



## Geary Community Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Annie Lee Joon Choi Paul Epstein Dina Mendoza Victor Olivieri Eva Schouten Kevin Stull Andrei Svensson	Daniel Mackowski (SFMTA) Liz Brisson (SFMTA) Amy Fowler (SFMTA) David Sindel (SFMTA) Angela Genochio (SFMTA)

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

- a. Annie Lee called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

#### 2. Virtual meeting etiquette

#### 3. Roll call

#### 4. Approval of minutes – [November 17, 2020](#)

- a. Paul Epstein motioned to approve. Andrei Svensson seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote 6:14 p.m.

#### 5. Public comment

- a. Tom Barton: Asked about 38<sup>th</sup> and Geary safety improvements – whether it will be part of the group’s purview.
  - i. Dan Mackowski: There was a recent fatality. Intersection has two lanes in each direction, recently repaved, and good lighting but no signals or stop signs and is yield only. It’s outside of the Geary project limits, but SFMTA staff working with management about whether to consider a possible traffic signal.
  - ii. Annie Lee: Please let us know if there are any updates.

#### 6. Geary pedestrian safety update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
  - i. Andrei Svensson: Asked whether the speed limit change was in response to recent fatality or part of the Geary Rapid Project.

1. Liz Brisson: The speed limit change was in response to the recent fatality but only on certain segments near senior centers; there will be an additional effort to consider lowering the speed limit after the Geary Rapid Project is completed. A speed survey will be done and if average speeds have decreased, we may be able to decrease the speed limit across more of the corridor.
- b. Andrei: Asked whether traffic signals will be changed to correspond to 25mph speed limit.
  - i. Dan Mackowski: Main goal is safety. Not all items have been implemented. Suite of all treatments like lane narrowing and bus bulbs with trees at Laguna will narrow feel of the street and hopefully reduce speeds. Conflicting goals: keep traffic at 25mph, but also help transit. Uneven lengths of blocks, different slopes and stop configurations (nearside/farside) mean that synchronizing the signals is difficult.

#### **7. Geary Rapid – Project update**

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.

#### **8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update**

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
- b. Andrei: Asked whether there will be a crosswalk between Laguna and Gough and about the Buchanan crosswalk.
  - i. Dan: No, there will not be a crosswalk at Cleary Court. At Buchanan, we are notifying the public about removing a Monterey Cypress tree, which must happen before the crosswalk there can be built.
- c. Andrei: Asked about five-year moratorium on trenching after construction.
  - i. Dan: Yes, there is a moratorium on any street that gets curb-to-curb fresh asphalt, or a fee can be paid.
- d. Andrei: Is there a schedule published that private companies can access to coordinate excavation and paving work?
  - i. Dan: There is a centralized planning process. Added link in chat: [www.sfpublicworks.org/services/culcop](http://www.sfpublicworks.org/services/culcop)
- e. Public comment
  - i. Tom Barton: Thanked for upcoming installation of signal at Beaumont, as crossing there is difficult. Many on NextDoor have praised having it included. Told story of two people who had contacted him with an experience of a motorist acting aggressively while they were crossing Geary with a child.
  - ii. Dan: Signal is currently planned to be activated on Thursday, February 11.

#### **9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update**

- a. Amy Fowler presented on this item.
- b. Public comment:

- i. Tom: Stated that he asked the two people from above whether they would be willing to share their story.

#### **10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update**

- a. Liz Brisson and Amy presented on this item.
- b. Annie Lee: Asked if CAC members should put the survey on our own social media, Nextdoor, etc?
  - i. Amy: Yes. For social media, share if your network is likely to include an audience of people who regularly travel along Geary
- c. Annie: Asked if there are any issues with autos starting with Muni queue-jump lights?
  - i. Dan: This has not been an observed issue, though it can happen infrequently. Bigger issue is bus drivers still learning to go early when it's their turn, though bulletins have been issued and it seems to be improving over time.
    - 1. Annie thanked Dan for the information.
- d. Tom: Stated that despite the lanes not being red he has observed the bus lanes working when he rides the bus, with cars only using the lanes to make a turn.
  - i. Liz: Clarified that TETLs will not be painted red as emergency measures, but there is the possibility of permanent legislation that would include red lanes.

#### **11. Adjourn**

- a. Next meeting, March 16, 2021
- b. Kevin Stull motioned to adjourn. Paul Epstein seconded. Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 7:02 p.m.