

**Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, May 23, 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 6:05 p.m.
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 – [April 25](#)
  - a. Bob Lockhart: Would like to move to amend the minutes to say, "The 2600 block has more driveway entrances than any other block." Motion approved by a voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
  - a. Project overview.
  - b. Project schedule.
  - c. Construction update.
    - i. Mark Moreno: Are all items included in the 33% completion?
      1. 33% represents the total work—some things like sewer are a higher percent completed and some are lower.
    - ii. Bob Bardell: Where are the new light poles going?
      1. By Helmand Palace. They're not powered yet but expect to be soon.
    - iii. Bob Lockhart: I thought I saw some by Civic Center.
      1. There will be a separate set around Civic Center by request of the Historic Preservation Committee—two in front of the Opera House and two in front of City Hall. Those are still going through a review process. The more modern design ones are going up around the Historic District now.
  - d. Update on neighboring projects.
  - e. Business support.
    - i. Susie Criscimagna: What do you mean by the "annual campaign value" of the car cards?
      1. That is the value to the businesses year-round. In other words, how much it would cost for the businesses to produce the cards themselves and lease the space on the busses.



- i. 311 goes into the system and does eventually make its way to project team members. It's more ideal for long-term issues rather than short-term fixes.
    - ii. Alex Wilson: A possible solution would be if 311 could route calls to projects.
- f. Susie Criscimagna: How far along is the Geary design?
  - i. The Geary Rapid Project is currently under construction. The second phase, Geary Boulevard Improvement Project, is in the preliminary engineering/detail design phase.
- g. Susie Criscimagna: If bus stops hadn't been chosen yet, it would be great to have the CAC weigh in.
  - i. The Geary Rapid team did a survey, including a text option, to poll neighbors and riders about proposed bus stop changes before making final decisions.
- h. Alex Wilson: The biggest project priority is bus stops. The public should be engaged as early as possible.
- i. Bob Bardell: Would you use a CM/GC delivery method on other projects?
  - i. There are lessons learned from that approach, which will have to be considered to determine if we would use that approach again.
- j. Bob Lockhart: When is the lane switch?
  - i. June 19 or around then we hope. McAllister to Sutter will move from the west to the east side. Heading Two from Jackson to Lombard will move from the east to the west side. That will be the beginning of Phase 1C of utility work.
- k. Mark Moreno: What about utilities?
  - i. We're wrapping up sewer and water from McAllister to Mission and Jackson to Sutter, and starting sidewalk and roadway repaving in those areas.
- l. Bob Lockhart: There have been a number of collisions at Greenwich in the past. A turn line is needed for left turns, especially while doing the lane switch.
- m. Mark Moreno: There is a garbage can trapped inside the fencing at 25 Van Ness and we're getting more garbage as a result. If the fence could be moved around it so people could access that would help keep the area clean.
- n. Alex Wilson: For the 10 and 12 bus stop proposed bus stop relocations, there were many signs posted and an option to text feedback.
  - i. Susie: Getting more feedback via text available would be great.
  - ii. The Geary Rapid Project also used a text campaign to collect feedback about bus stop changes with a lot of success. We will keep that in mind for other projects.

