

**Van Ness Business Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 15, 2018, 3:00 p.m.**

One South Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor, Civic Center Conference Room

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Meeting called to order by a voice vote at 3:05 p.m.
2. Public comment.
 - a. None heard.
3. Approval of Minutes – [October 18.](#)
 - a. Approved by a voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
 - a. Project schedule.
 - i. Patrick Hosfield: When new projections are developed for the schedule, is there a buffer of time added. Or actual?
 1. This is the schedule we're projecting based on issues we've encountered in the past. Possible recovery plans are not taken into account.
 - ii. Roland Andersen: Construction will end in early 2021?
 1. Major construction/substantial completion is projected for early 2021. We expect Muni service to begin 2-3 months later.
 - b. Construction update.
 - i. No comments heard.
 - c. Outreach update.
 - i. Patrick Hosfield:
 1. What types of conversations, concerns and topics come up at meetings such as the County Transportation Authority (CTA) Citizens Advisory Committee?
 - a. We gave project updates at the most recent CTA meeting and no concerns were raised. Issues have come up at past meetings, such as a blind spot that was created as a result of CPMC construction near Geary. If it's directly related to our project, we do our best to respond to and address any situations that arise.
 2. Has there been a Meet the Expert about Civic Center public realm plan and how it interacts with the Van Ness project?
 - a. No, but we can consider that for a future Meet the Expert topic.
 - d. Update on neighboring projects.

- i. Patrick Hosfield:
 - 1. Do the Geary sharrow crossings connect to streets with bike lanes?
 - a. Yes.
 - 2. Was there a groundbreaking event for VN?
 - a. Yes, it was held in front of City Hall.
 - 3. What was the thinking behind not having a separate BAC for Geary?
 - a. The number of merchants whose properties front the sidewalk on Geary are fewer than on Van Ness, and the work is expected to be a little less intense and shorter duration than Van Ness. However, we are still planning construction mitigation efforts and marketing campaigns for the four areas that have a higher density of business. We also have some members on the Geary CAC who represent businesses.
 - ii. Roland Andersen: Some businesses in his area have lost revenue, and construction is especially hard on smaller businesses. Is there some kind of compensation or relief fund they could apply to? Can we share any resources to provide funding or grants?
 - 1. The Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) has a list of resources and nonprofits they work with to provide loans or grants for different business categories, such as woman-owned or legacy businesses.
5. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by a voice vote.