships with projects in our vicinity and that helps us address concerns regarding impacts to the neighborhood.
7. Meeting adjourned by a voice vote at 6:41 p.m.