



SFMTA

Geary Community Advisory Committee

May 12, 2021

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-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

- [March 16, 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. Announcements

CAC Membership

Farewell to Josh Kelly, welcome to Tom Barton!

7. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Evaluation – Overview

Objective	
Stakeholder feedback	Consider stakeholder feedback
Operator feedback	Improve experience for Muni operators
Equity	Provide a safe travel option for those with the fewest travel choices, particularly Black, Indigenous, People of Color, lower income and homeless individuals
Muni travel time	Preserve Muni travel time savings and improve travel time reliability
Muni reliability	Improve Muni headway reliability
Muni frequency	Increase Muni service frequency
Crowding	Reduce the number of crowded buses
Passenger experience	Improve passenger experience and reduce crowding at busy stops
Collisions	Monitor collisions along Geary TETL area and parallel streets
Traffic	Monitor traffic impacts
Loading	Ensure loading needs are met where parking changes are implemented

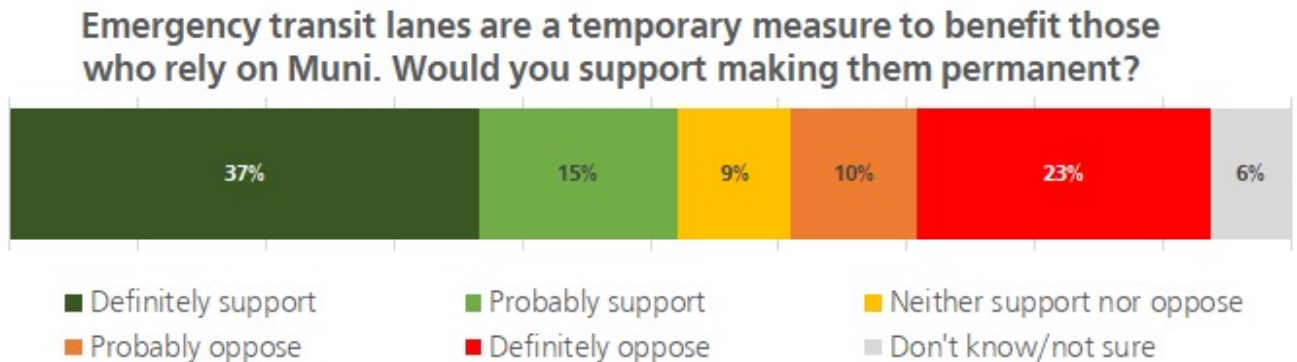
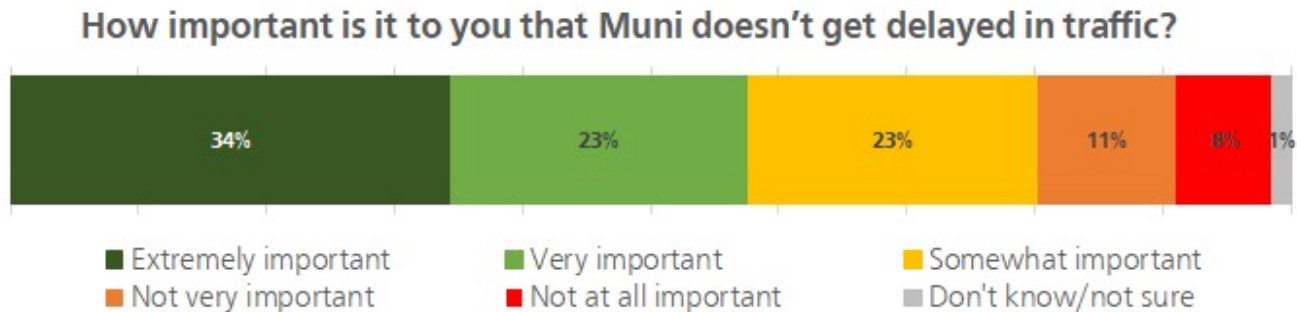
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Evaluation – Key Findings Summary

- Majority of stakeholders completing survey agree that it is important to protect Muni from traffic and support making the changes permanent
- 38/38R operators report Geary TETL improvements have made their job easier and reduced conflicts with private vehicles
- Transit travel time has generally improved even as overall vehicle traffic has increased, with savings as high as 4%
- Project does not appear to have caused slower auto travel times or diversions to parallel streets. Increased trip-making throughout the city has caused increases in Geary auto travel times similar to other corridors

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Evaluation – Stakeholder support



Evaluation survey distributed online/text/paper in English/Chinese/Russian in February + March 2021, >700 responses

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Evaluation Survey - Sample comments

"The lanes and signals save a lot of time but I think the drivers slow down and don't take advantage of the time savings because they don't want to be early."

"Lanes make it safer for peds and bikes and calm traffic too 🙌."

"I like the fact the 38 continues to make all the old stops and the 38R has a lane to go around in."

"This project is just pushing traffic into residential neighborhoods and making families, kids and seniors less safe."

"A dedicated light rail would be the best possible improvement to the Geary 38 line."

"...causes more traffic during traffic hours and it is very difficult to get into the right lane for parking and making a right turn."

"Paint them red for higher visibility."



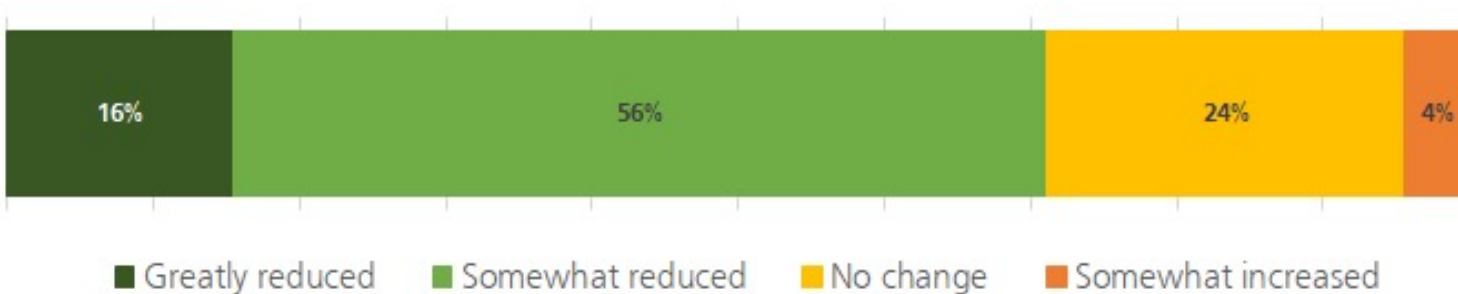
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Evaluation – Operator feedback

Have the transit improvements made your job easier?



Have conflicts with other vehicles changed?



Paper survey distributed to operators in Flynn and Islais Creek divisions, >50 responses from 38/38R operators

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Evaluation – Equity

- Greater proportion of 38/38R riders are low-income than Richmond District as a whole¹
- Beneficiaries of Geary TETL improvements include share of low income and people of color similar to Muni system-wide average pre-COVID. Share of low-income/people of color riders is likely higher post-COVID

Geary Customer Demographics (pre-COVID)

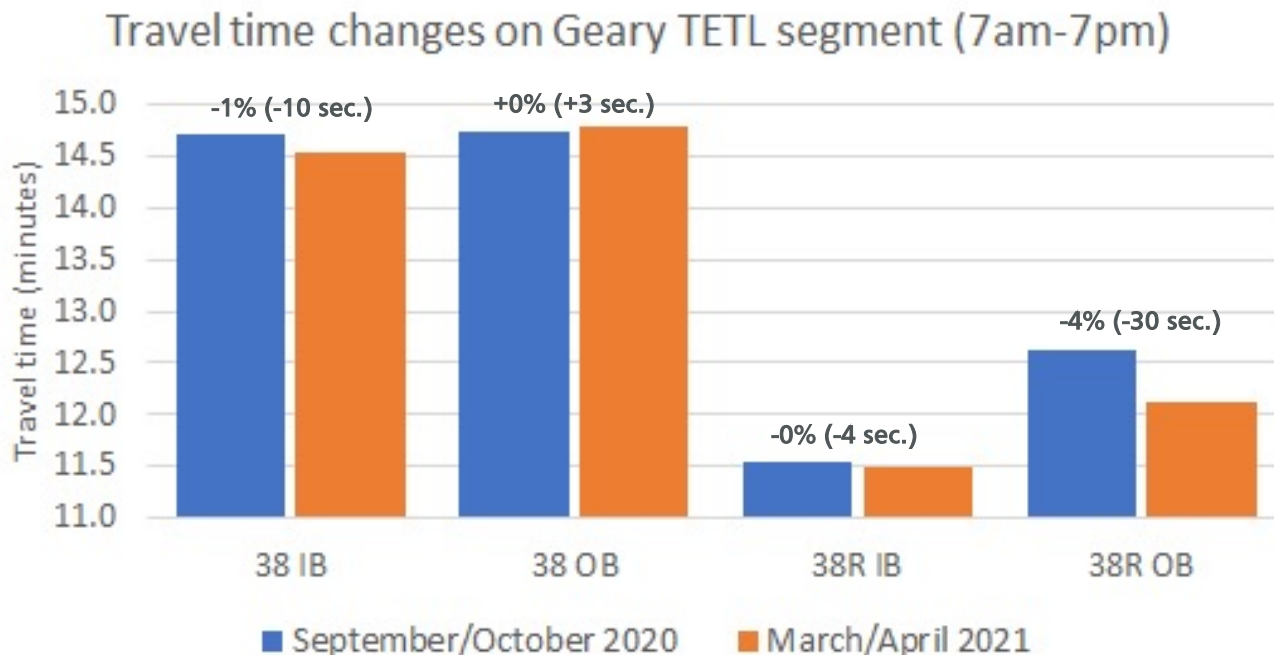
	Low-Income	People of Color
38	34%	53%
38R	31%	51%
Systemwide average	38%	57%

¹ American Community Survey data (via city-data.com) and 2017 SFMTA On Board Survey

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Evaluation – Muni travel time savings (entire Geary TETL corridor)

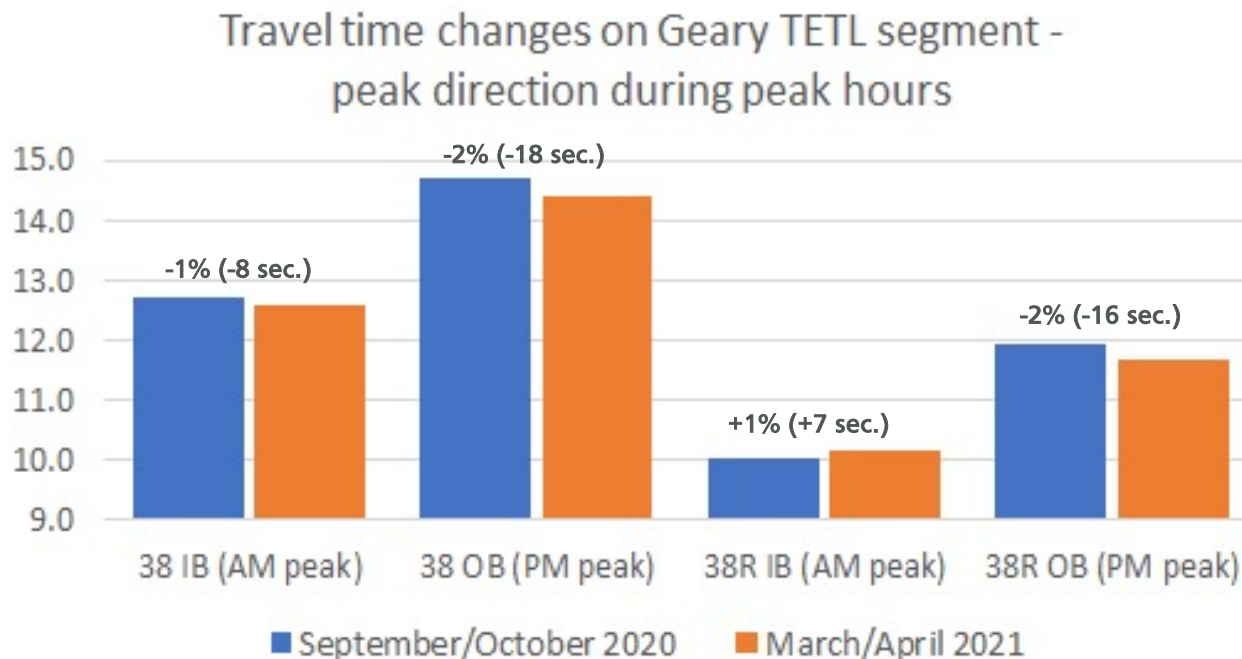
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Evaluation – Reliability and Frequency

- **Headway Reliability:** Results not yet available.
- **Frequency:** Preventing travel time increases has protected existing service frequency. Insufficient savings to re-invest in additional frequency at this point.

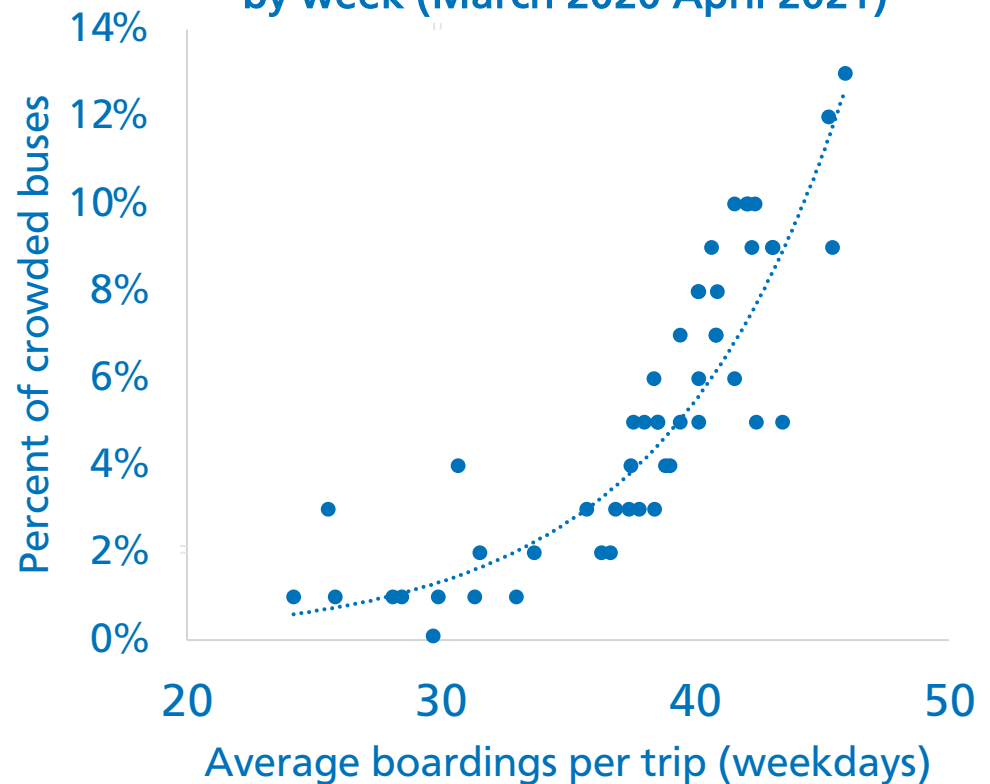


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Evaluation – Crowding

- Changes in service levels and ridership overshadow potential impacts of Geary TETL project on crowding
- Exponential relationship between average boardings/trip and percent of crowded buses
- Highlights importance of keeping consistent travel times. 10% decrease in service levels would double % of crowded buses

% of 38/38R crowded buses vs average boardings per weekday trip, aggregated by week (March 2020-April 2021)



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Evaluation – Passenger Experience at Bus Stops

- Approximately doubled waiting area at 5 stops
- General positive feedback from both passengers and operators



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Evaluation – Collisions and Loading

- **Collisions:** Data for post-TETL implementation won't be available until ~June 2021
- **Loading:** Curb space changes only made between 14th and 16th avenues; no concerns raised from adjacent merchants; post-implementation observations indicated no new loading issues present

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Evaluation – Traffic

Change in average traffic speed, AM and PM peak:
Fall 2020 vs. Jan/Feb 2021

Geary Boulevard	Control Streets (25 th Ave, Arguello)	Parallel Streets (Clement/Euclid, Anza, Balboa/Turk)
↓ 2-9%	↓ 2-10%	↓ 0-6%

- Reductions in Geary travel speeds are consistent with control streets, likely indicating overall increase in trip-making due to economic re-opening
- Speed changes on parallel streets indicates there is likely not a significant rate of diversion from Geary

7. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Next Steps

- Final Evaluation Report to be published later this spring, along with recommendation to pursue making permanent
- “Office Hours” – to invite stakeholders to learn more about evaluation results advertised via email/posters/postcards
- SFMTA Board action TBD later this Summer

8. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

Introduction

- Resuming regular Geary CAC updates on GBIP
- Based on results of Geary TETL evaluation and success of Geary Rapid project delivery, SFMTA is pursuing a revised project design, pending outreach and approvals

Center-running: approved plan for Arguello-28th Ave

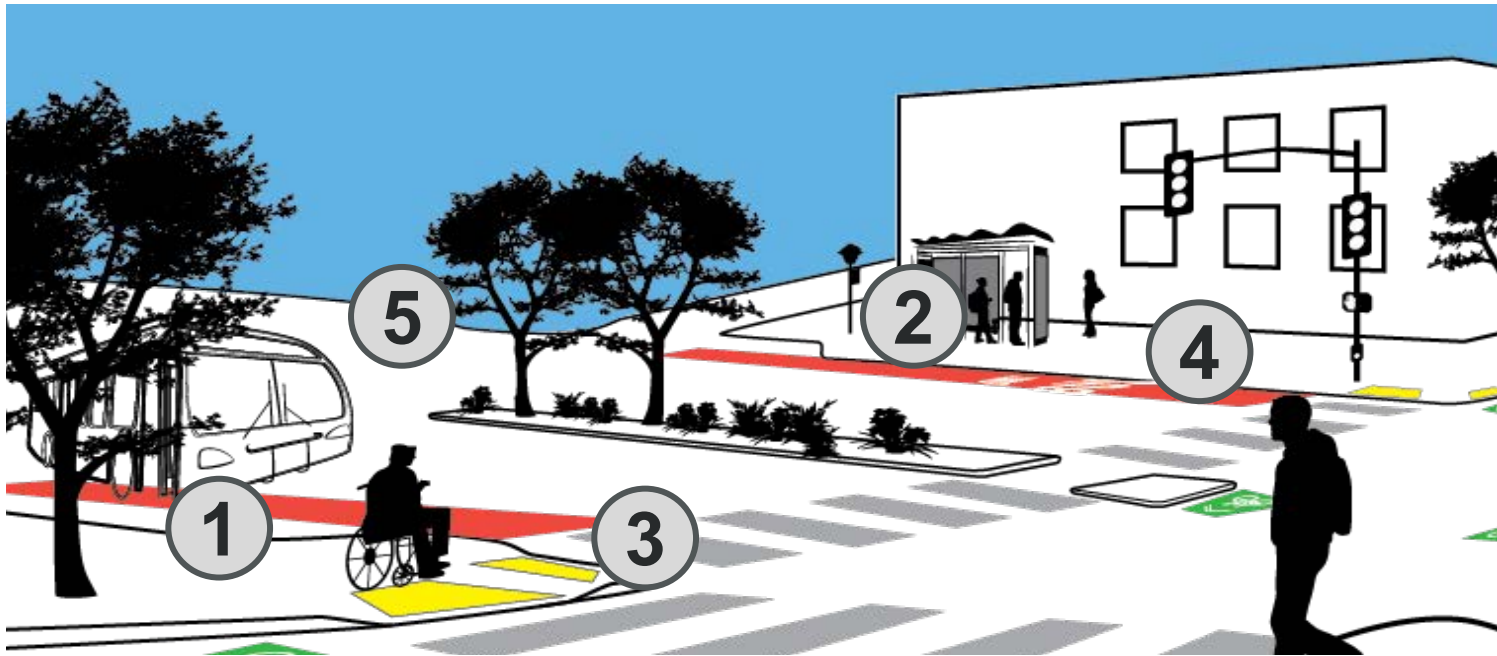


Side-running: new recommended configuration for entire corridor



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Anticipated scope items for side-running configuration
(similar to Geary Rapid)



- ① **Dedicated bus lanes**
- ② **Bus stop changes**
(removals/relocations)
- ③ **Pedestrian bulbs**
and other safety improvements
- ④ **Bus bulbs**
(sidewalk extensions at bus stops)
- ⑤ **Curb Plan**
Updated color curb designations to support business' needs

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Outreach roadmap

Spring/Summer: Merchant loading survey. Seek input on:

- Loading/access needs to inform development of a curb plan

TBD Summer: Outreach Round 1. Seek input on:

- Level of support for new side-running configuration recommendation
- Proposed bus stop consolidations and removals
- Block-specific feedback on existing transit/parking/loading/safety challenges to inform draft project design

TBD Fall/Winter: Outreach Round 2. Seek input on:

- Draft block-by-block design

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Merchant loading survey update

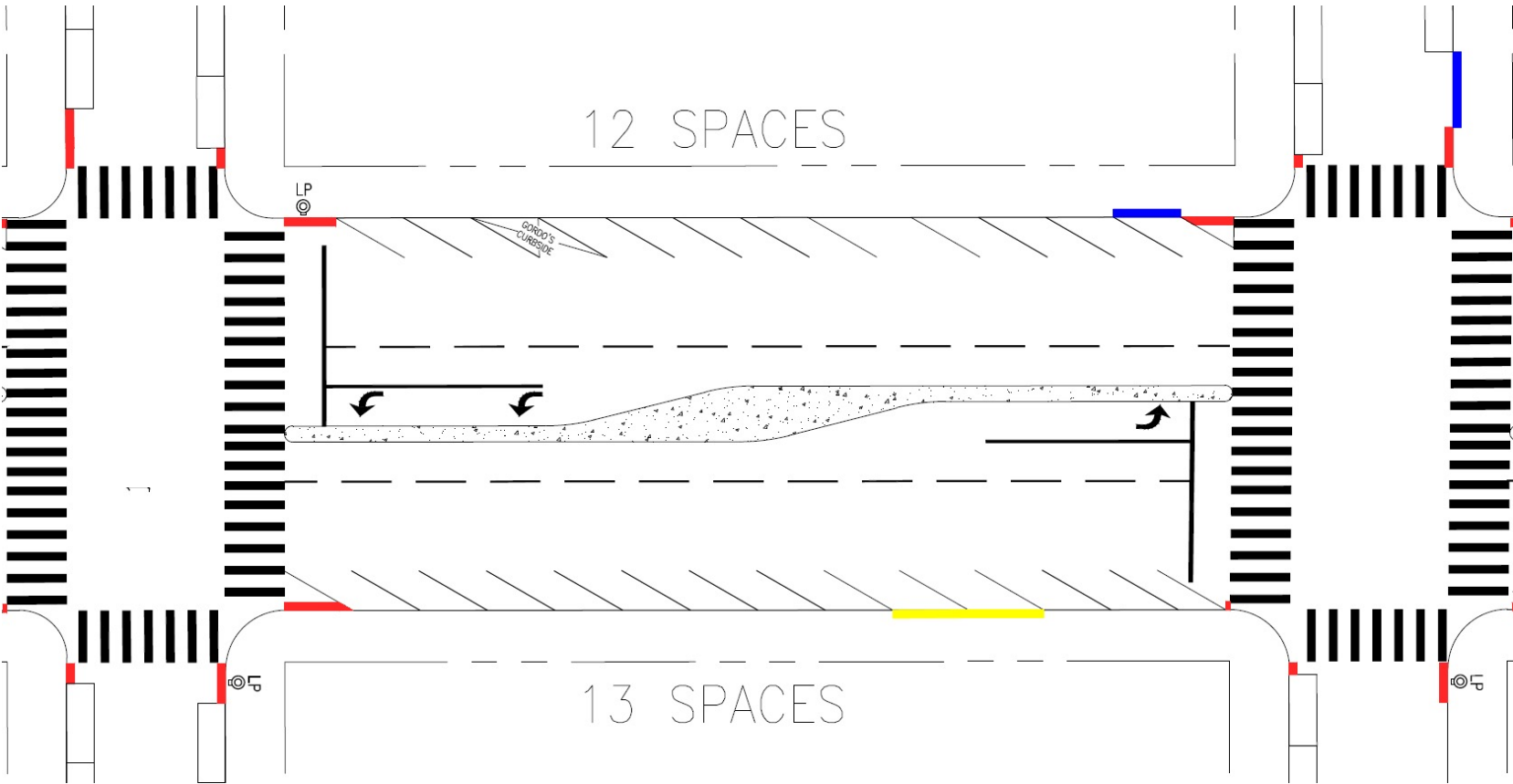
- Completed phone and door-to-door survey attempts to all businesses along angled parking segment of corridor
- 32/160 surveys have been completed so far within angled segment
- Survey will remain open through Summer.
- Ongoing promotion in D1 Supervisor newsletter, email, future mailer, other CAC ideas?
- Next step: use survey responses to develop a draft curb plan



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Outreach graphics under development

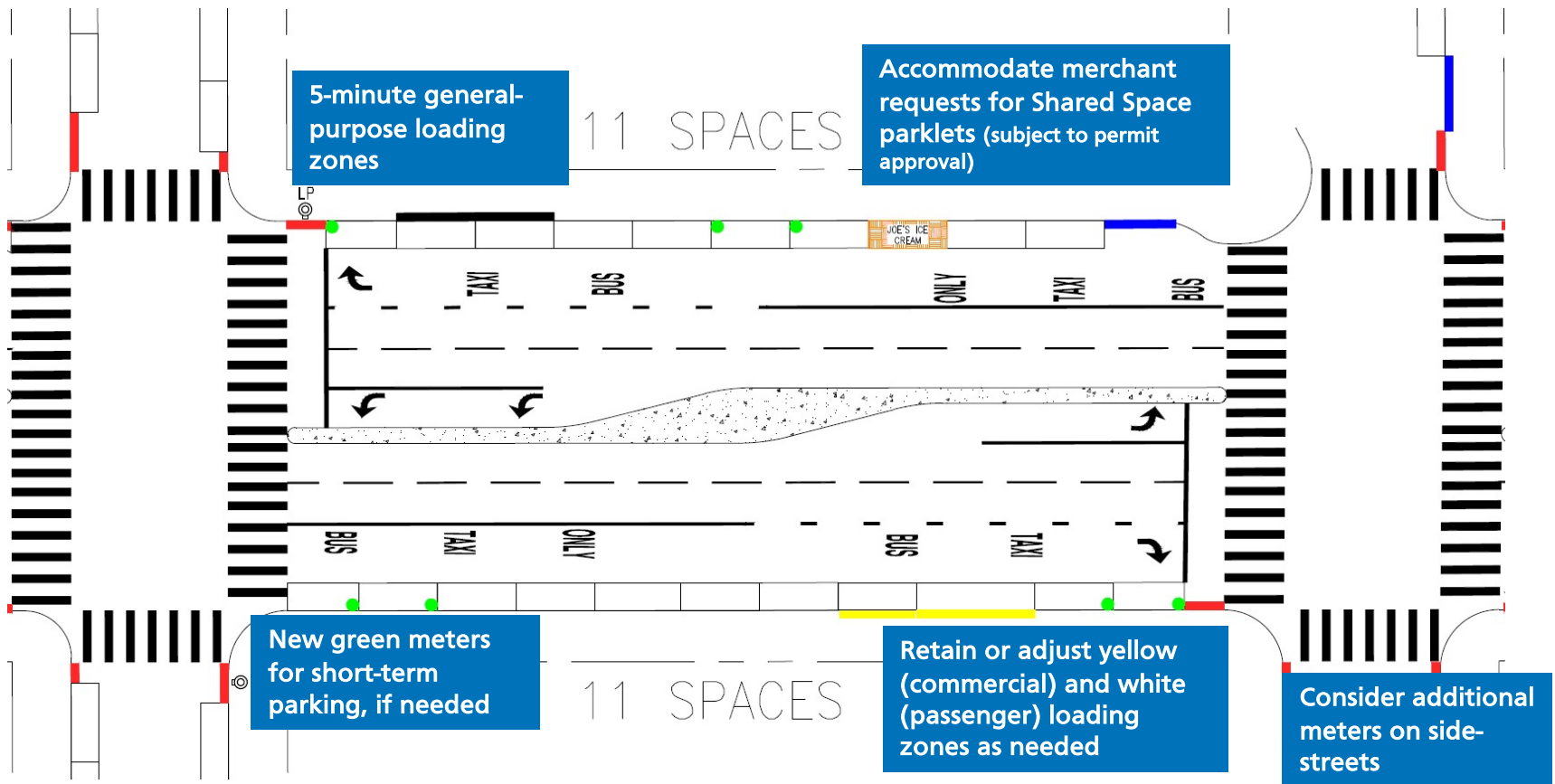
Example block with angled parking: existing conditions



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Example block with angled parking: converted to parallel, with updated curb plan



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Areas for CAC Feedback

- Other ideas to promote merchant loading survey
- Feedback on outreach approach

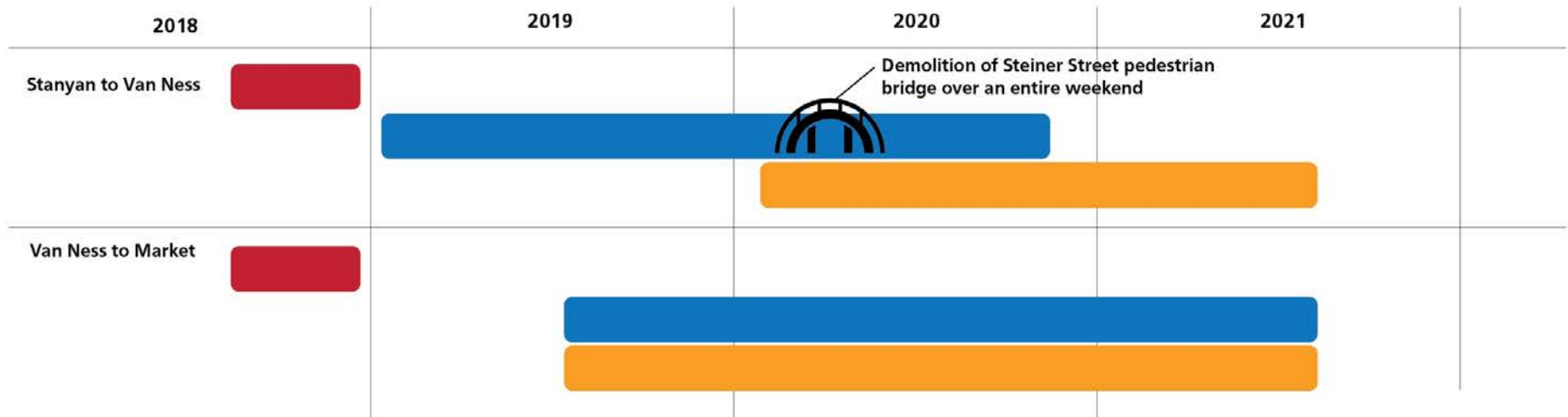
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Geary Rapid Project - Project Report		
SFMTA only		
	Design	Construction
Budget	\$ 5.0M	\$ 30.9M
Expenditures*	\$ 4.9M	\$ 19.6M
% expended	99%	64%
Budget Status	Closing out	On track
Est. Completion	Summer '19	Sept '21
Schedule Status	Complete	On track
<i>*financial data as of 5/3/2021</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 (67%)
PW Steiner Demo	\$ 1.0M	\$ 0.8M	Complete
PW Geary West	\$ 16.6M	\$ 16.0M	Underway (78%)
	\$ 40.8M	\$ 42.7M	Underway (85%)

10. 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
- Pedestrian bulbs
- Upgraded traffic signals
- Roadway repaving (Masonic to Van Ness)

10. 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

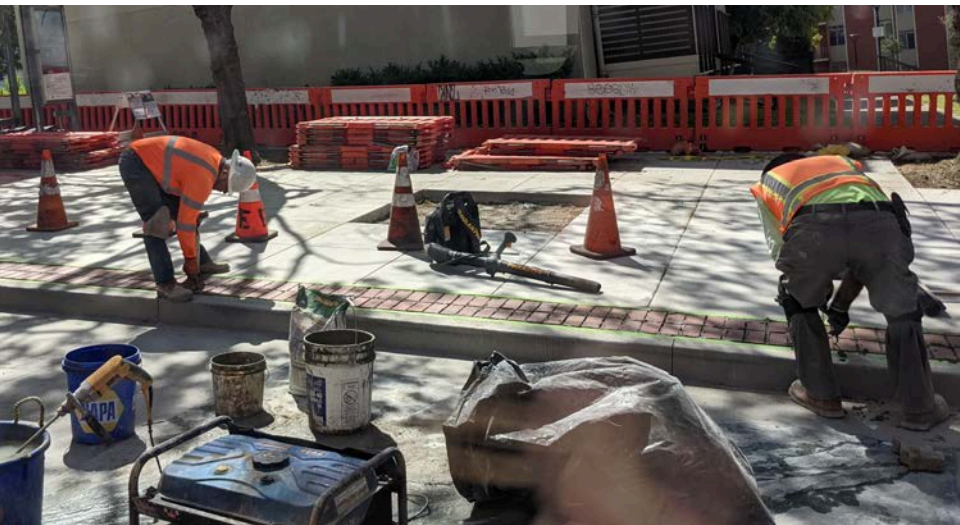
- All water mains are installed. Service connection work is underway between Taylor and Kearny streets.
- Curb ramp and sidewalk bulb-out work on Geary at Mason and on O’Farrell between Grant and Stockton.
- Beginning private Verizon conduit work on Geary soon.



10. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

- Work in “Segment A” is finishing up, with only work at Steiner (Hamilton Rec Center) remaining.
- Work in “Segment B” is currently between Webster and Laguna with the Buchanan crossing and some repaving remaining.
- Final traffic striping this month. Red thermoplastic after Geary East is complete as well this summer.

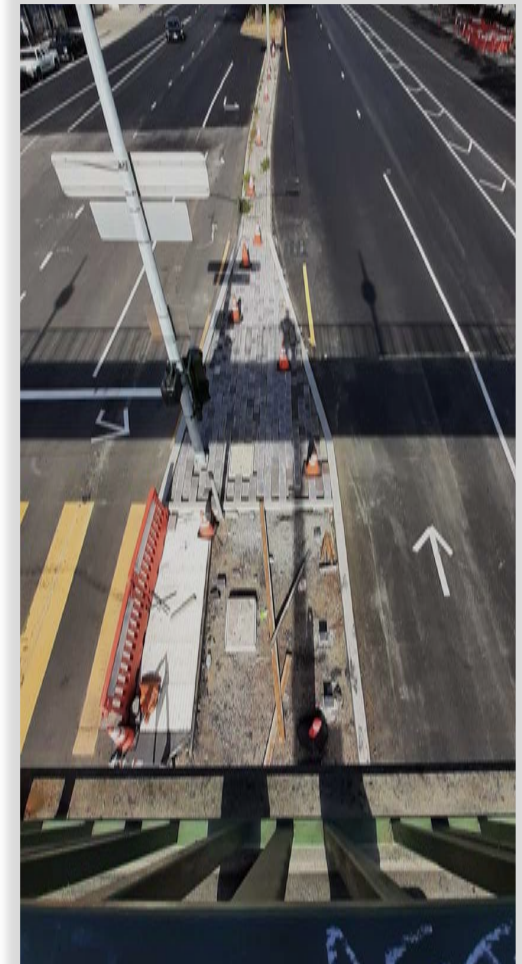


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Steiner: Crosswalks completed on both sides



Webster:
Western
crosswalk
completed

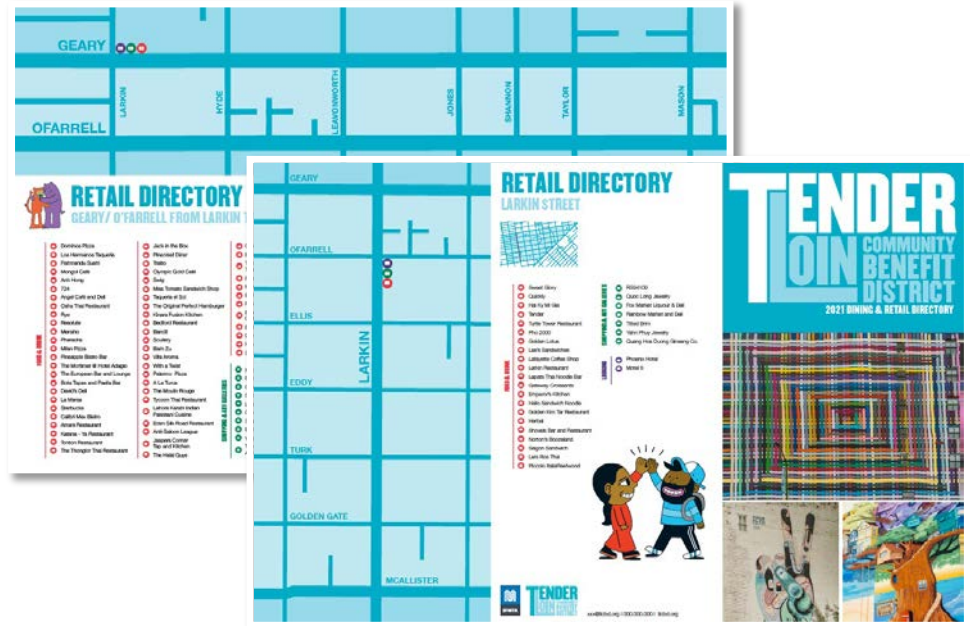


Webster: Eastern
crosswalk underway

11. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Business support

- Fillmore
 - Refresh of corridor banners
- Tenderloin
 - Designing a new directory



Other outreach

- Spring 2021 Geary Rapid Project Newsletter

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Walking tour: west side

Potential times:

- Tuesday, May 25: ~6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 27: ~6 p.m.

Potential Locations:

- Start at Laguna and walk to Webster (short)
- Start at Divisadero and walk to Laguna (2/3 mile one-way)
- Start at Laguna, walk to Fillmore, bus to Commonwealth (long)

12. Adjourn

Next meeting:

- July 14, 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!