

**Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee****Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6:00 p.m.****One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room****ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.
2. Public comment: Members of the public may address the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee on matters that are within its jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
3. Approval of minutes – [May 23](#).
  - a. Approved by a voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
  - a. Project schedule.
  - b. Construction update.
    - i. Robert Bardell asked if the contract modification heading to the TA Board would face opposition. Kate McCarthy stated that she didn't see a reason why there would be opposition.
    - ii. William Crissman asked about the completion date for the Lombard project.
      1. This information will be included in a slide for the next meeting.
    - iii. Randy Uang asked if feedback could still be provided on Geary.
      1. The Geary Rapid Project is currently under construction with no opportunity for comment, but the Geary Boulevard Improvement is still in design and being planned for the future.
  - c. Update on neighboring projects.
  - d. Business support.
  - e. Outreach update.
    - i. Bob Lockhart mentioned that there had been a walk from Sutter to Union at some point and suggested another walking tour of the project.
      1. Project staff stated they would look into possibly hosting another one of these in the fall.
    - ii. Bob Anderson brought up that the big belly garbage can was freed up and he appreciated that those concerns were addressed.
    - iii. Bob Lockhart said that when originally paved, the driveways were too steep so that the bottoms of cars were scratching. However, this was addressed very quickly.

- iv. Randy Uang asked about the kind of support the Van Ness project provides to businesses besides the car card campaign, especially in regards to funds.
  - 1. SFMTA works with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and they are providing a suite of services to businesses on Van Ness. Additionally, the MTA Board has allocated some MTA funding to create a business support fund to support businesses, to possibly include a low interest loan. But the Board has yet to direct the project on how to use those funds.
- 5. Member comment: Members of the committee may address the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee on matters that are within its jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
  - a. Gerry: The lights and the traffic are blocking pedestrians from using crosswalks, especially downtown.
- 6. Meeting adjourned by a voice vote at 7:15 p.m.