



SFMTA

# Geary Community Advisory Committee

November 19, 2019

*Members please sit at the table*

## 2. Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Announcements
4. Ice breaker activity
5. Approval of minutes – [September 17, 2019](#)
6. Public comment
7. Geary Rapid – Geary East contract with SF Public Works and Mitchell Engineering
8. Geary Rapid – Project updates
9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update
10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update
11. Adjourn

# 3. Announcements

- **New CAC member:**
  - Dina Mendoza

## 4. Ice breaker

Happy Thanksgiving!  
What are you thankful for this year?



# 5. Approval of Minutes

- September 17, 2019

# 6. 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.

# 7. Geary East of Van Ness contract update with San Francisco Public Works and Mitchell Engineering, Inc.

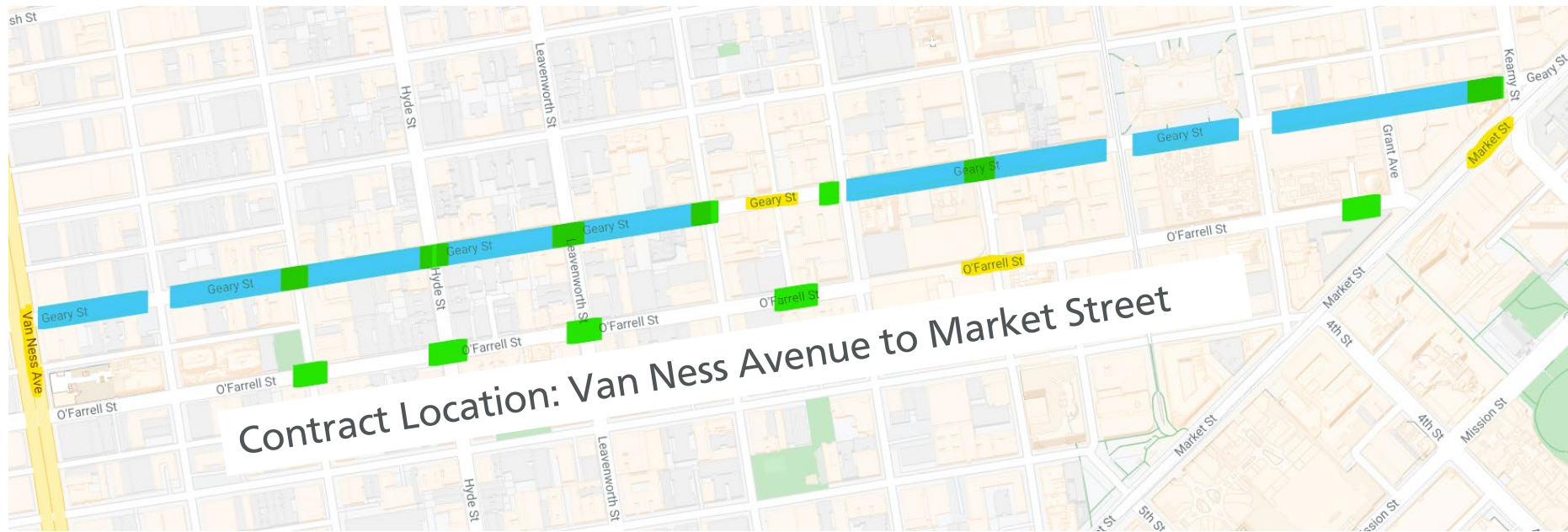


**Investing in Our Infrastructure**  
Geary Rapid: Pedestrian safety, transit reliability,  
and water improvements



# 7. Geary East of Van Ness contract update with SFPW and Mitchell Engineering, Inc

## 10033622 Geary Rapid East of Van Ness



- Work is currently occurring between Van Ness and Hyde
- Overall contract scope 5% complete



## 7. Geary East of Van Ness contract update with SFPW and Mitchell Engineering, Inc.



### Water Main Work

- Replacement of approximately 1 mile of aging water mains
- Some disruption in service is expected
- Status: 9% complete



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## Sidewalk and Traffic Signal Work

- Installation of 14 pedestrian bulbs, 3 transit bulb extensions, 9 bus pads, and 56 curb ramps
- Full signal upgrade at O'Farrell/Leavenworth
- Status: 1% complete







# Questions?

[sfpublicworks.org](https://sfpublicworks.org)



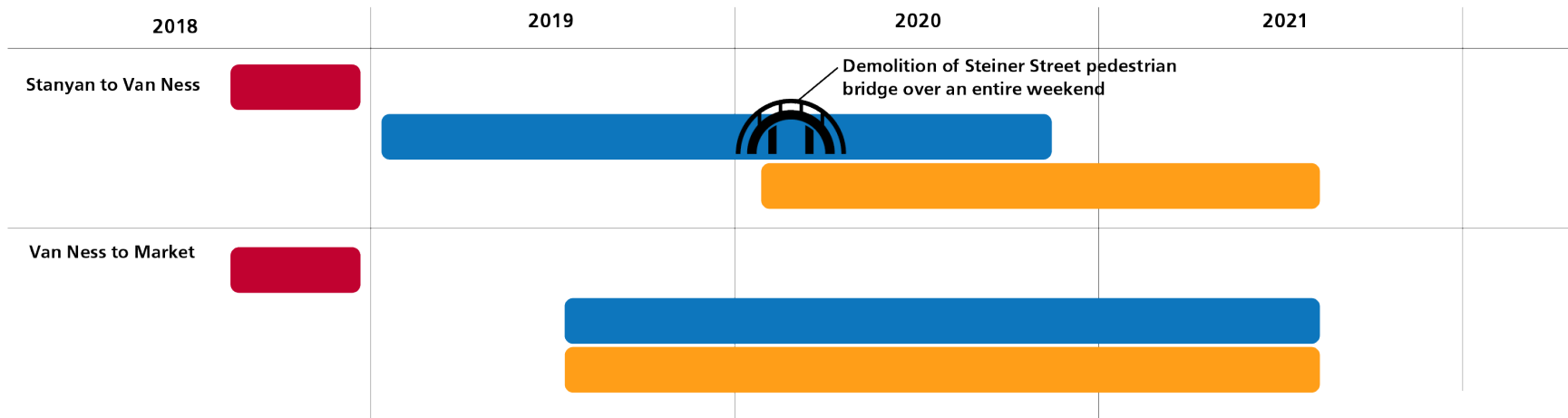
# 8. Geary Rapid Project updates

<b>Geary Rapid Project - Project Report</b>		
<b>SFMTA only</b>		
	<b>Design</b>	<b>Construction</b>
Budget	\$ 5.0M	\$ 31.0M
Expenditures*	\$ 4.7M	\$ 3.5M
% expended	99%	11%
Budget Status	Closing out	On track
Est. Completion	Summer '19	Summer '21
Schedule Status	Complete	Monitoring
<i>*financial data as of 11/1/2019</i>		

<b>Geary Rapid Project - All Construction Contracts</b>			
<b>includes MTA, PUC Sewer and Water, DT, Paving and Curb Ramps</b>			
<b>Contract/Work</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Status (% paid)</b>
MTA Near-Term	\$ 1.0M	\$ 1.0M	Complete
PUC Sewer/Water	\$ 16.0M	\$ 16.2M	Underway (33%)
PW Geary East	\$ 6.2M	\$ 8.7M	Underway (0%)
PW Steiner Demo	\$ 1.0M	\$ 0.8M	Awarding
PW Geary West	\$ 16.6M	\$ 16.0M	Awarding
	\$ 40.8M	\$ 42.7M	Underway (15%)

# 9. 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)

# 9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

## SFPUC Sewer/Water: Masonic to Van Ness

- “Segment A” work is nearly complete (Masonic to Fillmore)
- Coordinating loading/access with properties as needed (Kaiser, The Fillmore)
- Upcoming weekend work and minor inbound reroute at Presidio
- Planned sequence of “Segment B” work



# 9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

## **Steiner Bridge Demolition contract**

- Managed by Public Works, currently in process of awarding to Silicon Valley Demolition (pending 12B compliance paperwork). Targeting work in early 2020 over a weekend.

## **“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness**

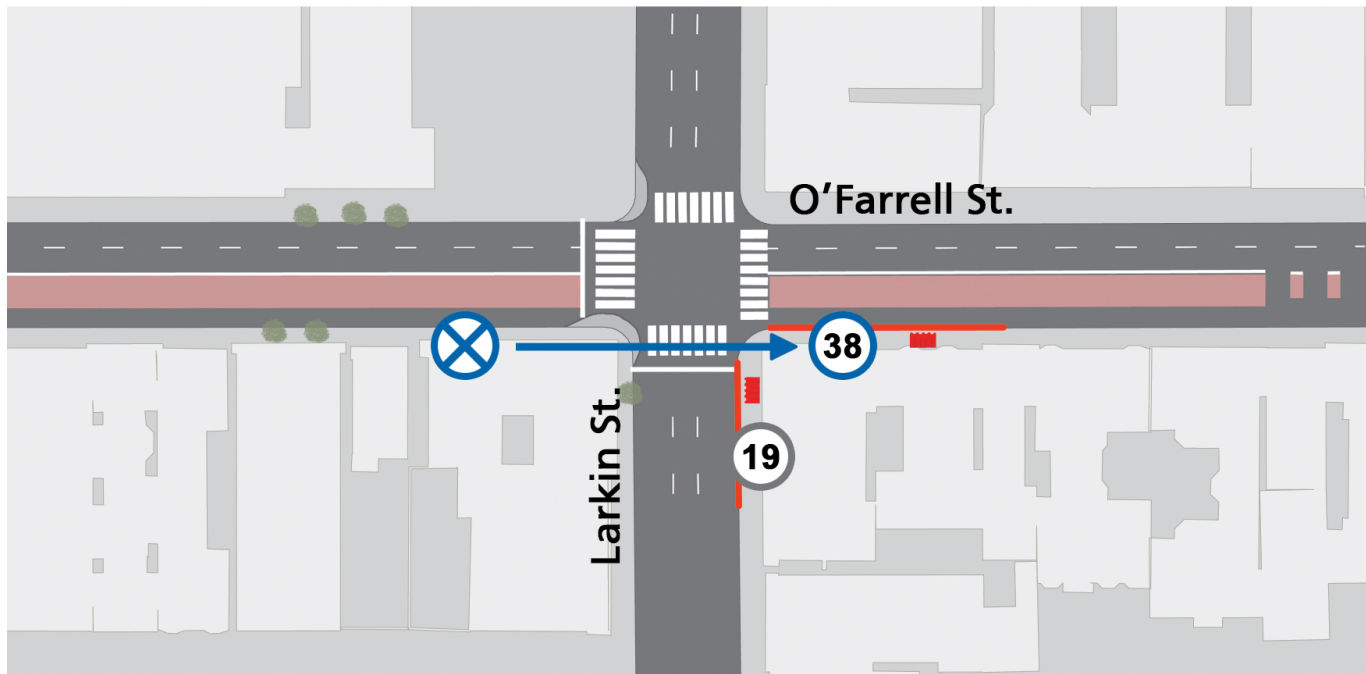
- Managed by Public Works, in process of awarding contract.
- Work anticipated to start in early 2020



# 9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

## Inbound Larkin bus stop relocation

- October 25, 2019: The inbound 38 Geary O'Farrell/Larkin bus stop was permanently relocated to the farside of the intersection





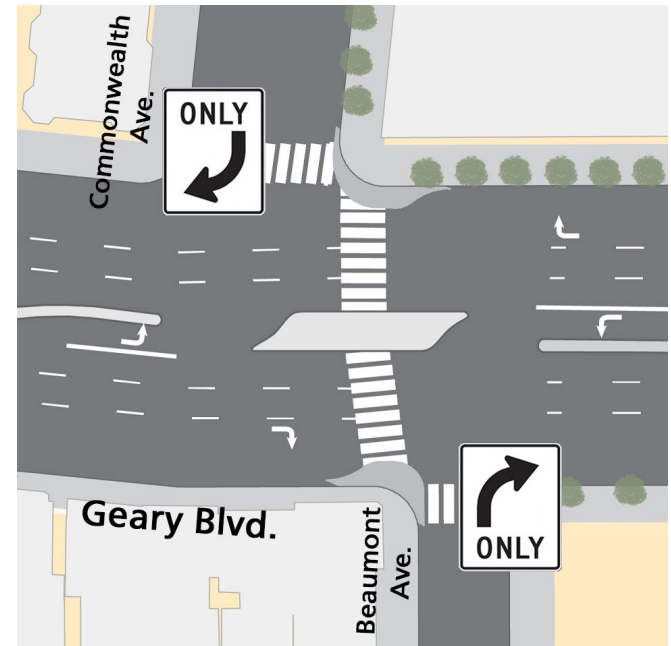
# 10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

## Commonwealth Pedestrian Safety Proposal Results

To install a traffic signal, cars would no longer be allowed to make left-turns onto Geary from Commonwealth or Beaumont.

The team conducted outreach to nearby neighbors/businesses, including:

- Survey (online and text)
- Mailer and emails
- Door-to-door
- Signs
- Nextdoor
- Hosted an open house at Earth's Coffee on November 7

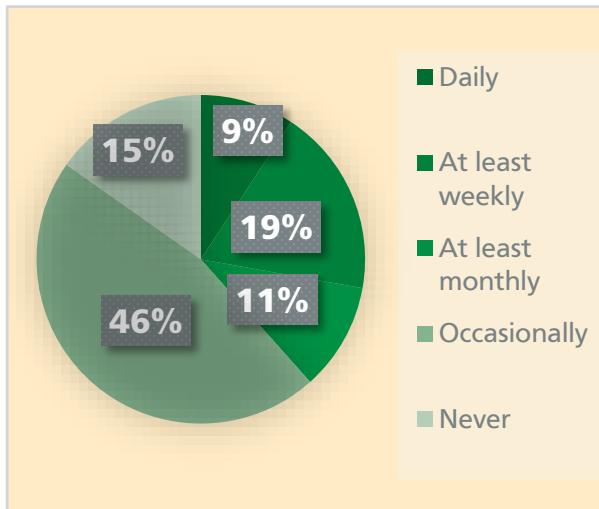


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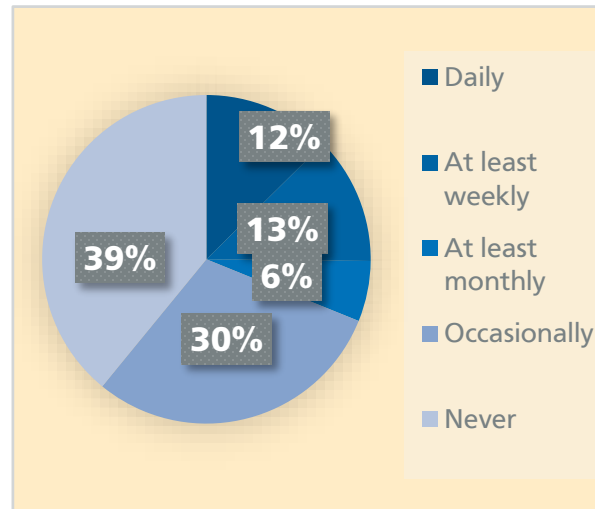
## Commonwealth Pedestrian Safety Proposal Results

As of November 11, we received 156 responses via the survey, phone and in-person at the open house.

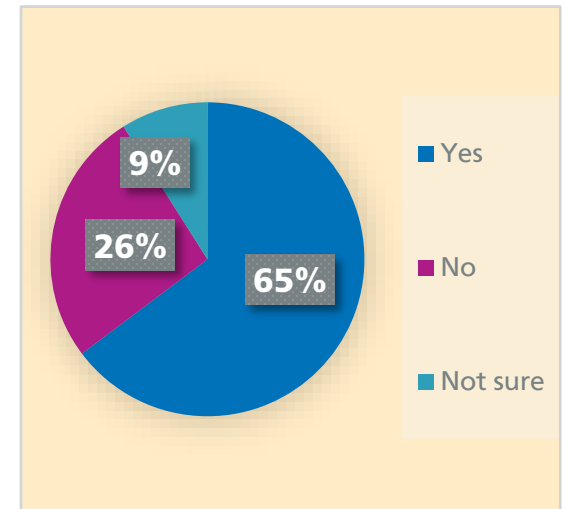
**When walking, do you ever cross Geary at Commonwealth/Beaumont?**



**When driving, do you ever turn left onto Geary or drive NB/SB across Geary?**



**Is installing a signal here a tradeoff you would support to increase safety?**



# 10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

## Commonwealth Pedestrian Safety Proposal Results

### Comments:

*“Longer walk signals and limiting turns by cars really does help pedestrian safety. I need the full 35 to 40 seconds to cross Geary.”*

*“Better to use flashing ped crossing signs.”*

*“Inconvenience is secondary to protecting our pedestrians.”*

*“This is long overdue. Thanks for acting on it!”*

*“The lights at Parker and Stanyan are timed so they are both red at the same time, making a left turn onto Geary predictably easy and safe. It would be a significant inconvenience to drive around the block each time... there are already lights at the crosswalks at Stanyan and Parker, both very close.”*



# 10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

## Steiner Bridge Removal Outreach Plan

- Mailer sent to addresses within a few blocks of Geary/Steiner
- Door-to-door outreach
- Webpage with dedicated URL: [SFMTA.com/Steiner](http://SFMTA.com/Steiner)
- Signage posted in the area
- Electronic “Changeable Message Sign” (CMS) alerting drivers
- Email series to Geary Rapid Project subscribers
- Nextdoor
- Press release
- Newspaper, radio and social media ads
- Google Maps/Waze alerts and 511
- CBOs and merchant groups

# 10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

## Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

- Japantown Fall Festival
  - Saturday, October 19
- D6 Community Planners Meeting
  - Wednesday, November 13



# 10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

## Other Recent Outreach

- Geary Rapid Project Newsletter
  - Fall 2019 digital-only issue, emailed/texted to project subscribers and posted to website



The results are in, and 38 Geary riders are already feeling the difference. Last fall, the SFMTA kicked off the Geary Rapid Project by making some quick-to-implement transit improvements, including installing new transit-only lanes and making bus stop changes. We collected before and after data and surveyed bus riders to see what they thought about the changes.

The remainder of the project's transit improvements, including sidewalk extensions at bus stops (bus bulbs) and upgraded traffic signals, are anticipated to be completed in mid-2021.



### Time Savings

38R trips between Arguello and Van Ness



82% of riders say they are saving time



### Ridership

34% of riders say they are riding more often since the changes\*



56,800

daily 38/38R/38 Express riders, the highest bus ridership in the U.S.

\*Taken from an onbus survey of 600 riders, conducted in five languages

# 11. Adjourn

- Thank you!
- Next meeting:
  - January 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
  - 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Union Square Conference Room