



## Geary Community Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Skype

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Annie Lee	Daniel Mackowski (SFMTA)
Sana Ahmed	Liz Brisson (SFMTA)
Daniel Calamuci	Amy Fowler (SFMTA)
Bri Caspersen	Mariana Maguire (SFMTA)
Joon Choi	Michael Schwach (Silicon Valley Demolition)
Louis Grosso	Ellen Wong (SFPW)
Richard Hashimoto	Gene Chan (SFPW)
Joshua Kelly	
Victor Olivieri	
Susannah Raub	
Kevin Stull	
Andrei Svennson	

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

- a. Annie Lee, Geary CAC Chair called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### 2. Virtual meeting etiquette

- a. SFMTA will give their complete presentation on each item. After each item, Annie will ask if anyone has questions. Annie will ask if anyone on video has questions and they will type their name in the chat box to "raise their hand". She will then turn to anyone on the phone for their questions.

#### 3. Roll call

#### 4. Ice breaker activity

#### 5. Approval of minutes – [January 21, 2020](#)

- a. Rich Hashimoto motioned to approve. Kevin seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote at 6:15 p.m.

#### 6. Public comment

- a. No public comment.

#### 7. Announcements

- a. Liz Brisson shared announcements about how COVID-19 is affecting the project and Muni service.



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## 8. Geary Rapid – Steiner bridge demolition update with Public Works and Silicon Valley Demolition (contractor)

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on work underway to prepare for the bridge demolition, equipment to be used, process of removing the spans and ramps, vehicle/bus reroutes and a recap of outreach.
- b. Susannah Raub – Will there be closures to pedestrians?
  - i. Michael Schwach – Only at the Steiner intersection. Pedestrians won't be able to cross Geary at Steiner.
  - ii. Dan Mackowski – Pedestrians wishing to cross Geary will need to use Fillmore or Scott.
- c. Kevin Stull – Will there be more or less vehicle impact due to COVID-19?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – We had originally planned to temporarily take parking to create travel lanes on streets that Geary traffic will be detoured to, but we decided not to due to lower traffic volumes with Shelter in Place. We requested that navigation apps direct people to use Pine or Bush streets during the demo to further reduce traffic on Post and Sutter.
- d. Andrei Svennson – Are you going to start taking the bridge down on Friday night?
  - i. Michael Schwach – We will only take the remaining railings down. The span removal will not begin until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
  - ii. Dan Mackowski – We are trying to schedule noisier work during the day.
  - iii. Rich Hashimoto – Thanked the Geary team for the outreach and the wayfinding signs that have been posted in Japantown.
- e. Susannah Raub – What would be the most interesting time to watch demolition activities?
  - i. Michael Schwach – 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- f. No public comment.

## 9. Geary Rapid – Project update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on Geary Rapid project updates.
- b. Kevin Stull – Does this timeline take into account any impacts to the project due to COVID-19 ?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – The schedule shown has not changed due to COVID-19 at this time.
- c. Kevin Stull – By the next meeting will the project schedule and budget be updated to take into account any potential delays due to COVID-19?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – Yes, we update it ahead of every meeting. Delays that could potentially come up are supply chain issues, or stopping work if crew members test positive. However, so far contractors have been able to keep working and have benefited from less traffic.
- d. Josh Kelly – Is SFMTA coordinating with contractors to make sure they are doing what they need to keep workers safe?



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- i. Dan Mackowski – Yes. It is the contractors’ responsibility to ensure worker safety but the City does several things to monitor compliance including reviewing safety requirements at construction meetings, providing guidance from the city’s health official, and City staff checking on contractors in the field.
- e. Josh Kelly – have there been any issues with compliance?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – Overall compliance has been good and the contractors want to protect their workers. There were a couple issues with workers not wearing the masks they had been provided with only during the first week.
- f. Lou Grosso – Seems like construction has been outside my front door for a while. How long before they move on from St. Francis Square?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – We have finished the water main installation in this area; next the Water Department will disinfect and connect service to the new main and restore the roadway. The surface contractor will follow up later to work on the traffic signal at Buchanan. That means there will probably be another month of utility work then a gap of four months and then another four months of construction near St. Francis Square.
- g. Rich Hashimoto – How will you handle the shortfall between the estimated cost and the actual cost?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – When the budget was developed there was a contingency built in so we are still within budget at this time.
- h. No public comment.

#### **10. Geary Rapid – Implementation update**

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on Geary Rapid implementation updates.
- b. Rich Hashimoto – What will you do with the old cable car tracks?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – We considered putting them in our cable car museum, but found that they were not well preserved and we already have similar items so they were disposed of.
- c. Andrei Svennson – Good that the cable car tracks were documented. Could we get a Gantt chart schedule at the next meeting so we can see projected schedules?
  - i. Dan Mackowski – I understand your question and will try to provide something that is clear to everyone.
- d. Susannah Raub – I was going to ask about the timing of paving work, but now that we are on the schedule slide my question is answered – to summarize, it will take about a year until completion from Stanyan to Van Ness.
- e. No public comment.

#### **11. Geary Rapid – Outreach update**

- a. Amy Fowler presented on outreach updates, including business wayfinding signs, marketing support and recent public hearings.



- b. Rich Hashimoto – Appreciate the collaboration with the SFMTA and going out of your way to satisfy everyone.
  - i. Amy Fowler – Thank you to CAC members who help gets the word out in the community.
- c. Kevin Stull – Has COVID-19 changed the way you do outreach? Have you done virtual chats or talks with people?
  - i. Amy Fowler – We have been using Skype in some Tenderloin meetings. We had planned to go door to door with fliers for Steiner outreach, but instead we are primarily sending emails and making calls. We’re also having to rethink when we are executing the business support marketing plans, as we don’t want to spend budget on something that won’t help businesses that are closed now due to COVID-19. We want those efforts to be helpful to all businesses impacted by construction.

## **12. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – update**

- a. Liz Brisson presented on the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project. With challenges such as the tradeoffs of consolidated service, an uncertain financial outlook, and implementation lessons learned from other projects, SFMTA will be working to optimize the design of the project by exploring ways to minimize construction disruption and accelerate implementation of the most beneficial transit and safety features. There will be a bigger update at the next meeting.
- b. Annie Lee – Does that mean the project alternative might change?
  - i. Liz Brisson – There have already been major actions to approve the project as currently designed. Will be able to share more at the next meeting.
- c. No public comment.

## **13. Adjourn**

- a. Kevin Stull motioned to adjourn. Susannah Raub seconded. Voice vote to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.