



# VAN NESS BUS RAPID TRANSIT

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## Community Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 20, 2014

6:00-7:00pm

One South Van Ness, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Union Square Conference Room

### Minutes

1. SFMTA Staff Updates
  - a. Arts Commission Shelter Updates – the Arts Commission has agreed to take the shelter issue off of the table
  - b. 11/18 Board Legislative Hearing Outcomes
    - i. Strong support for the project from the community at the legislative hearing
    - ii. Approved left turn restrictions, dedicated BRT lanes, bulbouts, bus stop removals, parking space changes, and loading zone changes
  - c. Urban Forestry Council Hearing 12/12 on tree selection. DPW to make recommendation of short list of trees. DPW will recommend one or two species, still to be determined.
  - d. Vision Zero long term goal to reduce pedestrian injury – Because left turns impact pedestrian safety, looking at possibly restricting left turns before project is implemented.
  - e. Legislation going to Board of Supervisors 11/25 to modify the City's CM/GC contracting ordinance to secure a contracting "core team" rather than simply a general contractor for project.
  - f. Wayfinding for low vision/blind community – Staff working with consultant CDM Smith. More updates on this item in January.
2. CAC member merchant outreach updates
  - a. Katie reached out to two schools
  - b. Bill reached out to Opera Plaza Management, Peet's, the Cinema
  - c. Don sent out 3,600 emails, posted to Facebook and Twitter, and the project team met with the Emerald Fund, Symphony, City Hall and Department of Real Estate
  - d. Bob met with Pane e Vino who had concerns about ped issues
  - e. Vandana reached out to Wasabi and Ginger who were familiar with Asian BRT projects, Matterhorn that had concerns about their white zones, has worked with staff to mitigate issue. MTA staff to follow-up with Matterhorn; Market at Vallejo and Van Ness.
  - f. Nextdoor discussed as possible outreach tool for Van Ness BRT project, staff is meeting with Nextdoor representative.
3. Recruit 2 new CAC board members

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- a. Scott Blanks, Deputy Director at Lighthouse for the Blind interested and in attendance
- b. Bob Anderson, resident at 77 Van Ness interested and represented by Mark Moreno
- c. Staff to follow-up directly with Mr. Blanks and Mr. Anderson
4. Approval of October minutes with a voice vote
5. Philip Spricin elected Vice Chair in a voice vote
6. Next meeting - January 22, 2015

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