

Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m.MINUTES

1. Call to Order. 6:05 p.m. by Alex Wilson.
2. Public comment: None heard.
3. Approval of minutes by voice vote – [March 26, 2020](#).
4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
 - a. Project schedule. Kate McCarthy advised that the utilities work will continue past the spring 2020, and plan is to start with BRT buildout in the spring.
 - b. Construction update.
 - i. Kate McCarthy advised that work on this project continues under the Public Health Order. It is considered vital since it replaces aging utilities essential for operation. Due to shelter-in-place, more work has been shifted to the daytime since roadway can be reduced to one lane.
 - ii. Kate McCarthy advised that a contract modification is being presented to the MTA Board on May 19 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting details are at SFMTA.com/Board
 - c. Update on neighboring projects. Work on Geary Rapid Project and Lombard Street Vision Zero Project both continue.
 - d. Business support update. Kate McCarthy advised that resources for employers and employees are available at oewd.org/covid19.
 - e. Outreach update.
 - i. Kate McCarthy advised that some Muni service is being restored to increase coverage across the city.
 - ii. Kate McCarthy advised that the Essential Trip Card is available for seniors and people with disabilities to access taxis at reduced rates for essential trips.
 - iii. Kate McCarthy updated the committee that the application period has been extended for the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee and the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee. Applications are now due June 30.
 - iv. Kate McCarthy noted that the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee on April 16 was canceled due to lack of quorum; the next meeting is June 18.
 - v. Kate McCarthy noted that outreach staff have addressed issues relating to construction noise during shelter-in-place.
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. Bob Lockhart asked for a breakdown of the 37% project completion number; staff did not have that available.
 - b. Catherine Tran noted that her building at Van Ness and Ellis has had several intruders and is wondering if lack of foot traffic has affected security. Would like a security update about the project.
 - c. Martha Knutzen mentioned that there is a growing tent encampment on Willow St., approaching Van Ness and Eddy. She would like an update on how the City is handling this.
 - d. Alex Wilson asked if 311 takes calls about homeless encampments. Kate McCarthy responded that they do, and suggested contacting vannessbrt@sfmta.com with date, time and location of issues.
6. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn and approved unanimously by voice vote at 6:28 pm.