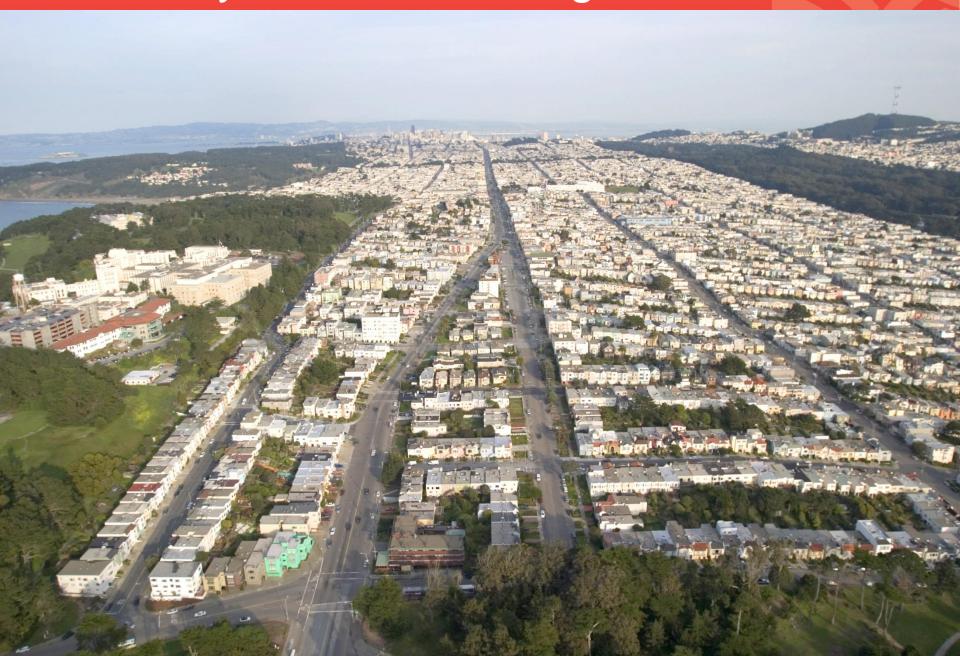


## **Geary Bus Rapid Transit**

July 18, 2018

## Geary corridor: looking east



#### The Geary corridor: 54,000 riders/day



#### We've been busy making major improvements

#### **New low-floor buses**



Safety enhancements



#### More frequent service



#### **Red lanes downtown**



### And our customers are noticing

"Thank you for the bus lanes!"



"I like the new buses. They have more room and are cleaner."

"38 bus improved immensely within the last 3 years"

### But, more is needed





## High ridership is a blessing and a curse

- More frequent service → harder to prevent bus bunching
- Geary riders sometimes still experience crowded buses, uneven wait times and inconsistent travel times

## SF's longest High-Injury Corridor

 Geary travelers are eight times more likely to be hit by traffic than the city average

### Major project features

Dedicated bus lanes

New signals + crosswalks

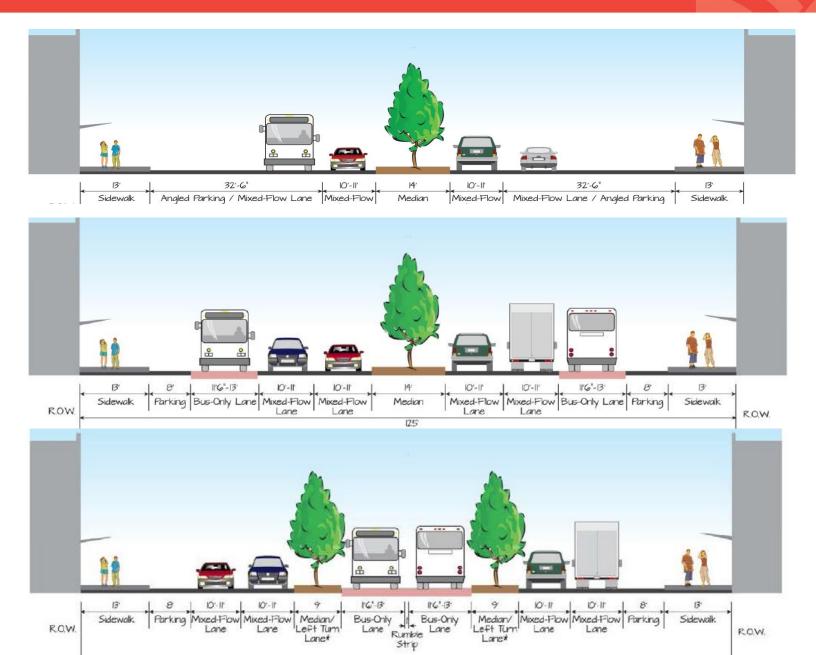
Better bus stops

Pedestrian bulbs, median refuges

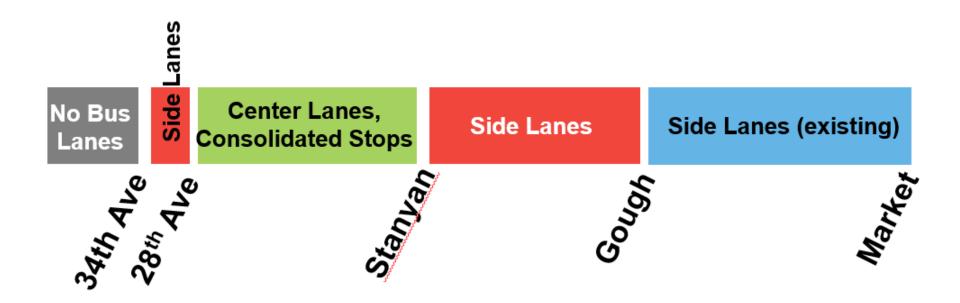
Smarter traffic signals

Calming the "expressway"

### Alternatives Evaluated



# Bus-Only Lane Configuration (Hybrid Alternative, as amended by SFCTA Board)



#### Example: O'Farrell at Leavenworth - Before



#### Example: O'Farrell at Leavenworth - After



#### Example: Geary at Buchanan - Before



#### Example: Geary at Buchanan - After



## Example: Geary at 17th Ave - Before



### Example: Geary at 17th Ave - After

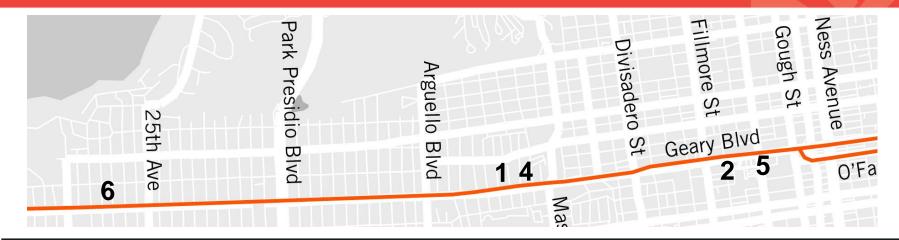


#### Extensive outreach process

- 4 major rounds of outreach
- Public meetings
- 250+ meetings w/ 65+ stakeholder groups
- 33 Citizens Advisory Committee meetings
- Multi-lingual communications
- Corridor surveys
- OWL Visualization kiosks
- Flyering at bus stops
- Web, email, social media updates
- Newspaper ads
- Corridor postings
- Ambassadors at bus stops



#### We Heard You!



#### Changes made between Draft EIR/EIS and Final EIR

- 1 Retention of Local and Express bus stops at Spruce/Cook (No Rapid stop)
- **2** Retention of the Webster Street pedestrian bridge
- **3** Addition of more pedestrian crossing improvements

#### Changes made at SFCTA Board Meeting on January 5, 2017

- **4** Retention of Collins Street local bus stops
- **5** Retention of Laguna Street Rapid bus stops

#### Changes made at SFCTA Board meeting on June 27, 2017

6 - Shift in WB transition from center-running to side-running from 27th to 28th Avenue

#### **Environmental Review Timeline**

- November 2008: Scoping
- October/November 2015: Draft EIR/EIS
- December 2016: Release of Final EIR
- January 2017: SFCTA certify EIR and adopt LPA
- June 2017: SFCTA LPA Amendment
- Today: SFMTA Board CEQA findings and LPA approval
- Later 2017: Final EIS and Record of Decision

### Project Phasing and Next Steps





Complete federal environmental process. Following completion, immediate next steps:

- Phase 1: Outreach on design details, then SFMTA Board legislation
- Phase 2: Kick-off preliminary engineering

## Cost estimate

	Cost	Notes
Phase 1 – fully funded	\$65 million	<ul> <li>Includes coordinated utility upgrades not related to BRT</li> </ul>
Phase 2 – will seek \$100 million Small Starts grant.	\$235 million	<ul> <li>Center-running bus only lanes</li> <li>High amenity stations</li> <li>Bus and ped bulbs, stops, and signals</li> <li>Vehicles for increased service</li> <li>Utility relocation related to BRT</li> <li>Mixed flow lane re-surfacing</li> <li>Masonic area bike lane and median modifications</li> </ul>
Total		\$300 million

### **Actions Requested**

- 1. Approve the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project
- 2. Adopt CEQA findings, including
  - Statement of Overriding Considerations
  - Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program
- 3. Concur with designation of Locally Preferred Alternative
- 4. Authorizing Director of Transportation to continue to obtain otherwise necessary approvals and carry out the actions to implement Geary BRT Project