



Geary Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Tom Barton Joon Choi Paul Epstein Lou Grosso Sean Kim Caroline Law Caixuan (Annie) Li Susannah Raub Marian Roth-Cramer Eva Schouten Andrei Svensson Kevin Stull Devi Zinzuvadia	Jay Lu (SFMTA) Daniel Mackowski (SFMTA) David Sindel (SFMTA) Lulu Feliciano (SFMTA)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Susannah Raub called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Virtual meeting etiquette

3. Roll call

4. Approval of minutes – [January 12, 2022](#)

- a. Tom Barton motioned to approve, Susannah seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote at 6:13 p.m.

5. Public comment

- a. Amy Van Doren (with San Francisco Transit Riders) introduced herself.

6. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update

- a. Dan Mackowski and Jay Lu presented on this item.
 - i. Sean Kim shared details on what he did to advertise this round of outreach to other merchants, including hosting open house materials and surveys at his Joe’s Ice Cream shop. He expressed concern about parking changes and said most survey responses he collected were opposed to extended meter hours (over 90%).

1. Dan Mackowski noted that SFMTA staff have been in contact with Sean and other merchants about these concerns. SFMTA had not received Sean’s surveys yet but will add them to the overall round 2 tabulation effort.
- ii. Tom Barton asked whether the proposed changes at Park Presidio would prevent residents on 14th Avenue from turning onto Geary.
 1. Dan Mackowski answered that existing right turns from 14th Avenue onto Geary will remain legal, but westbound right turns onto 14th Avenue will be restricted. Vehicles would retain access to 14th Ave.
 - a. Tom asked whether Muni will use inbound/outbound terminology on wayfinding, or eastbound/westbound like recently installed in the subway. [Update: Muni does not currently plan to change the inbound/outbound terminology for bus routes.]
- iii. Marian Roth-Cramer expressed that she would like to see angled parking remain. She asked why Slow Streets were put on north-south streets including 23rd Avenue. She noted that almost every Monday, the barrier at Geary (south side) has been crashed into, and asked whether there have been surveys to residents.
 1. Dan Mackowski said there was a program-wide survey, but he wasn’t sure about details of 23rd Avenue. He’ll flag the barrier issue. [Update: [evaluation report](#) available online, see pages 19-20.]
- iv. Andrei Svensson commented that respondents didn’t seem to understand that extended metering would free up parking spaces, and asked whether there was data available from other cities that could be used in outreach. He also suggested implementing side-street angled parking before changes on Geary.
 1. Dan Mackowski said that sequencing would be considered. He noted there was a study that showed metering could support 12 unique vehicles per day versus only 7 unique vehicles at unmetered spots.
 - a. Sean Kim expressed that Geary merchants do not have “endless demand”, like tourist areas, and that small reductions in parking supply could cause customers to go elsewhere. He mentioned a merchant claimed they lost revenue during Sunday metering in 2013.
- v. Jeff Hoek (public) commented that he is an elder at Golden Gate Church, which has a community center. He supports some aspects of the project but has concerns about parking supply reductions and Sunday metering proposals. The congregation comes from throughout SF. Also concerned the

addition of angled parking on 18th Avenue may interfere with church drop-off and paratransit.

- vi. Lindsay (public) commented that she owns New Ceramic Art studio at 23rd Ave and asked about the proposed bus stop relocation. She was worried that a transit shelter would interfere with the natural light in the studio and was worried about security as the current stop has had broken glass.
 1. Dan Mackowski replied that there is a shelter planned, but its exact location within the stop is not yet set, and her comments would be taken into consideration for placement.
- vii. David Heller (public) explained the commercial nature of the corridor and said the new side-running plan was good but expressed concern about the planned timing of the project relative to the current economy. He asked what MTA can do to help merchants.

7. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item. He asked CAC members for ideas for reuse of banners from the Geary Rapid ribbon cutting.
 - i. Sean Kim asked about the timeline for GBIP detailed design (from item #6).
 1. Dan Mackowski answered that MTA has not even received the survey responses that Sean mentioned today and needs to spend time gathering, entering and reviewing the responses first. Then MTA will analyze the feedback and recommend any tweaks to the design. This is planned to be shared with the CAC at the next meeting.
 - ii. Eva Schouten commented that her organization recently reused banners to make tote bags.
 - iii. Tom Barton commented that he has been experiencing long waits for 38 local buses to the VA Hospital.
 1. Susannah asked whether this is related to the operator shortage.
 2. Dan: Possibly related to ongoing operator shortage. Service update coming later in April.
 - iv. Caroline Law thanked the members of the public for their feedback and commented that she is very happy to see this level of public participation and outreach – where she previously lived in North Carolina, the city would make changes without outreach or prior notice.
 - v. Jeff Hoek (public) commented that most inbound delays he has experienced are due to crowding on buses, and that he believes faster running times during the pandemic have been primarily due to reduced ridership. He asked how the SFMTA has separated different factors affecting travel times.

1. Dan: The Geary Rapid Project analysis done fully before the pandemic showed improvements when transit lanes were installed. Other analyses can consider travel time only, with dwell times removed.
 - a. Jeff thanked Dan for the explanation and said that his experience during commute times differs.
2. Susannah Raub commented that past presentations have noted research that passenger perception of travel time savings is often different from the actual change.
 - a. Caroline Law commented that she very much likes the red lanes and their separation from traffic.

8. Adjourn

- a. Dan Mackowski asked for CAC member opinions on potential in-person (hybrid) meetings.
 - i. Via raise of hand, six members (Caroline, Tom, Eva, Sean, Annie and Susannah) expressed interest in in-person meetings. Paul, Kevin and Marian stated they'd need to attend the next meeting remotely.
- b. Next meeting, July 13, 2022. Determine remote or hybrid format later.
- c. Tom Barton motioned to adjourn. Kevin Stull seconded. Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 7:37 p.m.