



Geary Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Tom Barton	Liz Brisson (SFMTA)
Dita Blackwell	Amy Fowler (SFMTA)
Hillary Brown	John Gravener (SFMTA)
Dan Calamuci	Dan Mackowski (SFMTA)
Lian Chang	David Sindel (SFMTA)
Joon Choi	
Paul Epstein	Derek Adams (SFPUC)
Sean Kim	Jon Cantu (SFPUC)
Spud Law	Shalon Rogers (SFPUC)
Caixuan (Annie) Li	Jeanne Sum (SFPUC)
Marian Roth-Cramer	
Andrei Svensson	

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. John Gravener (facilitating in Susannah Raub's absence) called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Remote meeting housekeeping

3. Roll call and Introductions

4. Approval of minutes – [July 10, 2024](#)

- a. Tom Barton motioned to approve; multiple people seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote at 6:24 p.m.

5. Public comment

- a. No public comment.

6. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission project update

- a. Derek Adams presented on this item.
 - i. Dita Blackwell asked whether periods of time of no parking would typically last days, weeks, or months.
 - 1. Derek replied that it would typically be on the order of weeks, generally 1 to 2 weeks.
 - ii. Spud Law asked whether the Quick-Build phase helped maintain two travel lanes during construction

1. Derek replied that having the parallel parking did help widen the roadway and make it easier to keep two lanes open at all times.
- iii. Sean Kim commented that he did not find the Quick-Build to be helpful and that the bus lanes won't be helpful to the bus when SFPUC construction requires lane closures. He asked what hours and days of the week construction work would occur.
 1. Derek replied that construction will generally be Monday-Friday 8am-5pm except for a small number of 48-hour sewer lining operations that will take place between Funston and 5th aves, which may be on weekends to avoid commuter traffic.
 - a. Liz Brisson clarified that because of the Quick-Build, bus lanes will be open on all blocks except those few actively undergoing construction.
 2. Sean asked whether the new fiber-optic cables will be for city use or private companies.
 - a. Derek replied that it is city fiber optic specifically for Muni.
 - b. Dan Mackowski added that the city asked the private companies (e.g. Verizon, Sonic) if they'd like to join the project and install their own facilities, but they weren't interested
- iv. Hillary Brown commented that she attended the SFPUC webinar earlier that day.
 1. Shalon Rogers thanked Hillary for attending the webinar. She said that this CAC presentation is a condensed version of the webinar, and that the full webinar recording will be available on the SFPUC website by the end of the week.

7. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update

- a. Liz Brisson presented on this item.
 - i. Sean Kim asked whether it would be possible to use slower-growing tree species that are less likely to lift up the sidewalk and cause accessibility issues.
 1. Liz replied that the project team will work with the SFPW landscape architect to consider this feedback. The tree species options that were presented were recommended by the Landscape Architect and were made in consideration of what is appropriate for urban sidewalk planting.
 - ii. Marian Roth-Cramer asked what TNDC stands for.
 1. Liz replied that TNDC is the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, which is serving as the developer for the affordable housing project at Geary and 6th Avenue.

- iii. Andrei Svensson took a moment to recognize the pedestrian who was killed on Geary at 25th Avenue the previous week. The group expressed their sadness.
 1. Dan Mackowski explained the rapid response protocol, under which SFMTA staff examine signals, street markings, and other elements of the street environment immediately after a severe collision. While the investigation is ongoing, it appears that the victim was crossing southbound against the walk light and was struck by a westbound motorist. He noted that while there is little that can be done to prevent a pedestrian from crossing against the light, the project recently added pedestrian head starts and more time for crossing, and is already planning to further upgrade the traffic signal for better visibility and expand the sidewalk with a bus bulb that would decrease the distance across the street.
 - a. Andrei asked how it was known that the pedestrian was crossing against the light.
 - i. Dan replied that the preliminary SFPD investigators had indicated so, likely from a witness or video from a nearby building, but the official report is not complete.
- iv. Spud Law asked whether the community enhancement work would be in 2026-2027 and wondered why it takes so long to install.
 1. Liz explained that the enhancement work is being incorporated into the SFMTA's surface contract that is planned to be under construction beginning in late 2026 after the SFPUC's water and sewer work is complete. The time to design and implement improvements such as these could otherwise happen quicker, but the approach of coordinating projects minimizes construction impacts to the community.

8. Geary Rapid update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
 - i. Tom Barton asked who to contact with complaints about gaps in services on the 38 Geary outbound to the VA Hospital.
 1. Liz recommended emailing TellMuni@SFMTA.com which is triaged to forward emails to the relevant staff and in this case would likely go to someone who works in service planning.
 2. John Gravener advised that calls to 311 are also directed to the relevant staff.

9. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, January 8, 2024. Group will continue meeting remotely.



- b. Tom Barton motioned to adjourn. Andrei seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.