

Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Public comment:
 - a. Jerry Grace: Cares about Van Ness. Concerned a lot of businesses are being lost due to construction.
3. Approval of Minutes – [March 28](#)
 - a. Approved by a voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
 - a. Project Overview.
 - i. Bob Lockhart asked whether Geary BRT will have center-running transit only lanes?
 1. The Geary BRT project is divided into two phases. Geary Rapid is being implemented with side-running transit-only lanes. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project is in design.
 - ii. Martha Knutzen: Requested clarification on design.
 1. That's the left lane to turn onto Van Ness.
 - iii. Robert Bardell: Will there be a physical barrier or rumble strips separating the transit-only lane from mixed traffic on Van Ness Avenue?
 1. There will be a mountable curb to discourage private automobile use, and will allow emergency access.
 - iv. Bob Lockhart asked what "OCS" means, asked what percentage of the project was complete and what work is still under way.
 1. OCS is short for "overhead contact system" that powers our trolley buses.
 2. Construction is at 31% completion. It was at 28% in March. We are still doing trenching and utility works.
 - b. Project Schedule.
 - c. Construction update.
 - i. Adam Mayer asked what lessons had been learned from the Van Ness BRT that were being, and had been shared, with the Geary BRT project team.

- ii. Adam Mayer called a motion for a report of lessons learned Van Ness BRT that are being applied to Geary BRT, passed by a voice vote.
 - iii. Martha Knutzen asked when the pedestrian light poles would be installed.
 - 1. Poles have begun being installed.
 - d. Update on neighboring projects.
 - e. Business support.
 - i. Susie Criscimagna suggested confirming ride sharing companies are not using BRT lanes. Asked what the categories of struggling businesses on Van Ness Avenue are.
 - 1. There are over 250 Van Ness Avenue businesses, including a wide range of business types. Gathering more data, while respecting the privacy of businesses.
 - f. Outreach update.
 - i. Bob Lockhart notes that on the 2600 block on Van Ness, most driveway entrances were blocked at one point. He expressed that David Castillo and Margena Wade from contractor's team are great. Would be great to see the results of a survey Margena conducted.
5. Member Comment: Members of the committee may address the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee on matters that are within its jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
6. Meeting adjourned by a voice vote at 7:42 p.m.