

Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee**Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**MINUTES

1. Call to order 6:03 p.m.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Eric Rizzo inquired about the kind of enforcement that will occur for keeping cars from using red transit lanes.
3. Approval of [July 22, 2021](#) minutes – approved by voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
 - a. Project schedule.
 - b. Construction update.
 - i. Red transit lanes have been finished.
 - ii. Closure of South Van Ness Avenue & Mission Street completed.
 - c. Current work.
 - i. New curb ramps at bulb-out locations, brick pavers, catenary wires, with irrigation and landscaping to follow.
 - d. Update on neighboring projects.
 - i. The Geary Rapid project will be wrapping up in the next couple of months, on time and within budget.
 - ii. MTA is working with Caltrans to obtain a permit to implement the HOV lanes along Lombard Street.
 - e. Outreach update.
 - i. Construction forecasts continue to be posted to project website and emailed to those who signed up for updates.
 - ii. The Summer 2021 newsletter was mailed out and posted online.
5. Member comment:
 - a. Bob Lockhart asked about timeline for the installation of artwork. Peter Gabancho informed him that artwork will be installed towards the end of construction. Bob Lockhart also pointed out that the new base for a pole will encroach into his driveway. Staff will follow up via email.
 - b. Bob Bardell asked about how vehicle traffic will be kept out of the transit lanes. Peter Gabancho explained that there will be a mountable curb between the lanes. Bob Bardell also noted that there are rubber marks on platform curbs near the new stations. Bob also pointed out that skateboarders are using the red transit lanes to travel down Van Ness Avenue.
 - c. Gabe Zitrin asked about the frequency of buses when BRT service starts.

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- d. Martha Knutzen was concerned about lack of trash collection at unused bus stops at Turk and Ellis.
 - e. William Crissman pointed out that some vehicular signage for vehicles has been moved and asked who monitors signage. Nehama Rogozen reported that signage is placed by the contractor and monitored by staff. William Crissman also noted that a hazardous pothole next to a drain at Van Ness and California has been fixed.
6. Adjourn. Approved by voice vote at 6:28 p.m.