

Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee**Thursday, August 22, 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 6:02 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.
 - a. None to report.
3. Approval of minutes – [July 25](#).
 - a. Approved by voice vote.
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Better Market Street designs.
 - a. William Crissman asked where traffic will go if they can't make a right on Market.
 - i. Market Street is such a sweeping turn that people take that turn really fast and it's not safe to make a turn there.
 - ii. Martha Knutzen asked what part does the design alternative play in this?
 - iii. Environmental process will clear both options. Restricting turns onto Market will eliminate cars potentially colliding with pedestrians. Also wider sidewalks. Also shorter crossing distances.
 - b. William Crissman asked about the configuration of streets at Gough Street and the elimination of Brady Street.
 - c. Bob Anderson voiced concern about Van Ness congestion and air quality.
 - d. Alex Wilson commented that while it seems the city is attracting more private vehicles, it seems SFMTA is continuing to remove lanes of traffic and he did not think this was a good idea.
 - e. Public Comment:
 - i. Khaled Sayed commented about how lanes of traffic are being removed throughout the city and it is hurting drivers.
 - f. Gerry Grace commented that the traffic lights have blocked Market traffic.
5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
 - a. Project schedule.
 - b. Construction update.
 - c. Update on neighboring projects.
 - d. Business support.
 - e. Outreach update.

6. 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. Anne Turner asked if the project service date of Fall 2021 included December.
 - i. Yes, this is possible, but the fact that the city can collect liquidated damages gives an incentive for the contractor to move more quickly.
 - b. Alex Wilson asked about how the contract amount could be higher but the project budget remain the same.
 - i. The role of contingency costs was explained.
 - c. Bob Bardell brought up how temporary sidewalk barriers are being used as trash receptacles.
 - d. Catherine Tran mentioned her building's drainage system has sand and dirt that they believe is a result of construction.
 - e. Martha Knutzen asked about the running of Chase Center shuttle.
 - i. Chase Center shuttles will run during events at Chase Center.
 - f. Adam Mayer discussed images he was sharing from Van Ness and Fern Street where a man had been attacked. He believes fencing and staging in the area created a safety issue and expressed concerns about general safety along the corridor.
 - g. Bob Bardell stated that seeing articles about the project's construction hurting businesses is unfair.
 - h. Bob Lockhart asked about the location of the poles currently holding the overhead wires.
 - i. New light poles will hold the new overhead contact system (OCS) wires.
 - i. Alex Wilson asked about contract modifications and why that is split between SFPUC and SFMTA if it is all related to utilities.
 - i. SFMTA and SFPUC created a cost-sharing agreement outlining how costs would be split based on the age and condition of the utility.
 - j. Public Comment:
 - i. Gerry Grace asked which blocks on the project were completed.
 1. Overall work is not complete on any of the blocks.
 - ii. Melanie Woodrow asked about the percentage complete for the project.
 1. Percentage complete was 36.3% based on pay applications. Sewer work was 54% complete and water work is 51% complete.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.