

**Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee****Thursday, November 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m.****One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room**ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Meeting called to order 6:02 p.m.
2. Public comment.
  - a. None heard.
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. [September 26.](#)
    - i. Approved by a voice vote.
  - b. [October 24.](#)
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4. 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.
    - i. Bob Anderson asked about where the bus car cards are installed and the timing of the Civic Center Plaza Tree Lighting.
      - a. Car cards are installed on the inside of buses. The tree lighting event starts at 4:00 p.m.. The actual lighting is later in the evening, at around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
  - f. Member comment.
    - i. Bob Lockhart stated that he was glad to hear that the water seeping problem at the Filbert intersection was looked at. He noted that more trash bins are needed along the Van Ness corridor.
    - ii. Bob Anderson shared that he heard of plans to re-do Hickory Alley.
    - iii. Bob Bardell expressed concern about the rain garden installation narrowing sidewalks. He also expressed concern about the safety issues of having substantial poles on the bulb outs on the project.
      - a. The width of the sidewalk will remain the same. Rain gardens will only be installed in the Civic Center Historic District and are entirely in the furniture zone, like the existing planter boxes.
    - iv. Susie Criscimagna asked about wayfinding sidewalk markings along the corridor.

1. The sidewalk corners will be stamped once they are complete but most corners won't be complete until the final phase of the project.
- v. Martha Knutzen asked about a when a bus stop between Eddy and Turk on the City Hall side will be replaced. She also asked about more temporary pedestrian lighting, especially between Golden Gate and Market. She stated that scooter riders need to be better educated about how to use them on public streets and asked where bulb outs will be installed for the Van Ness Improvement Project.
  - a. The permanent bus stop will be at Eddy. Bus stops will continue to shift through the end of construction, and particularly through the end of the utility phase (Summer 2020) they are expected to be shifted back and forth considerably. Outreach staff is planning to audit the corridor soon to do a new round of temporary lights where needed. The project team will share feedback with appropriate SFMTA staff regarding scooter use. There will be bulb outs at almost every intersection on Van Ness once the project is completed.
2. Randy Uang announced his resignation from the Van Ness BRT CA stating that since the project started construction there already have been improvements to the neighbors' quality of life.
3. Adam Mayer mentioned that the sidewalk in front of CPMC looked fantastic.
4. Alex Wilson echoed sentiments about scooter rider education. He also asked about plans to adapt construction work to the rainy season.
  - a. When there is rain work often needs to be rescheduled and that can cause delays. The project team is doing everything possible to ensure the safety of the crews and travelers on Van Ness when it rains.