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Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 23, 2015

6:00-7:30pm

One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th floor, Union Square Conference Room

Minutes

1. Introductions. Welcome Randy Uang, newest Van Ness BRT CAC member, resident on the southern end of Van Ness Avenue.
2. Approval of May minutes by voice vote
3. Project timeline:
 - a. Schedule will be more refined after working with awarded Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), Walsh Construction
 - b. The project is currently at the end of the Detail Design phase, focused on pre-construction services including completing the design, determining the construction sequencing and negotiating a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) with the CM/GC, and finally amending the CM/GC contract to including construction services.
 - c. Construction is scheduled to begin early 2016
 - d. Revenue service is scheduled to begin early 2019
4. Construction Manager/General Contractor Awarded: Walsh Construction
 - a. Walsh Construction Introduction and Overview Presentation
 - i. Jay Simms, Project Manager, will lead project team and facilitate partnering
 - ii. Walsh Construction has 117 year history across country including many CM/GC projects (and has never failed to close a GMP estimate
 - iii. For the project Walsh has selected local experienced core subcontractors including Phoenix Electric Company, Reliance Engineering Inc. and Synergy Project Management, Inc.
 - iv. Benefits of CM/GC process include:
 1. Flexibility as project teams work to integrate constructability, cost and schedule considerations
 2. The ability to maximize program scope for available budget
 3. The resources and information need to make the best possible decisions for the benefit of the project and its stakeholders
 - v. Construction will occur across multiple headings—perhaps three

- vi. Pre-construction work includes value engineering, QA review, long lead items, market monitoring, the cost estimate and GMP negotiation.
 - 1. All pre-construction work will be reviewed by team of expert reviewers
 - 2. The traffic management plan (TMP) drives the schedule, sequencing and phasing. CM/GC will review the proposed CM/GC. Currently traffic travels on Van Ness Avenue at 9mph
 - 3. Other pre-construction work will include project management and outreach planning
 - vii. The project construction is a big job
 - 1. Each heading will have 61 pieces of equipment and 75 people
 - 2. Project will impact transit, businesses, pedestrians, residents and traffic
 - a. Transit riders will be supported with stop relocation notifications
 - b. Construction will have an impact on traffic delaying travel
 - c. Project will work with business community to limit impacts with business-specific signage, or programs like Groupon
 - d. A major concern for construction is pedestrian safety and environment. Hand sweeping can have a big impact
 - e. For residents, we will need to limit night work and minimize dust. San Francisco uses recycled water to minimize dust at construction sites
 - f. Walsh will host an on-site Van Ness office location where informational materials will be available
 - b. Question and answer with the Van Ness BRT CAC
 - i. The current estimate for the project costs is the Project Engineer's estimate. A consultant also put together an estimate for the project and the two budgets are being reconciled now. Meanwhile the CM/GC is putting together its estimate and these will be the basis for the GMP negotiations
 - ii. The CM/GC process should limit change orders with a greater level of collaboration by going through the drawings and correcting, changing, modifying or evaluating the design before it goes to construction
 - iii. Scoring for the CM/GC was based on presentation, bid, skills, etc.
5. SFMTA staff updates
- a. 95% Design package distributed in June
 - b. Caltrans
 - i. 95% Design comments received from Caltrans and team is working through them

- ii. Met with Caltrans for Traffic Management Plan (TMP) meeting – waiting for comments
 - c. CM/GC next steps
 - i. Contract awarded July 7
 - ii. Pre-construction services described in Jay Simm’s presentation underway
 - d. Hosted a Pre-Construction Kickoff, July 20-21
 - i. Key personnel from City and Contractor team introduced
 - ii. Partner agency and Contractor goals presented
 - e. Tree removal hearing August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., City Hall, Room 416
 - i. Van Ness BRT CAC members are welcome to attend
 - ii. Attached: Copy of Public Hearing Notice posted July 24
- 6. Next meeting – August 27, 2015
 - a. Update on public art plans for the corridor
 - b. Tim Chan, Manager of Planning will present BART Modernization Plans, including possible closure of western-most station entrances at Civic Center



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TREE REMOVAL HEARING NOTICE

The Director of Public Works will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2015 commencing at 5:30 p.m. in Room 416 of City Hall, located at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, to consider the following:

Removal of eighty-eight (88) trees maintained by Public Works within the Van Ness Ave. medians with replacement of two hundred ten (210) trees in the medians on Van Ness Ave. between Lombard and Market St. The removal of trees in the medians is a part of the approved Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project.

Removal of one hundred six (106) street trees with replacement of one hundred ninety-one (191) street trees along Van Ness Ave. from Market to Lombard St., as part of the Van Ness Ave. Streetscape Project.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments regarding the subject matter to the Bureau of Urban Forestry, 1680 Mission Street, 1st floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. These comments will be brought to the attention of the hearing officer and made a part of the official public record.

The Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project includes: Construction of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system including dedicated, center-running transit lane, boarding islands, curb bulbs, median refuges; Overhead Contact System (OCS) replacement; traffic signal system replacement and upgrade; sewer replacement; water and Auxiliary Water Supply System replacement; streetlight pole replacement; and, street repaving. The construction of the project necessitates the removal of these median trees due to project conditions that will make the preservation of most existing median trees impossible.

The Van Ness Streetscape Improvement Project will be installed at the close of the project and will include the planting of 85 trees in new locations and removal and replacement of 106 trees that are currently in poor condition or will not tolerate the amount of root disturbance that will occur during construction activities. The proposed removals may be phased to reduce the impact to the local community.

Median tree removal	88	Median tree planting	210
Sidewalk tree removal	106	Sidewalk tree planting	191
Total removals	194	Replacement trees	401

For Van Ness Transit Corridor Improvement Project information, please visit sfmta.com/vannessbrt. For questions or comments about the Van Ness Transit Corridor Improvement Project, or to be added to the project mailing list, please email vannessbrt@sfmta.com or call 415-749-2446.

Further information about the Van Ness Streetscape Improvement Project may be obtained prior to the hearing by phoning (415) 554-6700.