



Van Ness Business Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 16, 2017

3:00-4:30pm

180 Redwood Street, Suite 300, 3rd Floor, Lakeshore Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.
2. Public comment: Members of the public may address the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee on matters that are within its jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
 - a. No public comment was heard.
3. Approval of minutes — February 16, 2017.
4. SFMTA staff updates.
 - a. Project schedule.
 - i. Construction continues to be affected by wet weather and conditions.
 - ii. Construction in the median is expected to continue through March and April. Utility work is expected to begin in May 2017.
 - b. Construction update.
 - i. Crews are continuing with median removal including concrete curbs, contaminated soil and median trees.
 1. Daytime tree removal is expected to be complete this week, at which time nighttime tree removal will begin.
 2. Other night work includes the removal of the Overhead Contact System that powers the electric buses.
 - c. Sidewalk funding.
 - i. Project currently covers the cost to replace the half of the sidewalk impacted by curbside construction. The remaining half of the sidewalk remains the responsibility of the property owner.
 1. No alternate source of funding has been identified to cover the remaining half of the sidewalk.
 - a. The estimated cost for this other work is approximately \$1.5M.
 - b. A source for this funding would need to be identified before the start of the curbside utility work.
 2. Tony Fernandez asked if property owners were required to fund the remaining sidewalk replacement.
 - a. If a property owner wants to replace the full width of the sidewalk at their property, they would need to pay for their half.
 - i. Property owners may want to replace their sidewalk for aesthetic or safety reasons.
 - d. Lighting on Van Ness Avenue.
 - i. The Final Environmental Impact Report contains a mitigation measure that has led some members of the public to request an alternate design for the street lights along Van Ness.
 1. "Design and install a replacement OCS support pole/streetlight network that...retains the architectural style of the original OCS support pole/streetlight network."
 - ii. Project staff expects to go before San Francisco Arts Commission Civic Design Review Committee in March.
 - e. Update on neighboring projects.
 - i. Polk Streetscape Project.

1. The Polk Streetscape Project team has made changes to the design of the raised bike lane northbound from McAllister to Pine streets. After reviewing data from a raised bike lane on Market Street, the bike lane will now be at road level with safe-hit posts and a painted buffer zone to separate it from traffic lanes.
 2. A crosswalk design at Polk and Green streets will be modified to a high-visibility, zebra-striped crosswalk, also known as continental striping.
 3. Wet weather has affected the project schedule. Signal work at Union, Broadway and Pacific has been temporarily delayed.
 - ii. Lombard Street Safety Project.
 1. Winter weather and the holiday moratorium has shifted the project schedule. Near-term safety improvements are expected to be completed within the next two months.
5. Outreach update.
- a. Recent public engagement activities.
 - i. Meet the Expert: Funding for City Projects event.
 1. Ariel Espiritu Santos and Kamini Lall from the Finance and Information Technology department at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency discussed how large construction projects receive funding from local, state and federal sources.
 - ii. Public notifications.
 1. Neighbors continue to receive 72-hour notice for nighttime construction activity through door hangers. Currently, these are primarily for the removal of the Overhead Contact System and upcoming tree removals.
 2. At the recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee last month, staff is developing cards that direct people to hail their rides on side streets instead of Van Ness.
 - b. Outreach Calendar.
 - i. Office hours.
 1. Project staff continue to host office hours twice a week for members of the public to come with any questions or concerns they may have.
 - a. 180 Redwood Street, Suite 300, Third Floor
 - b. Tuesdays, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to noon
 2. BAC members are encouraged to promote these hours to anyone who may approach them with questions.
 - ii. Historic Preservation Commission hearing for public art.
 1. February hearing was postponed at the request of the San Francisco Arts Commission. Project staff will notify BAC members when a new hearing date has been scheduled.
 - iii. Meet the Expert event.
 1. Meet the Expert in March will be combined with the Van Ness Improvement Project Groundbreaking Ceremony.
 - iv. Groundbreaking event.
 1. The Van Ness Improvement Project Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held Wednesday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. at San Francisco War Memorial Court.
 2. Speakers include Mayor Ed Lee, members of the Board of Supervisors, agency heads, and community members.
6. Next meeting – Thursday, April 20, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- a. May 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
 - b. June 15, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Every agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

Public comment will be taken for each agenda item after discussion of the item by the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee.

Privilege of Floor and Public Participation. The privilege of the floor shall be granted to any member of the public or officers of the City and County of San Francisco, or their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of commenting on any question before the Committee. Each person wishing to speak on an item at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once per item for up to three minutes. The presiding officer shall be the judge of the pertinence of such comments, and have the power to limit this privilege if in the presiding officer's opinion the comments are not pertinent to the question before the Committee or the comments are merely reiterative of points made by previous speakers.

Presentations. After a presentation, the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee Chair will ask committee members if they have any questions and then will open the meeting to public comment. When members of the public ask a question of the presenter, presenters should not respond, nor engage in any conversation. First, the commenter should finish their commentary. After which, if the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee Chair or any committee member wants the presenter to respond to that question, the presenter will then respond to the Committee and not to the public.