



SFMTA

Geary Community Advisory Committee

September 17, 2019

Members please sit at the table

2. Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Ice breaker activity
4. Approval of minutes – [July 16, 2019](#)
5. Public comment
6. Follow-up on questions from July meeting
7. Geary Rapid – Project updates
8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update
9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update
10. Adjourn

3. Ice breaker

If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?

4. Approval of Minutes

- July 16, 2019

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. Follow up on questions from July CAC Meeting

- Under what conditions are Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (actuated flashing lights at unsignalized crosswalks) a good solution? Is speed limit a factor?
- How many buses operate along Geary at the same time?
- Will roadway striping on Geary at Steiner be different after the bridge is removed?

7. Geary Rapid Project updates

Red Lane Program Update

- Since 2013, SFMTA has been participating in a national experiment with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding use of red color to reinforce compliance with Transit Only Lanes (TOLs).
- Misunderstanding between FHWA and SFMTA that was resolved late last year. FHWA clarified that each new red TOL must first be installed as non-colored TOL and “before” data must be collected.
- Non-colored TOLs have been installed on Geary and SFMTA has collected the required data.
- Currently, SFMTA could install red lanes on Geary or any corridor that has collected the required “before” data. For Geary, it is more cost-effective to implement red after the remaining Geary Rapid capital improvements are completed in 2021.



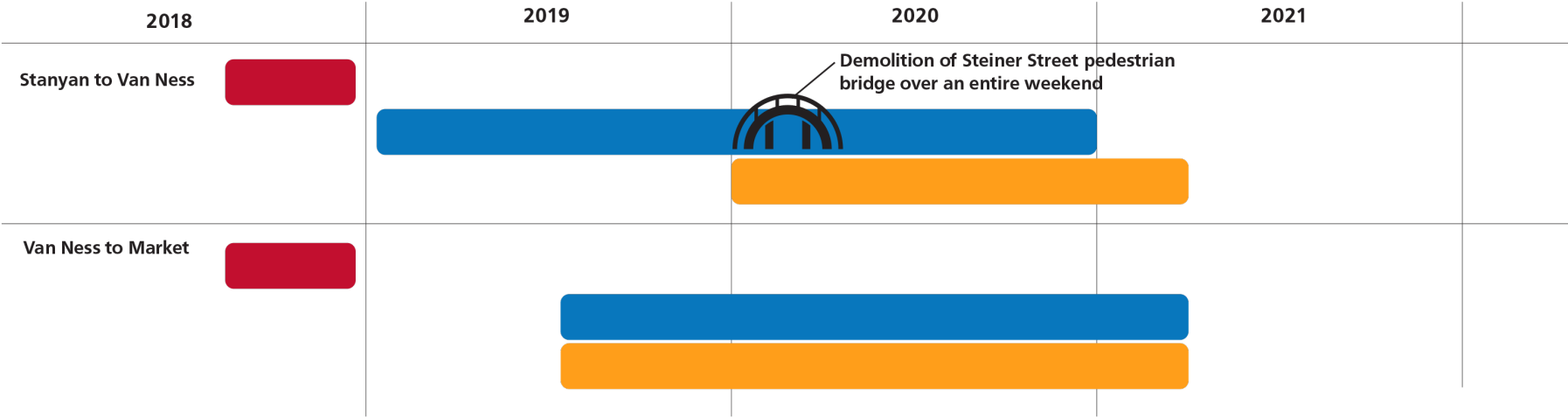
7. Geary Rapid Project updates

Geary Rapid Project - Project Report		
SFMTA only		
	Design	Construction
Budget	\$ 5.0M	\$ 29.0M
Expenditures*	\$ 4.7M	\$ 2.9M
% complete	99%	7%
Budget Status	Begin closeout	Monitoring
Est. Completion	Summer '19	Spring '21
Schedule Status	On track	On track
<i>*financial data as of 9/2/2019</i>		

Geary Rapid Project - All Construction Contracts			
includes MTA, PUC Sewer and Water, DT, Paving and Curb Ramps			
Contract/Work	Estimated	Price	Status
MTA Near-Term	\$ 1.0M	\$ 1.0M	Complete
PUC Sewer/Water	\$ 16.0M	\$ 16.2M	Underway (26%)
PW Geary East	\$ 6.2M	\$ 8.7M	Underway (0%)
PW Steiner Demo	\$ 1.0M		Evaluating bids
PW Geary West	\$ 16.6M		Advertised
	\$ 40.8M	\$ 25.9M	

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

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

- Contract managed by SFPUC, making good progress

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

- Contract managed by SF Public Works, awarded to Mitchell Engineering, now underway starting at Van Ness

Steiner Bridge Demolition contract

- Managed by Public Works, advertised on 8/8/2019, bids due 9/11/2019 and now being evaluated

“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

- Managed by Public Works, advertised on 8/22/2019, bids due 9/25/2019

8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

SFPUC Water/Sewer: Masonic to Van Ness

- Crews currently working between Masonic and Webster
- Coordinating loading/access with properties as needed (Kaiser, The Fillmore)



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SFPUC Water/Sewer: Masonic to Van Ness



Many of the sewers being replaced are 100+ year old brick structures

Water main replacement:

- Completed ~40% of approx. 2 miles

Sewer main rehabilitation/replacement:

- Completed ~35% of approx. 1.5 miles

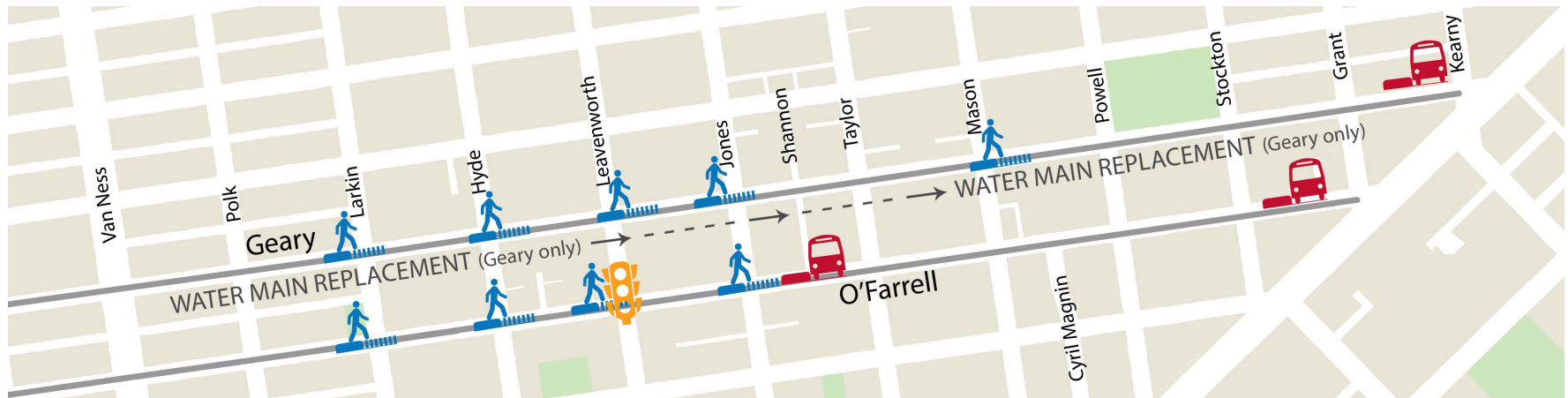
Fiber optic cable conduit installation:

- Completed ~35% of approx. 1 mile

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SF Public Works: Van Ness to Market Street

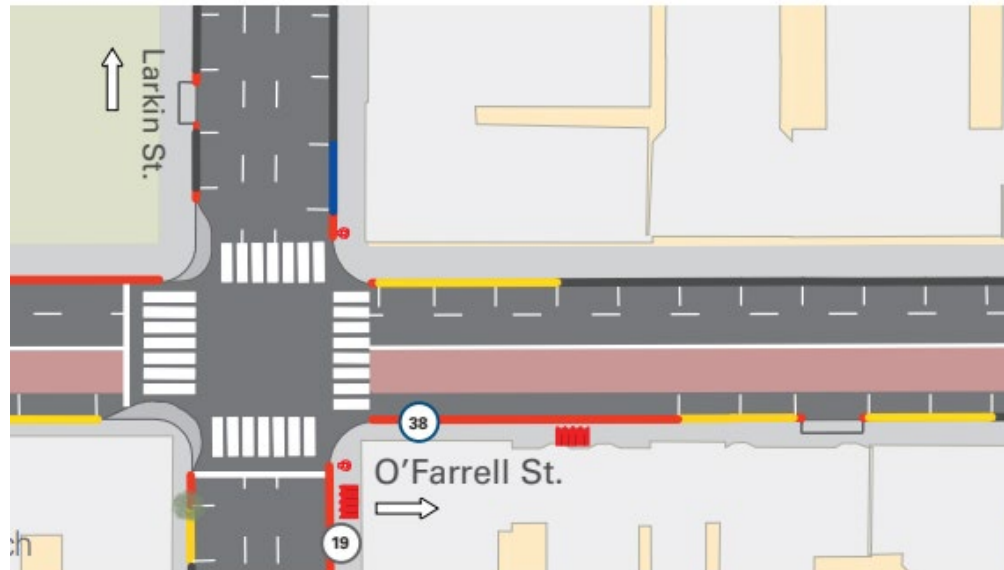
- **Water main replacement** on Geary from Van Ness to Kearny
- **Pedestrian bulbs** to be installed
- **Bus bulbs** to be lengthened
- **Pedestrian countdown signals** at O'Farrell and Leavenworth
- Crews currently working between Van Ness and Hyde



8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

Inbound Larkin bus stop relocation

- Inbound 38 Geary O'Farrell/Larkin bus stop will be permanently relocated from the nearside to the farside of the intersection
- Exact date TBD, but estimated in October 2019



8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

Minor Legislation Updates

- Extend right-turn pocket for Kaiser's parking garage based on feedback and outreach to adjacent properties
- Technical changes as detailed design was finalized
- Tweaks during implementation
- Changed conditions (e.g. CPMC shuttle zone)

9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Construction Mitigation and Business Support

- Fillmore
 - Merchant Meeting, August 22: SFMTA and OEWD presented on what to expect during construction and business support resources
 - Posted first Fillmore wayfinding signs
 - Jada Jackson/OEWD: Door-to-door merchant outreach
 - Upcoming: printing updated Fillmore business directories

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- ➔ Jane the Bakery
- ↑ Queen's Houseware & Gift
- ↑ Imperial Spa
- ↑ United States Postal Service
- ↑ The Fillmore
- ↑ Money Mart



9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update


Construction Mitigation and Business Support

- Tenderloin and Japantown
 - Tenderloin: Coordinating with Tenderloin Community Benefit District (TLCBD) and Tenderloin Equity Development Project (TEDP)
 - Japantown: Coordinating with Japantown Task Force
 - Gathering branding (logos, etc.) for wayfinding signs
 - Developed “What to Expect During Construction” flyers that include business support info



Geary Rapid Project

What to Expect During Construction: Fillmore/Japantown




Geary Rapid Project

What to Expect During Construction: Tenderloin

Overview

The Geary Rapid Project aims to improve pedestrian safety and transit reliability along Geary and parts of O'Farrell from Stanyan to Market streets. Work east of Van Ness Avenue is being completed by contractor Mitchell Engineering and is managed by San Francisco Public Works. This work is expected to be completed in mid-2021 and includes:

- Water main replacement on Geary Street from Van Ness to Kearny
- Pedestrian bulbs – sidewalk extensions that make crossing distances shorter at intersection corners on:
 - O'Farrell – Larkin, Hyde, Leavenworth, Jones
 - Geary – Larkin, Hyde, Leavenworth, Jones, Mason
- Lengthening the bus bulb on O'Farrell between Jones and Taylor
- Pedestrian countdown signals installed at O'Farrell and Leavenworth
- Inbound O'Farrell/Larkin bus stop relocation to farside (east) of intersection



What to Expect

Work hours are typically Mondays – Fridays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., except during water switchover work (see below). Parking will be temporarily restricted in construction areas and traffic lanes will be modified during active work. Bus stops may be temporarily relocated.

Water main installation has started at Van Ness Avenue and will move east along Geary Street towards Market Street. Water main work is expected to take about 1-3 months per block. After new pipes have been installed, water service to some properties may be briefly shut off while SFPUC connects to the new water main. SFPUC will coordinate with businesses and send out water shut-off notices at least 24 hours in advance of any service interruption. Switchover work is typically conducted late at night when demand is low.


Sidewalk extension work (“bulbs”) and traffic signal work will follow after water work has been completed on a block and is expected to take up to a few weeks per location. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout, and there will be pedestrian detours.

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Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

- National Night Out/Vision Zero
 - Tuesday, August 6
 - Citywide – events in each district
- Sunday Streets Tenderloin
 - Sunday, September 8
- Sunday Streets Western Addition
 - Sunday, September 22



9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Other Recent Outreach

- Geary Rapid Project Newsletter
 - Early August: Mailed to addresses along project limits, emailed/texted to project subscribers and posted to website
- Planning Association of the Richmond (PAR)
 - Included an update about Geary projects for PAR's fall newsletter
- Weekly construction forecasts



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The Future of Geary

Geary is San Francisco's busiest transit corridor, spanning from bustling downtown to the Pacific Ocean. But its popularity also means that buses can experience crowding or uneven wait times. Safety is a top priority as well; a person crossing Geary is eight times more likely to be involved in a serious collision than the city average. And much of its sewer and water system needs replacing. Fortunately, work is underway on the **Geary Rapid Project** to bring transit, safety and utility upgrades to three miles of Geary between Stanyan and Market.

While the project is expected to take about two-and-a-half years to complete, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has moved quickly to make some transit and safety treatments a reality, including:

 <p>Transit-only lanes and bus stop changes</p> <p>We installed new bus-only lanes between Stanyan and Gough streets, extending existing ones downtown. These dedicated transit lanes keep buses from getting stuck in traffic and help make service more reliable. Some closely spaced bus stops were also removed or consolidated to improve efficiency.</p>	 <p>Painted safety zones</p> <p>Painted safety zones are a quick and cost-efficient way to create distance between people and vehicles, and they encourage drivers to make turns more slowly. We've added these treatments at key intersections, which will later be replaced with sidewalk extensions, called "pedestrian bulbs."</p>	 <p>Daylighting</p> <p>Several intersections have been "daylighted" by painting red curb at intersection corners to make people crossing the street more visible to drivers. We also painted advanced limit lines to provide extra space between vehicles stopping at intersections and people in the crosswalk.</p>
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SEWER & WATER UPGRADES See page 2.	MEMORY LANE: GEARY HISTORY See page 3.	PROJECT SCHEDULE See page 3.
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10. Adjourn

- Thank you!
- Next meeting:
 - November 19, 6:00 p.m.
 - 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room