



Geary Community Advisory Committee

January 21, 2020

Members please sit at the table

2. Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Ice breaker activity
4. Approval of minutes – [November 19, 2019](#)
5. Public comment
6. Geary Rapid – Follow-up on Battery Electric Buses (BEB)
7. Geary Rapid – Project update
8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update
9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update
10. Adjourn

3. Ice breaker

Happy New Year!

What is one thing that you would like to achieve in 2020?

4. Approval of Minutes

- November 19, 2020

5. 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.

6. Follow-up on Battery Electric Buses (BEB)

- CAC member Andrei Svensson researched an exciting new bus propulsion technology and compiled questions.
- We worked with the Battery Electric Bus (BEB) pilot project team to provide answers (*see handout*).
- Key points:
 - In 2018, Mayor Mark Farrell and the SFMTA announced San Francisco's commitment to have an all-electric bus fleet by 2035. Since this policy was approved, MTA has established the Battery-Electric Bus (BEB) Pilot Program.
 - The BEB project team is now underway with answering questions similar to those Andrei developed and moving MTA forward towards this goal.
 - MTA is not currently considering trolley buses on the 38 Geary service, but it would eventually be served by electric buses.

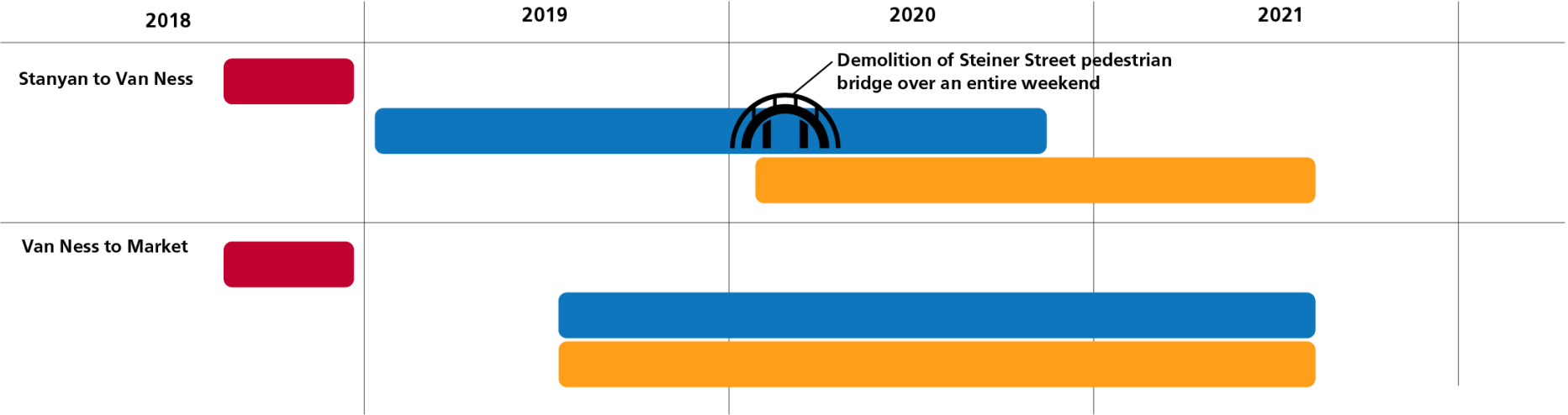
7. Geary Rapid Project updates

Geary Rapid Project - Project Report SFMTA only		
	Design	Construction
Budget	\$ 5.0M	\$ 31.0M
Expenditures*	\$ 4.7M	\$ 4.1M
% expended	94%	13%
Budget Status	Closing out	On track
Est. Completion	Summer '19	Summer '21
Schedule Status	Complete	Monitoring
<i>*financial data as of 1/10/2020</i>		

Geary Rapid Project - All Construction Contracts includes MTA, PUC Sewer and Water, DT, Paving and Curb Ramps			
Contract/Work	Estimated	Price	Status (% paid)
MTA Near-Term	\$ 1.0M	\$ 1.0M	Complete
PUC Sewer/Water	\$ 16.0M	\$ 16.2M	Underway (59%)
PW Geary East	\$ 6.2M	\$ 8.7M	Underway (9%)
PW Steiner Demo	\$ 1.0M	\$ 0.8M	Awarded (0%)
PW Geary West	\$ 16.6M	\$ 16.0M	Awarded (0%)
	\$ 40.8M	\$ 42.7M	Underway (27%)

8. 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)

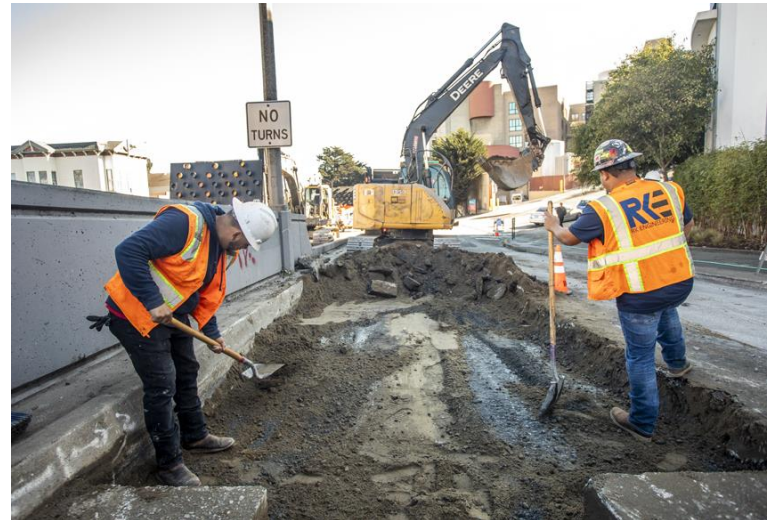
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“Geary Blvd Water/Sewer” contract: Masonic to Van Ness

- “Segment A” work is substantially complete (Masonic to Fillmore).
- “Segment B” is underway in the eastbound direction.

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

- Water main work from Van Ness - Hyde resumed after holiday moratorium. First pedestrian bulbs being installed.



8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

Steiner Bridge Demolition contract

- Managed by Public Works, awarded to Silicon Valley Demolition. Targeting demolition and road closures in mid/late March over a weekend.



“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

- Managed by Public Works, awarded to Esquivel Grading & Paving. Work anticipated to start in March.

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Steiner Pedestrian Bridge Removal

Work at the Geary/Steiner intersection:

- The area around the bridge will be closed over a single weekend from 8:00 p.m. Friday until 5:00 a.m. Monday.
- Demolition work begins 7:00 a.m. Saturday through Sunday, followed by clean-up and restoration.

Detours during weekend closure:



Vehicle traffic is planned to be rerouted to Post Street (eastbound) and Sutter Street (westbound). There will be temporary parking removal in the area to facilitate the detours.



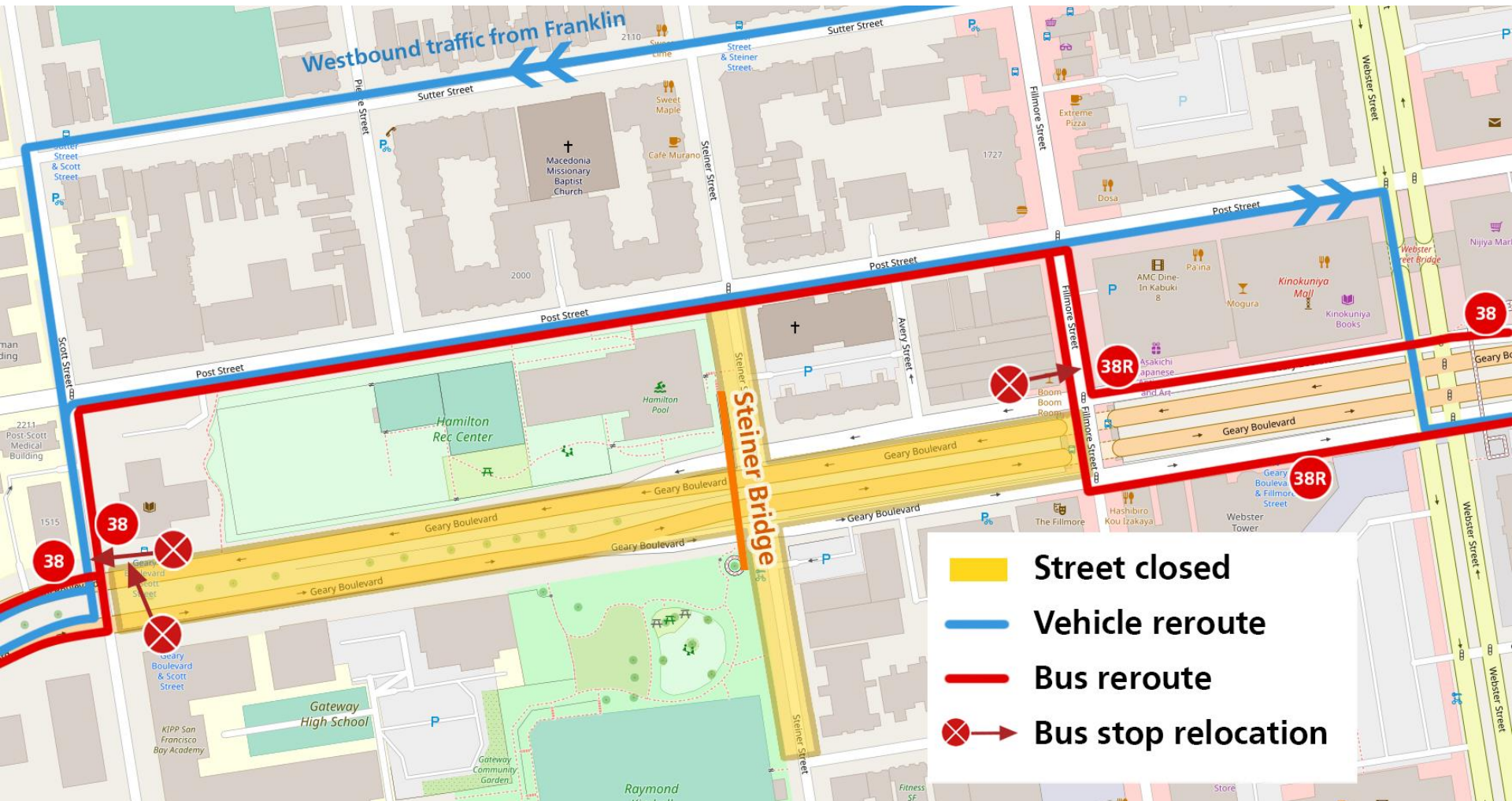
38 Geary buses are planned to be rerouted to Post Street. All stops will be served, though some stops will be slightly relocated.



Pedestrian detours will be provided around the work zone. Cyclists can continue to use Steiner Street.

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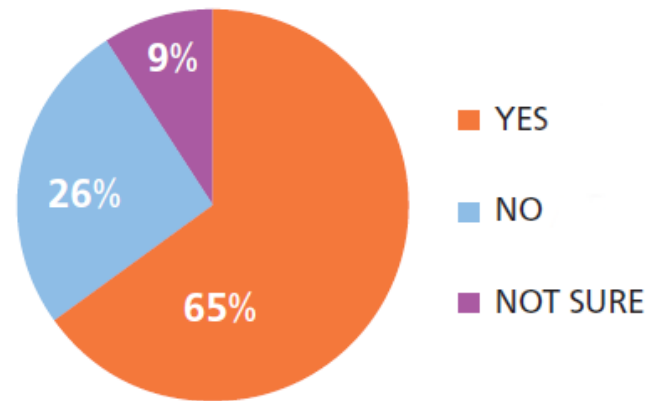
Steiner Bridge Removal Outreach Plan

- Mailer sent to addresses within a few blocks of Geary/Steiner
- Door-to-door outreach
- Webpage (SFMTA.com/Steiner) and email series
- Signage posted in the area
- Electronic “Changeable Message Sign” (CMS) alerting drivers
- Nextdoor
- Press release
- Newspaper, radio and social media ads
- Google/Waze/Apple Maps alerts and 511/311
- CBOs and merchant groups
- Uber/Lyft

9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Commonwealth Pedestrian Safety Proposal

- Considering the overall support for installing a traffic signal at Commonwealth/Beaumont, the SFMTA will present the proposal at the January 24 Engineering Hearing.
- The team conducted follow-up outreach to nearby neighbors/businesses:
 - Mailer and emails
 - Website updates
 - Signs



Installing a traffic signal would require making Commonwealth and Beaumont right-turn only onto Geary Boulevard. Is this a tradeoff you would support to improve safety for pedestrians?

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Construction Mitigation and Business Support

Fillmore:

- Wayfinding signs posted in active construction areas

Japantown:

- Bus PSAs
- Merchant meeting – date TBD

Tenderloin:

- Wayfinding signs posted in active construction areas

Union Square:

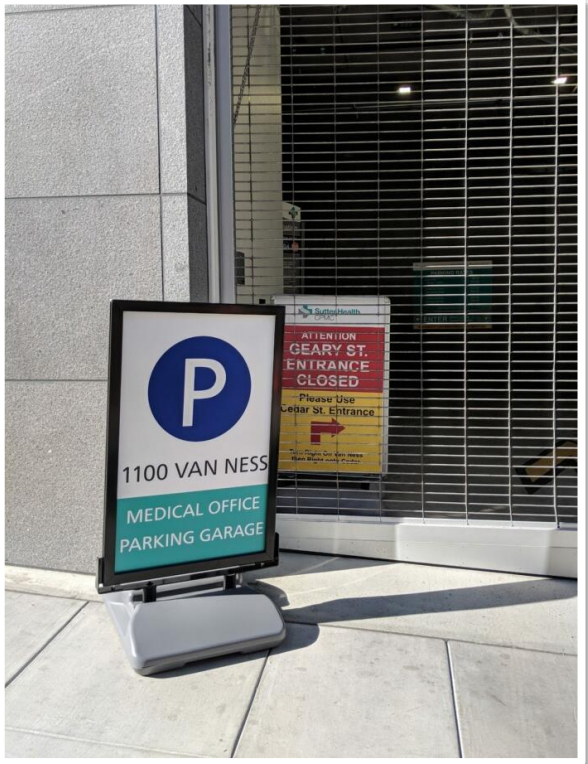
- Printing business guides



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As-needed signage:



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Recent Events/Meetings

- Japantown CBD meeting
 - Wednesday, January 8
- Tenderloin CBD meeting (400 O'Farrell Block Safety Group)
 - Thursday, January 16

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- Commonwealth/Beaumont Public Hearing
 - Friday, January 24
- Bureau of Urban Forestry Tree Removal Hearing
 - Monday, January 27
- Japantown Merchants Meeting
 - TBD, February

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Other Outreach


- Geary Rapid Project Newsletter
 - Winter 2020 issue coming soon
 - Mailed along project corridor, emailed/texted to project subscribers and posted to website
- Kaiser Vision Zero outreach
 - Posters and palm cards



10. Adjourn

Thank you!

Next meeting:

- March 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m. 
- 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor,
Union Square Conference Room