



SFMTA

Geary Community Advisory Committee

January 19, 2021

Order of Business

1. Call to order
2. Virtual meeting etiquette
3. Roll call
4. Approval of minutes – [November 17, 2020](#)
5. Public comment
6. Geary pedestrian safety update
7. Geary Rapid – Project update
8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update
9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update
10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update
11. Adjourn

2. Virtual Meeting Etiquette

- Microsoft Teams – download for desktop or mobile at: www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/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

- [November 17, 2020](#)

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 pedestrian safety update

- Installed 25 MPH speed limits on blocks of Geary close to senior facilities, including (both directions) Laguna to Gough, Steiner to Scott, and Baker to St. Joseph's
- The final westside pedestrian median refuge at Laguna is under construction



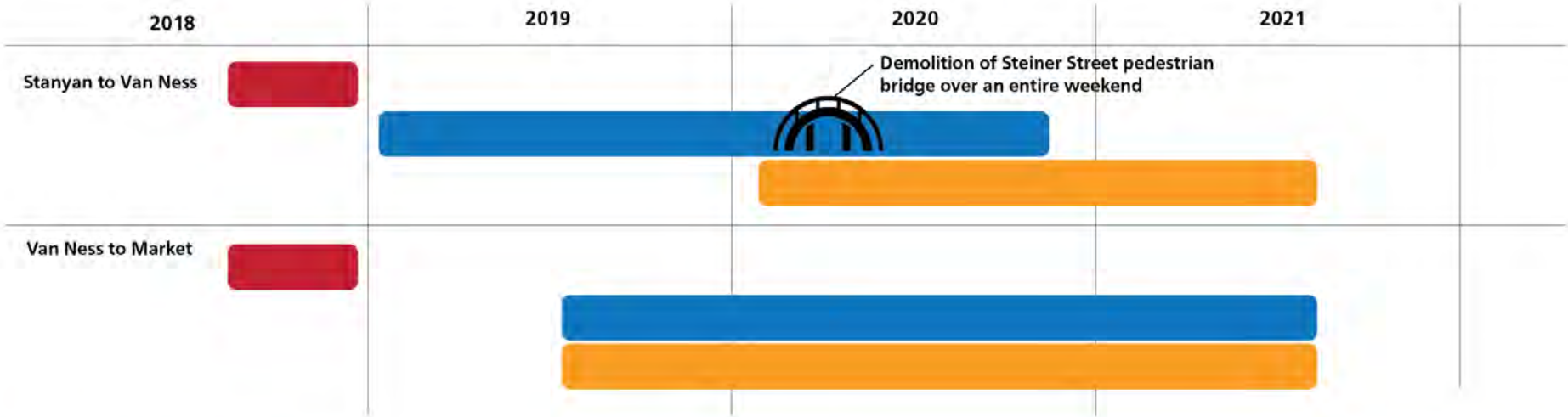
7. Geary Rapid Project update

| Geary Rapid Project - Project Report | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| SFMTA only | | |
| | Design | Construction |
| Budget | \$ 5.0M | \$ 30.9M |
| Expenditures* | \$ 4.9M | \$ 15.5M |
| % expended | 99% | 50% |
| Budget Status | Closing out | On track |
| Est. Completion | Summer '19 | Sept '21 |
| Schedule Status | Complete | On track |
| <i>*financial data as of 1/4/2021</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 | Substantially Complete |
| PW Geary East | \$ 6.2M | \$ 8.7M | Underway (62%) |
| PW Steiner Demo | \$ 1.0M | \$ 0.8M | Substantially Complete |
| PW Geary West | \$ 16.6M | \$ 16.0M | Underway (53%) |
| | \$ 40.8M | \$ 42.7M | Underway (71%) |

8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

Overview



Transit and safety treatments

- Bus-only lanes
- Pedestrian safety treatments
- Bus stop changes
- Roadway striping changes

Utility upgrades

- Water main replacement on Geary (Masonic to Market)
- Fiber-optic cable conduits (Stanyan to Gough)
- Sewer main replacement (primarily Masonic to Van Ness)

Major transit and safety improvements

- Bus bulbs
- Upgraded traffic signals
- Pedestrian bulbs
- Roadway repaving (Masonic to Van Ness)

8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

2020 Milestones

- Completed 30 of 46 new bulb-outs: 8 bus bulbs and 22 pedestrian bulbs
- Removed the Steiner Street pedestrian bridge and began installing improved crosswalks
- Completed all 1.5 miles of sewer and 1.8 miles of water upgrades west of Van Ness Avenue
- Installed 1.1 miles of water mains east of Van Ness Avenue



8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

“Geary Blvd Water/Sewer” contract: Masonic to Van Ness

- All work is complete and contractor has demobilized

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

- All water mains are installed. Service connection work is underway between Taylor and Kearny streets
- Curb ramp and sidewalk bulb-out work on Geary at Larkin, Hyde and Leavenworth
- Coordinating private Verizon conduit work on Geary with contractor



8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

- Work in “Segments A & B” is underway, currently at Steiner Street and between Webster and Van Ness streets
- Traffic signal switchovers are underway: Steiner, Webster and Laguna scheduled for this week
- Improvements to the Rec & Park facilities at Steiner are underway.
- Potential for delay at Buchanan Street due to tree removal process



9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Business support

- Marketing campaigns
 - Fillmore Merchants and Neighborhood Collaborative event – on hold
- Wayfinding signs refreshed

Other outreach

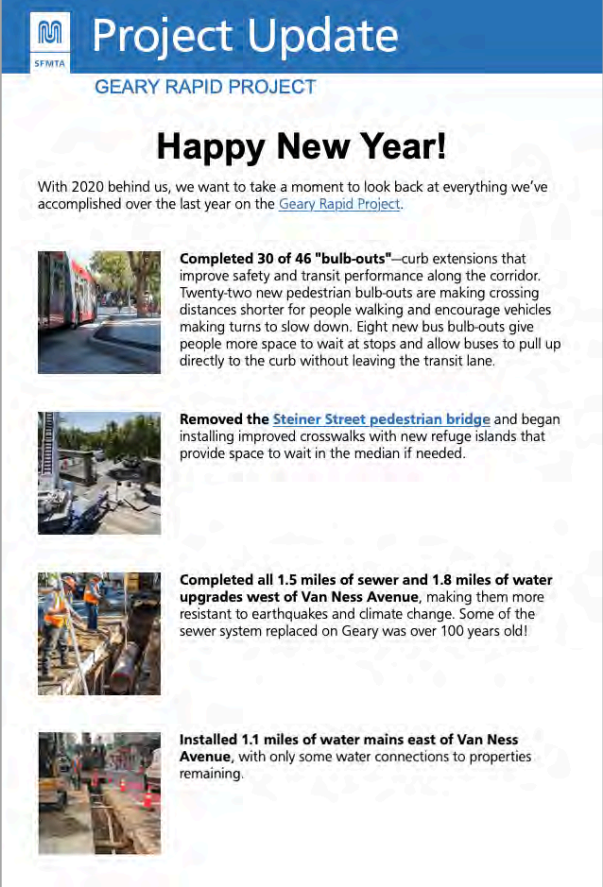
- Geary Rapid Project Newsletter
 - Spring 2021 digital/print issue



9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Geary Success Stories campaign





- Blogs, email, social media, press
- Project continues to be on-time and on-budget
- Highlighting project milestones:
 - 2020 recap
 - New traffic signals at Cook and Commonwealth
 - Completion of Geary East water upgrades
 - New crosswalks at Steiner, Webster, Buchanan
 - Completion of bus & pedestrian bulbs
 - Red transit lanes treatment



Project Update
GEARY RAPID PROJECT

Happy New Year!

With 2020 behind us, we want to take a moment to look back at everything we've accomplished over the last year on the [Geary Rapid Project](#).

- **Completed 30 of 46 "bulb-outs"**—curb extensions that improve safety and transit performance along the corridor. Twenty-two new pedestrian bulb-outs are making crossing distances shorter for people walking and encourage vehicles making turns to slow down. Eight new bus bulb-outs give people more space to wait at stops and allow buses to pull up directly to the curb without leaving the transit lane.
- **Removed the [Steiner Street pedestrian bridge](#)** and began installing improved crosswalks with new refuge islands that provide space to wait in the median if needed.
- **Completed all 1.5 miles of sewer and 1.8 miles of water upgrades west of Van Ness Avenue**, making them more resistant to earthquakes and climate change. Some of the sewer system replaced on Geary was over 100 years old!
- **Installed 1.1 miles of water mains east of Van Ness Avenue**, with only some water connections to properties remaining.

10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Implementation: Transit-only lane striping is complete!



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Implementation: Muni Head Start signals were activated!



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Implementation: Wooden bus bulbs in progress

Inbound and outbound bulbs at 20th Ave installed.

25th Ave inbound next up, followed by 6th Ave inbound and outbound.



10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Next up: evaluation

| Evaluation Area | Metric |
|---|---|
| Provide a dependable travel option for those with the fewest travel choices | Survey of Muni rider satisfaction |
| Reduce Muni travel time | Peak hour Muni travel time compared to auto speeds |
| Improve Muni reliability | Frequency of bunching and gaps during peak hours |
| Increase Muni service frequency | Scheduled frequency increases resulting from travel time savings |
| Reduce crowding | % of trips at or exceeding COVID capacity |
| Improve experience for Muni operators | Muni operator survey |
| Monitor collisions | Collisions on Geary and parallel corridors that may experience diversions |
| Measure potential traffic impacts on nearby streets | Monitor auto travel speeds on adjacent streets |
| Ensure loading needs are met where parking changes are implemented | Input from relevant businesses |

10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Evaluation survey

- Questions targeting both bus riders and drivers
- Online, text and print versions
- English, Chinese and Russian
- Promoted via email, posters, newspaper ads, Facebook and Spotify radio ads, distributing to organizations
- Launches in February

MUNI **38 Geary Survey**
Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes

Have feedback about temporary emergency transit lanes on Geary? Your input ensures projects meet the needs of Muni customers and the community. Please take this survey and mail it back in the prepaid envelope.

1. Thinking about your trips since early January, how do you most often travel on Geary Blvd in the Richmond?
 Bus/Transit Walk
 Drive Bicycle
 Taxi Uber/Lyft
 Scooter (Lime/Spin/etc.)
 Other: _____
 I don't travel there Don't know/unsure

2. How important is it to you that Muni doesn't get delayed in traffic?
 Extremely important
 Very important
 Somewhat important
 Not very important
 Not at all important
 Don't know/unsure

3. Have you ridden the 38 Geary or 38R Geary Rapid since early January?
 Yes No
 Don't know/unsure

4. How often do you currently take the 38 Geary or 38R Geary Rapid?
 Daily
 At least once a week
 At least once a month
 Occasionally
 Never
 Don't know/unsure

5. Emergency transit lanes were installed on Geary Blvd in the Richmond in early January. Thinking about Muni's reliability since then, would you say the 38 Geary or 38R Geary Rapid is:
 More reliable About the same
 Less reliable Don't know/unsure

6. Thinking about your travel time on Muni since early January, would you say the 38 Geary or 38R Geary Rapid is:
 Quicker
 About the same
 Slower
 Don't know/unsure

7. Thinking about the overall quality of your Muni trips since early January, would you say the 38 Geary or 38R Geary Rapid is:
 Better About the same
 Worse Don't know/unsure

8. New bus platforms were recently installed at 6th, 20th and 25th avenues. Has your waiting experience changed at any of these stops since then? _____

9. Emergency transit lanes and parking changes were installed on Geary Blvd in early January. Since then, how would you describe driving on or near Geary between Stanyan St and 33rd Ave?
 Easier About the same
 More difficult I don't drive there
 Don't know/unsure

If you answered "More difficult," please explain: _____

10. How would you describe parking on or near Geary Blvd between 14th and 16th avenues since early January?
 Easier About the same
 More difficult I don't park there
 Don't know/unsure

If you answered "More difficult," please explain: _____

11. Thinking about traffic safety, since emergency transit lanes were installed in early January how safe do you feel walking along or across Geary Boulevard in the Richmond?
 Safer About the same
 Less safe I don't walk there
 Don't know/not sure

10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Questions for CAC

1. Any observations of how TETL improvements are functioning so far?
2. Ideas for additional ways to promote the evaluation survey? (Think about any groups in your network you can forward to/encourage participation)

11. Adjourn

Next meeting:

- March 16, 2021, 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!