



Geary Community Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Annie Lee	Daniel Mackowski (SFMTA)
Richard Hashimoto	Liz Brisson (SFMTA)
Susannah Raub	Amy Fowler (SFMTA)
Louis Grosso	Mariana Maguire (SFMTA)
Andrei Svensson	
Kevin Stull	
Dina Mendoza	
Daniel Calamuci	
Sana Ahmed	
Paul Epstein	

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Annie Lee called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Virtual meeting etiquette

3. Roll call

4. Approval of minutes – [September 15, 2020](#)

- a. Lou Grosso motioned to approve. Rich Hashimoto seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote 6:05 p.m.

5. Public comment

- a. Tom Barton: Asked if signal timing between Park Presidio and 6th Avenue could be improved, currently buses can't make it without hitting a stoplight.
 - i. Dan Mackowski: It's time-consuming to design, but retiming Geary Boulevard west of Masonic is on SFMTA's radar for next year, including updating pedestrian walk times and timing for cars/buses. Also, future plans to install conduits for fiber optic cables to provide more reliable communications between signals. Sometimes one signal gets out of sync—if you witness that on Geary you can email GearyRapid@SFMTA.com.

6. Follow-ups from September 15, 2020 meeting

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
- b. Andrei Svensson thanked Dan for the follow-up.

- c. Lou Grosso: Concerned that the APS at Geary/Laguna that is right near St. Francis homes (SW corner) will be too loud for residents and they will request the volume turned down, making it inaudible for those who need it.
 - i. Dan: There may be a time-of-day setting to make it quieter at night, on top of the feature to measure ambient noise and set a corresponding decibel level. Pressing and holding the APS for two seconds will make it louder. I will ask specifically about the time-of-day setting at this location (and any other potential corners).
- d. Tom Barton: At Geary and 8th, if there are timing changes to extend the blinking red light portion of the pedestrian signal, how will people know that it's been extended?
 - i. Dan: The hope is after using the crossing more than once people will learn, based on their abilities. There is also a median to wait in if more time is needed. With future retiming, hopefully the walking phase can be over three seconds.

7. Geary Rapid – Project update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
- b. Andrei: Noticed while driving on Geary at Steiner it took a few days for the temporary striping to correspond to the actual lanes. Requirements are that it should happen the same day.
 - i. Dan: We will flag this for the contractor.
- c. Rich: Looking at the \$40.8m where there is a budget shortfall—what budget is that coming out of?
 - i. Dan: SFMTA budgeted about a 30% contingency prior to advertisement, based on many factors. 10% is required on the contract itself for change orders, which leaves a 20% cushion. That overage was covered through this contingency.
- d. Rich: There is roughly \$19m remaining. Is that sufficient to complete the project?
 - i. Dan: I review the budget once or twice a month. The green in the chart illustrates the project budget is on track.

8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
- b. Rich Hashimoto: Noticed that some streetlamps were out near Webster—can those be re-activated before work is completed in 2021?
 - i. Dan: Contractor is required to keep them on, we'll have them resolve. Can put up a temporary light if they're not able to fix.
- c. Annie Lee: Is the holiday construction moratorium impacted by state or local COVID rules, and could that impact Geary work at all? Specifically on Geary East.
 - i. Dan: Will check in with the contractor.

- ii. Amy: Will check with Union Square BID to ensure they want to maintain the moratorium.
- d. Tom Barton: Amazed at all the work just to put in the signal at Commonwealth and Beaumont.

9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

- a. Amy Fowler presented on this item.
- b. Dan Mackowski: Discussed tree removal hearing on December 7. Opportunity for stakeholders to attend and speak in support of new crosswalk at Buchanan.
- c. Rich Hashimoto: Japantown CBD has an ambassador that helps remove graffiti from wayfinding signs. Asked about sign replacement for graffitied signs in the Fillmore.
 - i. Amy offered to investigate getting them replaced.

10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

- a. Liz Brisson presented on this item.
- b. Annie Lee: Happy to hear we are adding more buses. It's an equity issue, key to ensuring bus dependent populations are safe and healthy.

11. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, January 19, 2021
- b. Susannah Raub: Appreciated that she was able to ride the 38 Geary at 5:30 a.m. to serve as a poll worker on election day.
- c. Kevin Stull motioned to adjourn. Rich Hashimoto seconded. Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 7:04 p.m.