



Geary Community Advisory Committee

January 12, 2022

Order of Business

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2. Virtual Meeting Etiquette

- Microsoft Teams – download for desktop or mobile at: www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/download-app
- Key functions: mute/unmute, raise hand, chat
- Please stay on mute unless called on to speak by Chair

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of minutes

- October 13, 2021

5. Public comment

- See Public Comment Policy on back of agenda.
- Public comment for matters within the Geary Community Advisory Committee jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
- Public comment is limited to two minutes each.

6. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

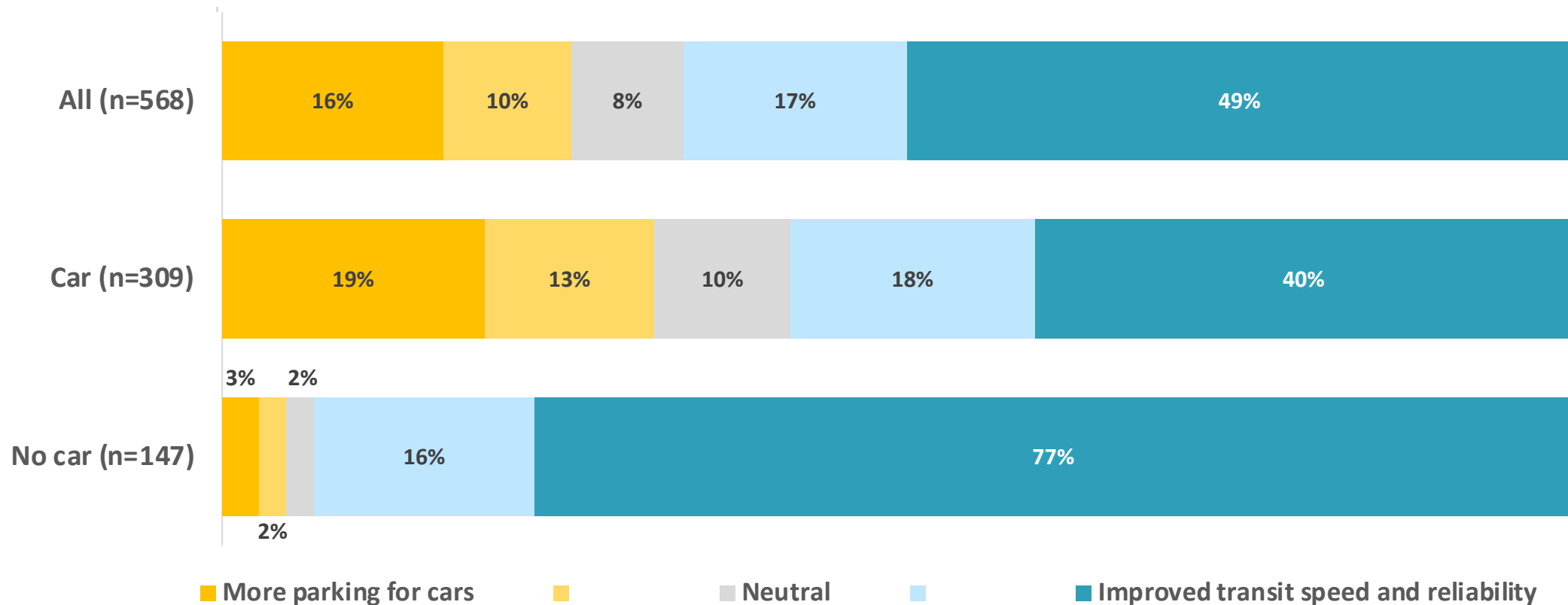
Outreach Round 1: Survey Results

- Virtual Open House: 533 online survey responses + 59 paper surveys received from events and food distribution centers in September/October
- Outreach to merchants near proposed bus stop changes

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Tradeoffs: >65% of survey respondents prioritize improving transit over parking, including a majority of car owners

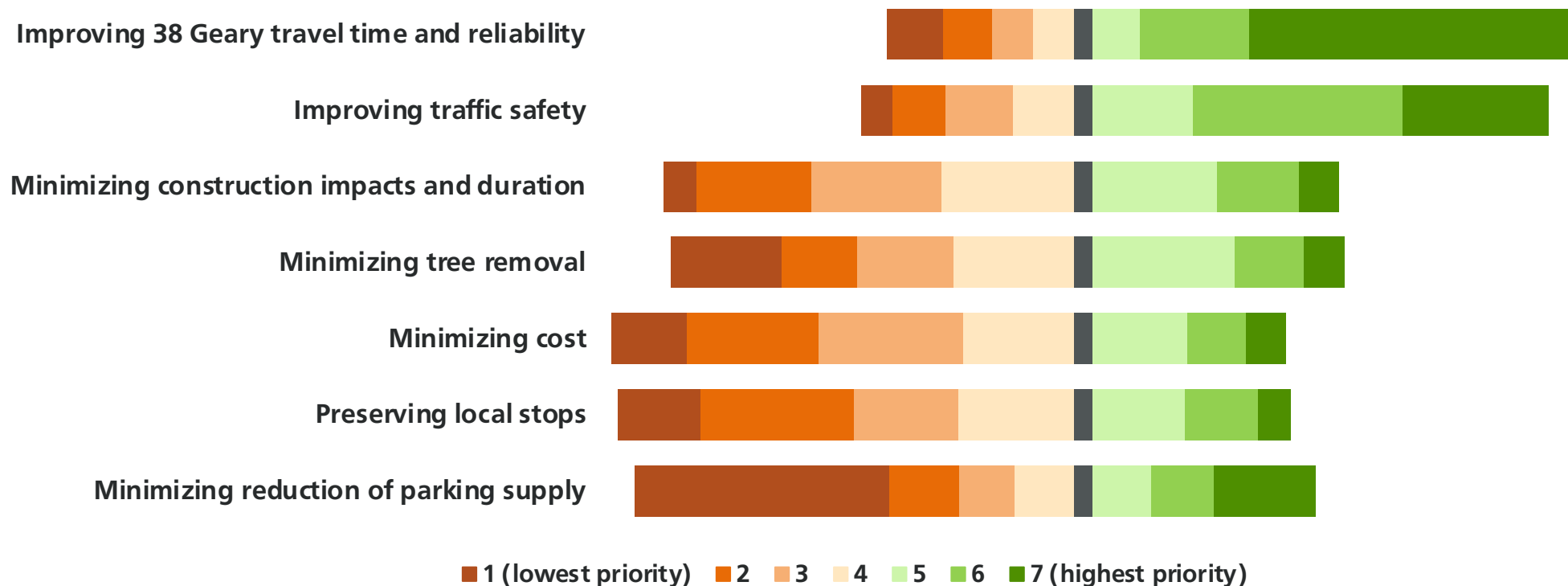
Which tradeoff do you prefer between more parking and better transit?



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Priorities: Improving transit and safety were the highest priorities among respondents (n=564)

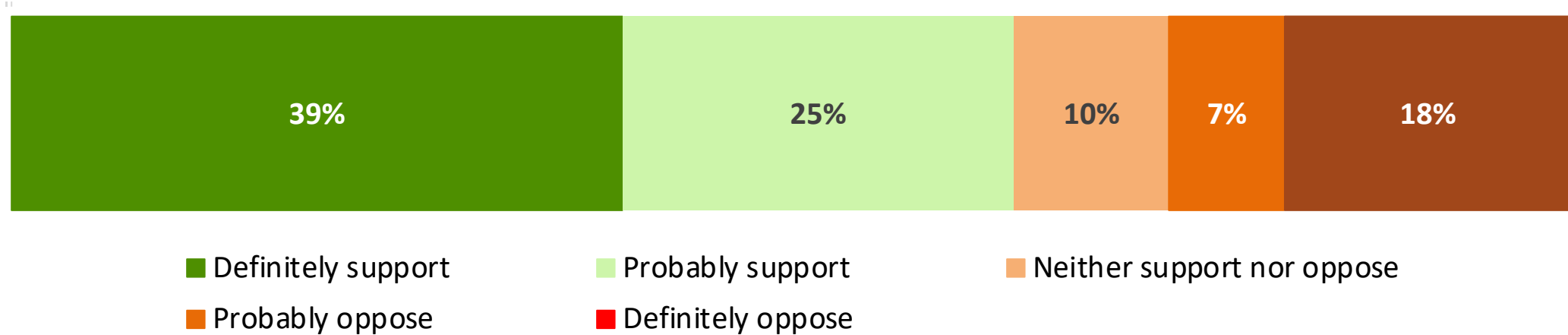
The following are some key project benefits and impacts.
Please rank each one's relative importance to you.



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Transit lanes: >60% of respondents support side-running lanes (n=582)

Do you support the SFMTA's recommendation to pursue a side-running transit lane configuration for the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project?



Bus stop changes: A majority (~55-60%) of respondents support all proposed stop relocations and bus stop removals at 12th Avenue

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Outreach Round 1: Qualitative feedback

- Support/appreciation for recent Geary transit improvements (Geary Rapid, TETL)
- Interest in ensuring compliance with side-running transit lanes
- Some expressed strong concern about parking loss from angled to parallel conversion, with several comments specifically focused on parking loss west of 25th Ave
- Some concerned about traffic impacts
- Some preferred center-running design due to greater protection from car traffic
- Desire for Geary rail investment
- Some want to see implementation ASAP, tired of providing input



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Meetings

- October 29: Senior Disability Action Transit Justice Quarterly
- November 10: SF Fire Department
- Fall/Winter: SFCTA CAC (October 27) and Board meetings (November 7 and December 7) approved Prop K grant amendment for new side-running design
- December 8: Walk San Francisco
- December 14: SF Transit Riders
- December 16: TNDC @ 4200 Geary (6th Ave) development
- December 21: Holy Virgin Cathedral
- January 5: St. Monica Catholic Church
- January 11: Presidio Middle School

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Proposed bus stop changes

- Drop outbound 25th Avenue bus stop relocation
- Bus bulbs would be installed at each proposed Rapid stop location



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Transit lanes proposal

- Includes converting angled parking to parallel:
 - Westbound: Stanyan to 32nd Ave (11 new blocks)
 - Eastbound: 33rd to Stanyan (9 new blocks)
- To help offset the loss of about two parking spaces per block face on average in the angled/parallel area, we are looking into:
 - New color curb plan to ensure most efficient use of remaining curb space
 - Seeking input on evenings and Sunday metering to increase parking availability
 - Feasibility of adding parking on a few side streets by converting parallel parking to angled; requires SFFD approval

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Parking additions on side streets

- Potential locations together could add ~20 parking spaces :
 - Funston
 - 14th Ave
 - 17th Ave
 - 18th Ave
 - 19th Ave
 - 23rd Ave
 - 24th Ave
 - 26th Ave
 - 29th Ave
- Ongoing coordination with SF Fire Department on feasibility
- Overall parking impacts (Geary loss + side street addition) = net loss of 40-60 spaces
 - Average ~1/block face through entire project limits
 - Average ~2/block face 15th-28th Ave

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Right-turn pockets

- Reduce right-turn conflicts and increase the chance for Rapids to pass locals, without impacting parking
- 7 proposed locations:
 - Stanyan St (eastbound)
 - 9th Ave (eastbound)
 - Park Presidio (eastbound)
 - 15th Ave (westbound)
 - 28th Ave (eastbound and westbound)
 - 33rd Ave (eastbound)

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Collision analysis findings

- Limited locations where collision pattern is well addressed by pedestrian bulb-outs
- Several locations where collision pattern is well addressed by eliminating unprotected left-turns

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Safety proposals

- 39 expanded median refuges at 25 intersections
- 23 pedestrian bulbs at 12 intersections
- Eliminating 11 unprotected left turns
- Daylighting and longer pedestrian crossing times at all intersections
- Side street Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at most intersections
- Side street advanced limit lines at intersections where north-south bike route crosses Geary (8th, 15th, 23rd, 34th avenues)

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Traffic signal upgrades

16th to 30th Avenue: Upgraded traffic signals with mast arms

- 11 intersections with full upgrades
- 3 intersections to add new mast arms and larger signal heads
- Signals upgrades are primarily State of Good Repair driven and expensive
- Funding challenges to fully address through project

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Upcoming Outreach Round 2: Feedback on detailed design
(anticipated ~February 2022)

- Short survey – online and print versions
- Block-by-block detailed project drawings at [SFMTA.com/ImproveGeary](https://www.sfmta.com/ImproveGeary)
- Mailer sent within two blocks of project scope
- Posters along corridor
- Emails
- Social media and newspaper ads
- Pop-up and open house events, virtual community meeting

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Next Steps

Design Phase Outreach Round 1:

- Input on bus stop changes, transit lanes, parking, loading and safety issues
- Feedback used to develop detailed proposal

Design Phase Outreach Round 2: Early 2022

← We are here

- Input on draft block-by-block design

Project Approvals and Quick-Build Implementation: Mid-2022

Including transit lanes, bus stop re-locations/removals, safety upgrades and signal retiming

Design and Construction: After 1-2 years of design, implementation would occur over 1-2 years depending on scope added by partner agencies (water, sewer, paving)

7. Park Presidio bus stop proposals

Transit and Safety Improvements

As a part of the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project, project team held a focused outreach campaign regarding the 38/38R Geary stops at Park Presidio Boulevard in December 2021



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Problem to be solved

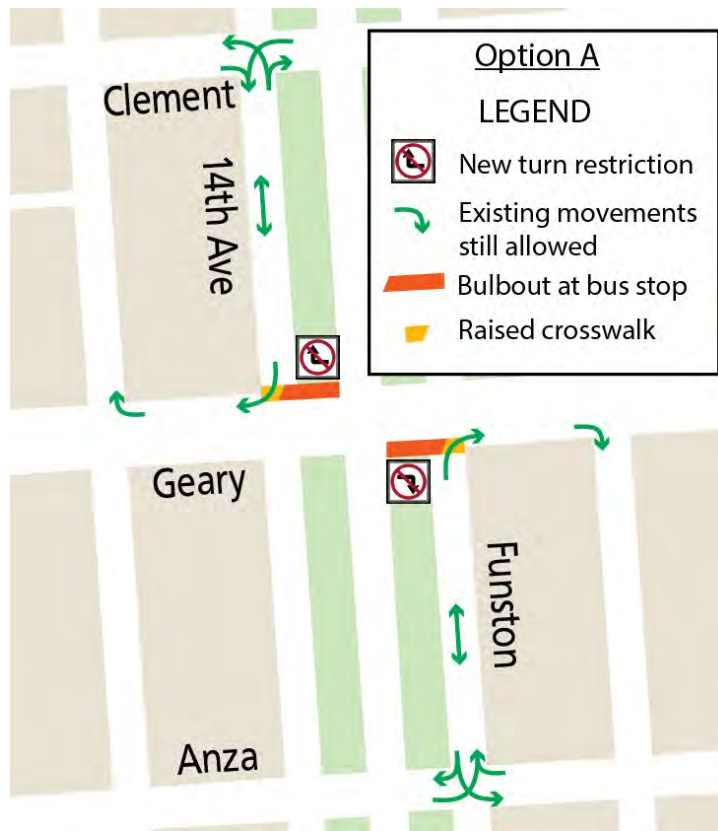
- Existing street configuration only provides enough room for one bus to stop at a time, less than SFMTA standard for two buses at busy stops.
- When two buses arrive at once, the second bus often waits for the first one to finish loading passengers before it can stop, creating delays for Muni customers.



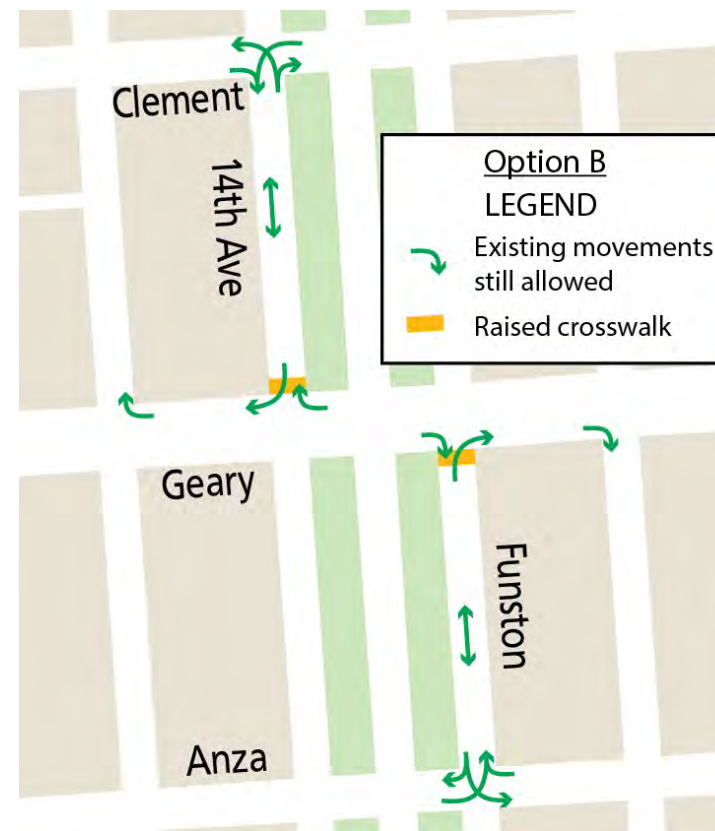
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Two options to improve transit and safety

Option A: Bus bulb-outs with new turn restrictions



Option B: Raised crosswalk with no turn restrictions



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Option A: Bus Bulb with New Turn Restrictions

(Example at 14th Avenue, would be similar/mirror image at Funston)



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Option B: Raised Crosswalk without Turn Restrictions
(Example at Funston, would be similar/mirror image at 14th Ave)



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Comparison of options

	Option A: Bulb with New Turn Restrictions	Option B: Raised Crosswalk and No Turn Restrictions
Transit	Provides enough room for two buses to serve stop and decreases conflicts with right-turning vehicles	Allows buses to sometimes load two at a time, but less consistently than option A
Safety	Improves safety for people walking by decreasing distance to cross street and improves transit safety by eliminating right-turn conflicts	Improves safety for people walking by installing a raised crosswalk that would encourage people driving to slow down
Traffic Circulation	Prohibits eastbound right turns from Geary onto Funston and westbound right turns from Geary onto 14 th Ave	No change
Parking	Opportunity to create new parking on Funston and 14 th Ave	No change

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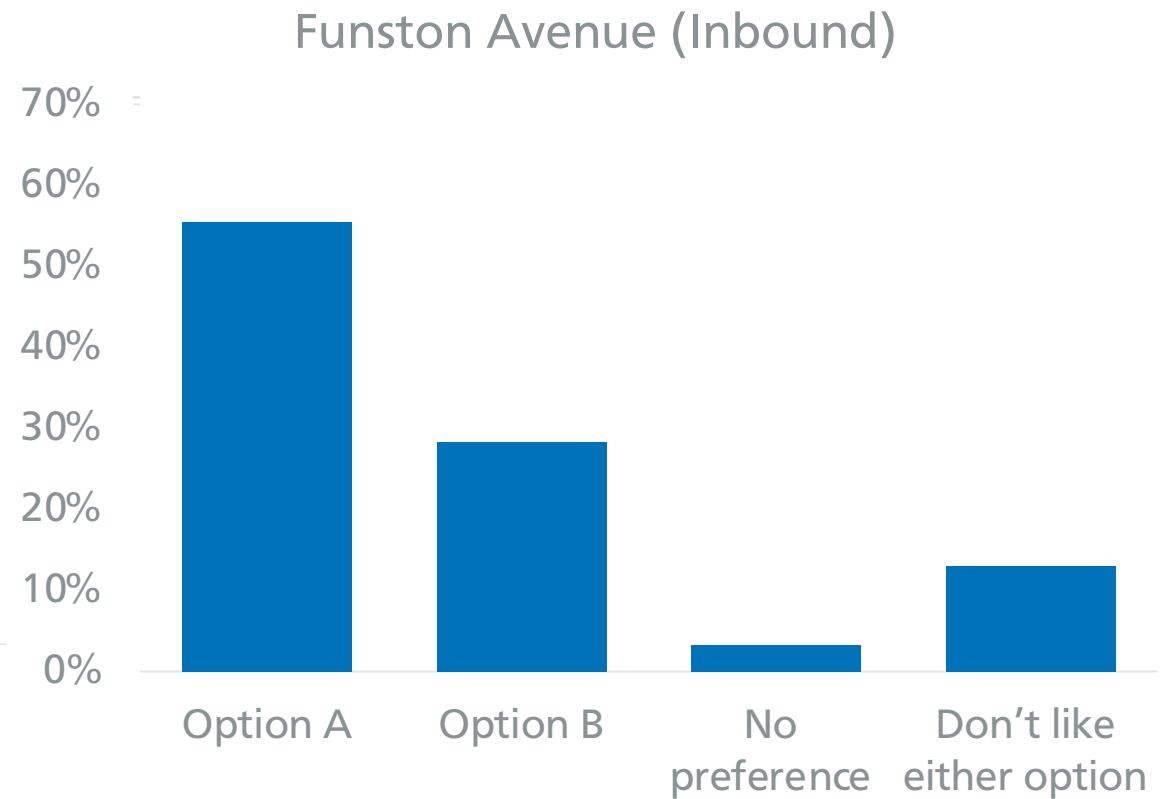
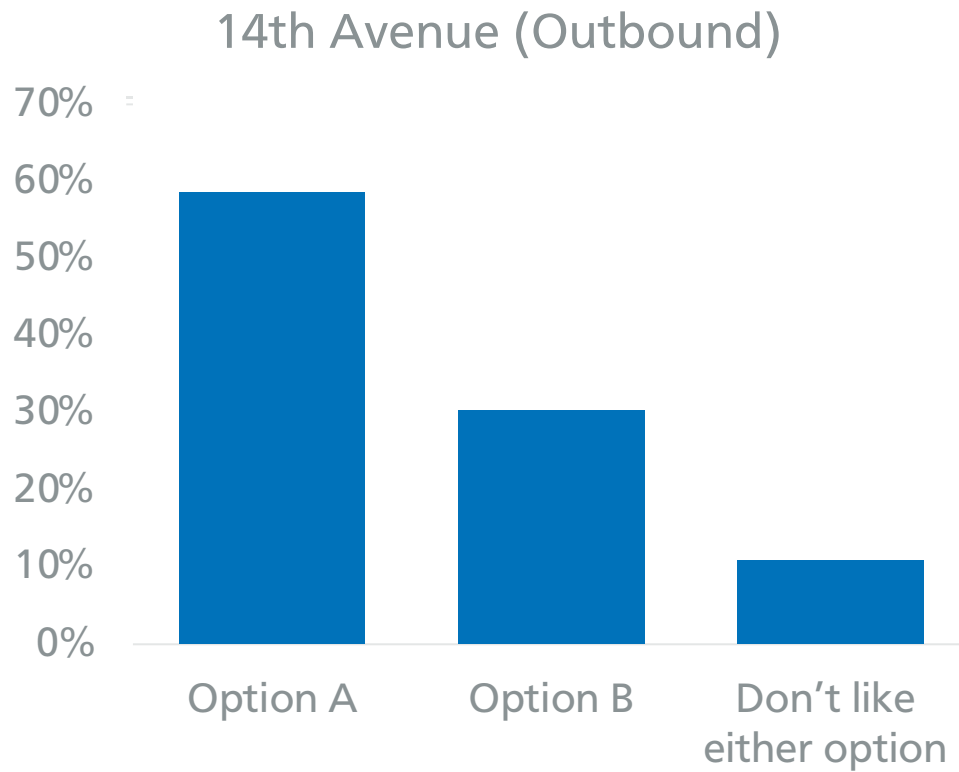
Outreach

- Survey and details at [SFMTA.com/ParkPresidioSurvey](https://sfmta.com/ParkPresidioSurvey)
- Mailers and posters in the vicinity
- December 15: Pop-up at Geary/Park Presidio outbound bus stop
- December 16: Online community meeting



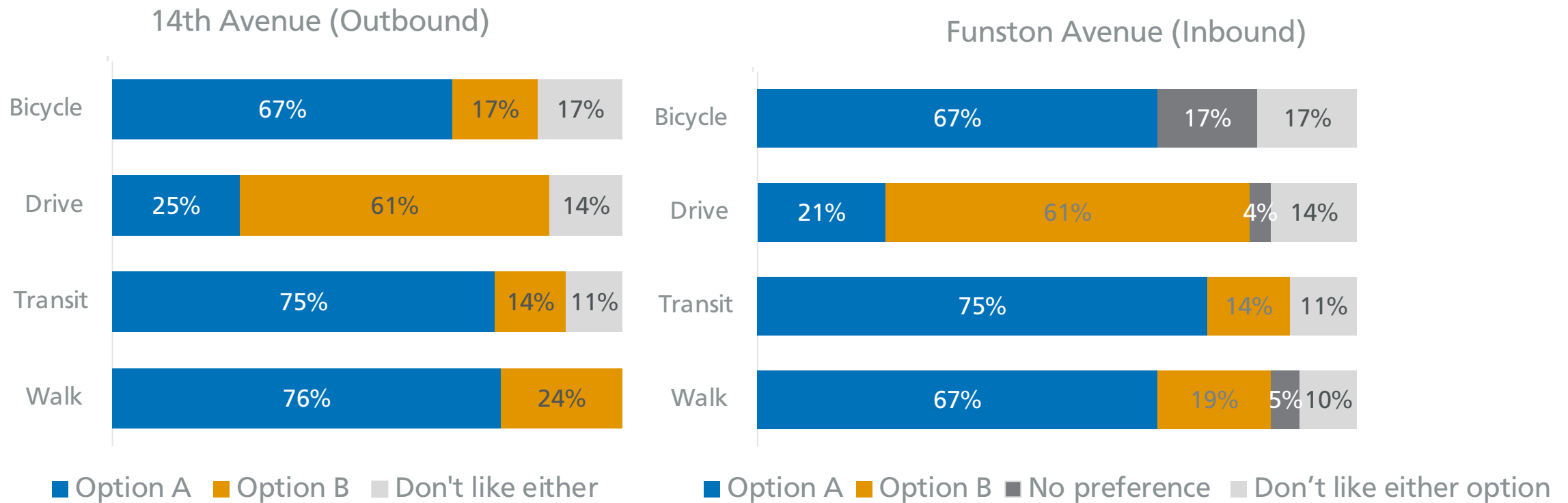
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Survey results (92 responses)



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Survey results by travel mode (92 responses)



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Next steps

- Project team will finalize recommended Option for each location and fold into GBIP Outreach Round 2

8. Geary Rapid Project update

Geary Rapid Project - Project Report			
SFMTA only			
	Design	Construction	
Budget	\$ 5.0M	\$ 30.9M	
Expenditures*	\$ 4.9M	\$ 26.0M	
% expended	99%	84%	
Budget Status	Under	On track	
Est. Completion	Summer '19	Oct '21*	
Schedule Status	Complete	*One segment delayed for coordination	
<i>*financial data as of 12/24/2021</i>			
Geary Rapid Project - All Construction Contracts			
includes MTA, PUC Sewer and Water, DT, Paving and Curb Ramps			
Contract/Work	Estimated	Price	Status (% paid)
MTA Near-Term	\$ 1.0M	\$ 1.0M	Complete
PUC Sewer/Water	\$ 16.0M	\$ 16.2M	Complete
PW Geary East	\$ 6.2M	\$ 8.7M	Underway (91%)
PW Steiner Demo	\$ 1.0M	\$ 0.8M	Complete
PW Geary West	\$ 16.6M	\$ 16.0M	Complete
	\$ 40.8M	\$ 42.7M	Underway (94%)

8. Geary Rapid Project update

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

- Private Verizon conduit work on Geary is underway, working east from Van Ness to Kearny, ~3 weeks/block. Trench restoration is deferred until Verizon work is completed in order to avoid paving twice and minimize disruption to the community.
- All sidewalk, bulb-out and traffic signal work is complete. All water work is complete, including service connections.



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“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

- All contract work is complete. Contractor finishing up punchlist items and maintaining trees.
- Red colorization of the transit lanes is complete west of Van Ness.



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Post-implementation evaluation planned in first half of 2022

Metrics to be analyzed are anticipated to include:

- 38/38R travel time
- 38/38R reliability (gaps in service)
- Transit lane compliance
- Auto volumes
- Auto speeds
- Sentiments from Geary corridor travelers (bus riders, people walking, people driving, etc) collected after near-term improvements
- Sentiments from Geary corridor stakeholders (operators and CAC)

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How is the new Geary working for you?

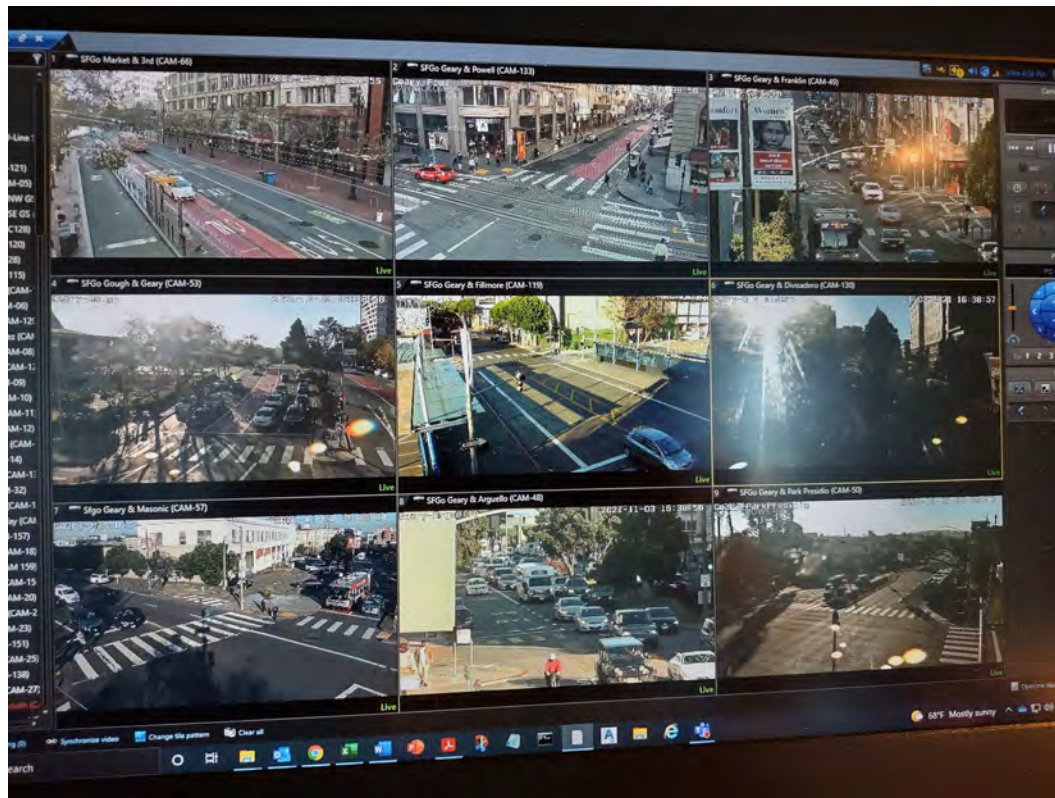
Share your observations about changes made between Stanyan and Market streets since the Geary Rapid Project has been implemented to:
GearyRapid@SFMTA.com



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Geary CAC Walking Tour of Geary East

November 3, 2021



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Geary Rapid Project wrap-up

Ribbon Cutting celebration on October 20, 2021

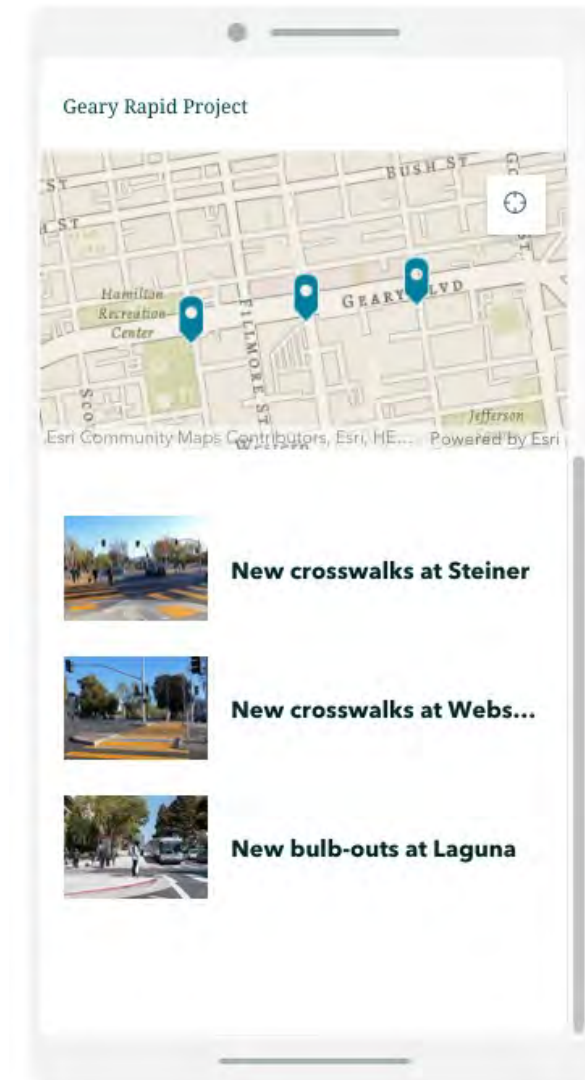
- Read a blog about the event at [SFMTA.com/project-updates/celebrating-better-geary](https://www.sfmta.com/project-updates/celebrating-better-geary)
- Watch a video recap of the event



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Geary Rapid Project wrap-up

- Virtual Interactive Tour of project highlights:
storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3a3c154164ac42fc9a95bfe0ebcf7702
- Video about safety improvements and reconnecting communities:
youtube.com/watch?v=fKRWlyOxSRU
- Upcoming: Final newsletter



10. Adjourn

Next meeting:

- April 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
- Most likely still virtual on Microsoft Teams, else:

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor,
Union Square Conference Room

Thank you!