



SFMTA

Geary Community Advisory Committee

November 17, 2020

Order of Business

1. Call to order
2. Virtual meeting etiquette
3. Roll call
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5. Public comment
6. Follow-ups from September 15, 2020 meeting
7. Geary Rapid – Project update
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2. Virtual Meeting Etiquette

- Microsoft Teams – download for desktop or mobile at: www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app
- Key functions: mute/unmute, raise hand, chat
- Please stay on mute unless called on to speak by Chair

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes

- September 15, 2020

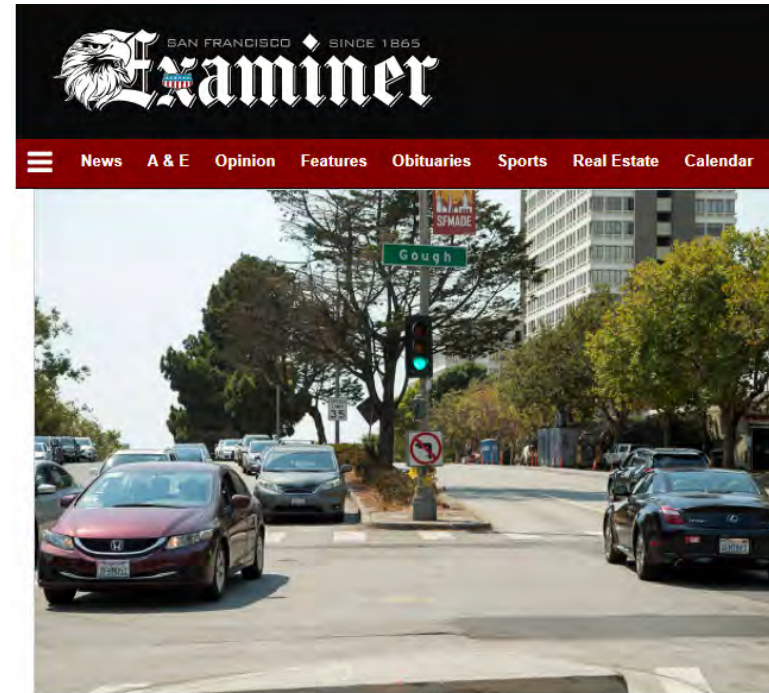
5. Public Comment

- 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-ups from September 15, 2020 meeting

Geary pedestrian safety

- Completed internal City review process for lowering speed limits on blocks of Geary close to senior facilities, including (both directions) Laguna to Gough, Steiner to Scott, and Baker to St. Joseph's.
- Other near-term safety improvements discussed with the community are underway.



New lower speed limits on sections of Geary Boulevard were prompted by the death of a pedestrian at Gough Street in August. (Kevin N. Hume/S.F. Examiner)

Speed limits to be reduced on parts of Geary Boulevard

Zones near senior centers will go down to 25 MPH

CARLY GRAF / Oct. 27, 2020 5:50 p.m. / [NEWS](#) / [NEWSLETTER](#) / [THE CITY](#)

6. Follow-ups from September 15, 2020 meeting

Pedestrian signal timing

- In 2018, SFMTA updated its pedestrian signal timing policy to accommodate slower walk speeds (3.0 feet per second).
- California Assembly Bill 390 (in effect as of January 1, 2018) allows pedestrians to begin walking on the countdown flashing red hand phase.

Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) technology

- SFMTA's recent APS installations have been the Polara iNav series. Geary will install the latest iNS model.
- SFMTA currently utilizes settings based on previous agreements and national standards.



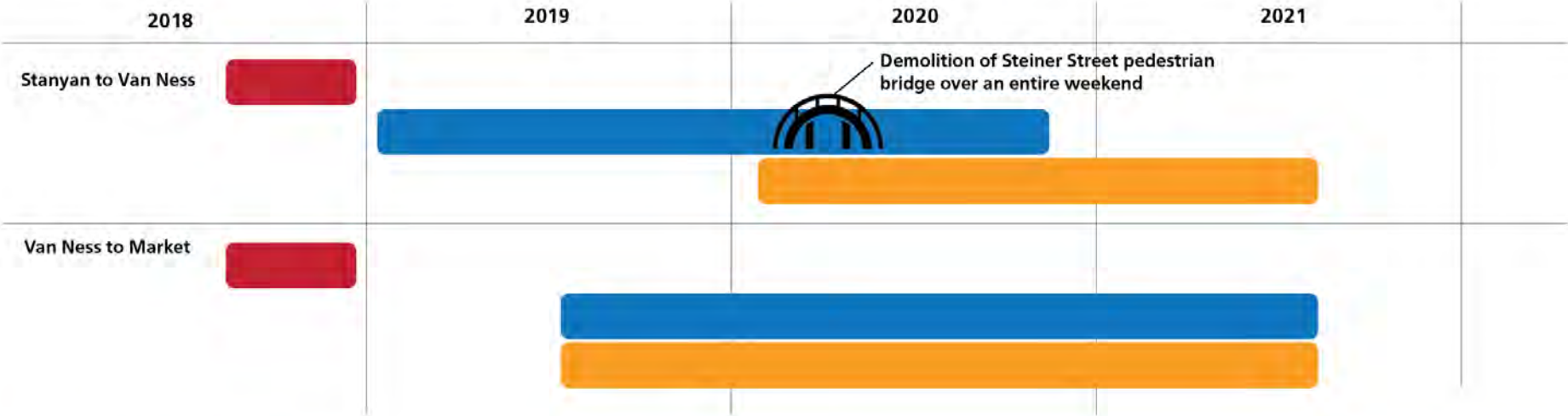
7. Geary Rapid Project updates

Geary Rapid Project - Project Report SFMTA only		
	Design	Construction
Budget	\$ 5.0M	\$ 31.0M
Expenditures*	\$ 5.0M	\$ 11.9M
% expended	100%	38%
Budget Status	Closing out	On track
Est. Completion	Summer '19	Sept '21
Schedule Status	Complete	On track
<i>*financial data as of 11/2/2020</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	Substantially Complete
PW Geary East	\$ 6.2M	\$ 8.7M	Underway (60%)
PW Steiner Demo	\$ 1.0M	\$ 0.8M	Substantially Complete
PW Geary West	\$ 16.6M	\$ 16.0M	Underway (40%)
	\$ 40.8M	\$ 42.7M	Underway (65%)

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)

8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

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

- “Segment A” (Masonic to Fillmore) work is complete.
- “Segment B” (Fillmore to Franklin) work is substantially complete and working through the punchlist.

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

- All water mains are installed. Service connection work is underway: Hyde to Jones, and Powell to Stockton.
- Curb ramp and sidewalk bulb-out work on Geary at Larkin and Hyde.
- Work will pause in observance of the holiday moratorium.



8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

- Work in “Segments A & B” is underway, currently at Commonwealth/Beaumont and between Steiner and Gough streets.
- Everything between Masonic and Steiner is complete except for traffic signal switchovers.
- Improvements to the Rec & Park facilities at Steiner are underway.
- Work is coordinated with businesses and is planned to continue.



9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Business support

- Restarting marketing campaigns
 - Fillmore Merchants and Neighborhood Collaborative event support
 - Japantown bus PSAs
 - Tenderloin Facebook ads
 - Union Square directories
- Promotions in construction forecasts
- Wayfinding signs

Shop Local
You can help San Francisco's vibrant commercial life rebound from COVID-19 by visiting local businesses in [the Fillmore](#), [Japantown](#), [the Tenderloin](#) and [Union Square](#). Check out the latest openings:

Tenderloin Outdoor Dining
[Tenderloin Outdoor Dining](#) is underway! Revisit an old favorite or discover a new restaurant along Larkin Street and Golden Gate Avenue (between Larkin & Hyde Street), Thursday - Sunday, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Fillmore Marketplace
[Visit the next Fillmore Marketplace](#), Sunday, November 15th from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At O'Farrell and Fillmore streets. Support Black-owned businesses, shop and then eat at a local restaurant

Support Black-Owned Small Businesses
Jewelry, Start-up & Beauty, Art, Clothing, & more

FILLMORE MARKETPLACE
12pm to 5pm
Sunday, November 15th
O'Farrell & Fillmore, SF
@ FillmoreMarketplace
Presented by Fillmore & Japantown for Justice Coalition



9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Other Outreach

- Coordination with businesses for holiday moratorium waivers and roadway repaving
- Geary Rapid Project Newsletter
 - Fall 2020 digital-only issue

MUNIFORWARD Geary Rapid Project

FALL ISSUE

Why Does Construction Take So Long?

By Amy Fowler

Tired of construction on Geary? It can feel like an eternity, but the good news is that the Geary Rapid Project is on track to be completed on schedule in summer 2021 and the most disruptive work to replace aging utilities will soon be in the rear-view mirror.

There are many factors that can turn a seemingly simple project into an extraordinarily complex undertaking. Considerations like maintaining traffic flow, maneuvering around existing utilities, accommodating nearby private construction and maintaining access to properties all take a considerable amount of coordination. Support from PG&E may be required while working around electrical wires, or additional SFMTA staff to isolate the overhead contact system that powers our zero-emissions trolley bus fleet. Every element of a project must be sequenced properly so that all the parts can move in sync. It's like tipping over a stack of dominoes: if one of those dominoes gets moved due to a conflict, schedules or crews may need to be reshuffled to keep the overall work from being delayed.

The Geary Rapid Project is no exception when it comes to complexity. While the SFMTA leads the project, construction has been split into multiple contracts to improve quality and reduce costs and durations. West of Van Ness Avenue, the contract led by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to replace sewer and water mains has just wrapped up, with only the surface improvements remaining. And over on the eastern side of Geary in the Tenderloin and Union Square, Public Works' crews are seeing a light at the end of the water tunnel. By early next year, the lion's share of water main replacement will be complete, everything except for connecting properties' water service to the newly installed mains.

A worker puts the final touches on an improved pedestrian median at Geary and Divisadero. As utility work winds up, crews are installing new sidewalk extensions (bulbs), curb ramps and medians that will improve safety, accessibility and bus performance along Geary.

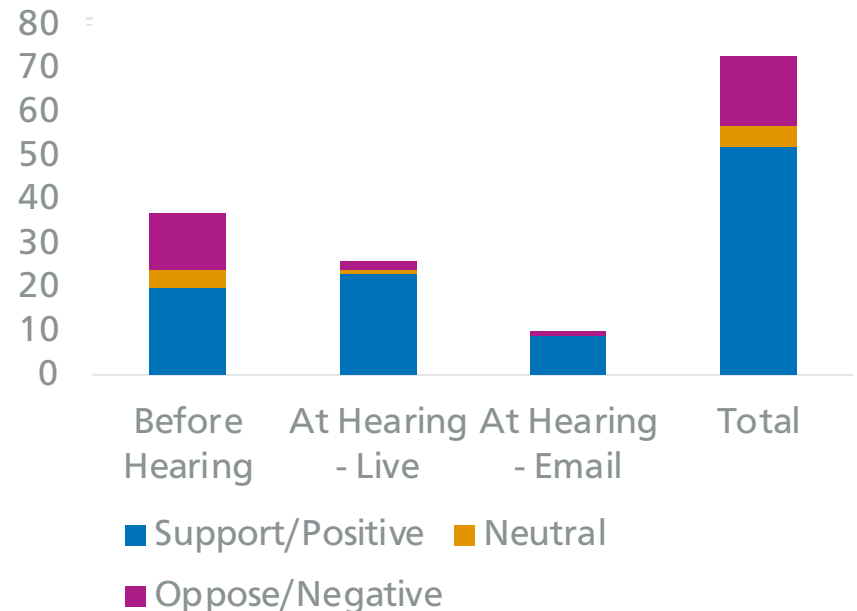
HOW DO MULTI-AGENCY PROJECTS WORK? See page 2.	TEMPORARY TRANSIT LANES See page 3.	PROJECT SCHEDULE See page 3.
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10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Recent and upcoming milestones

- **Public Hearing:**
September 24
- **Project approval:**
October 9 City Traffic Engineer, November 3 SFMTA Board
- **Implementation:**
Began November 3 and will continue for several weeks

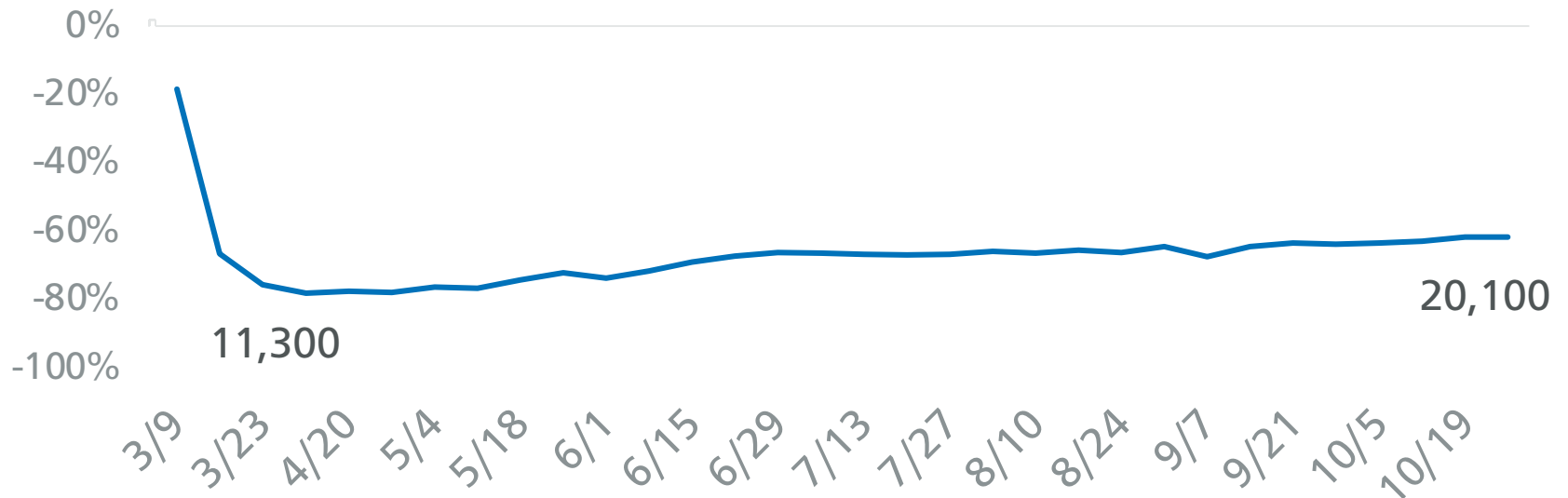
Number and sentiment of comments received on Geary TETL Proposal



10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Recent transit performance and traffic trends: Current ridership is about 40% of pre-COVID levels

38 and 38R average weekday boardings compared to pre-COVID

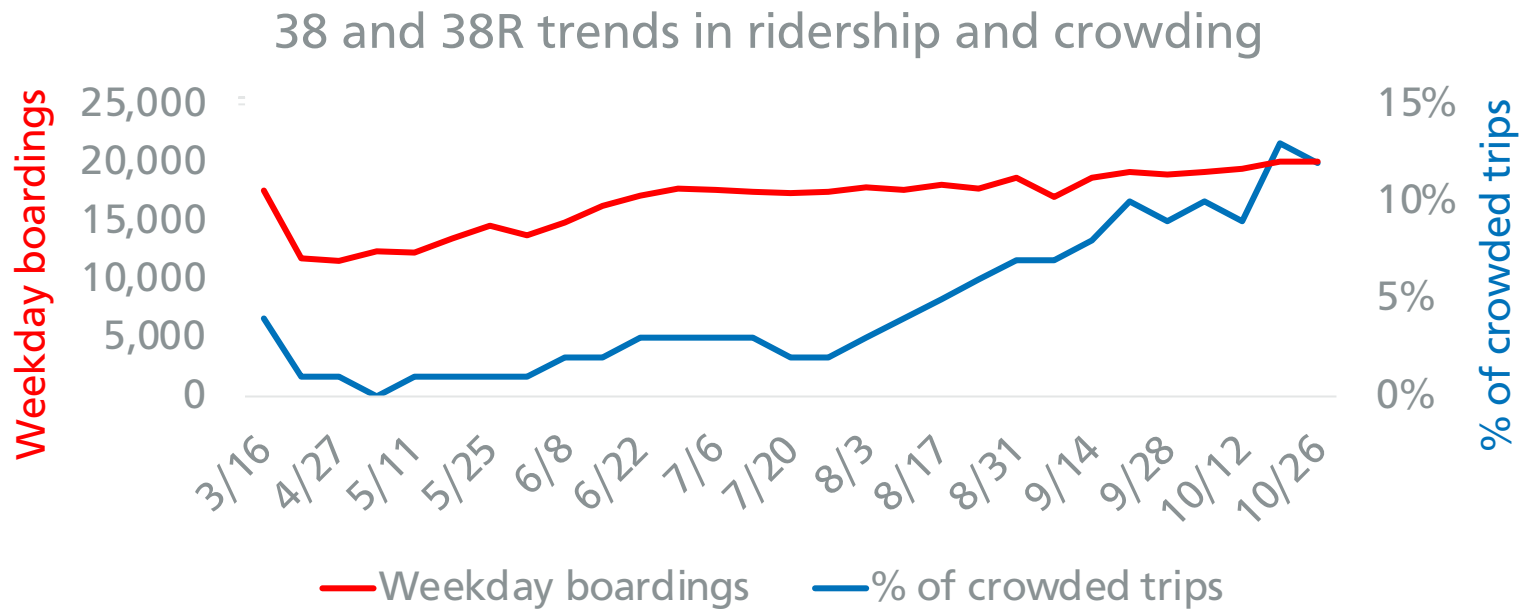


Pre-COVID: 52,600

Source: SFMTA COVID Dashboards.

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Recent transit performance and transit trends: Crowding has notably increased since August while ridership change has been relatively stable

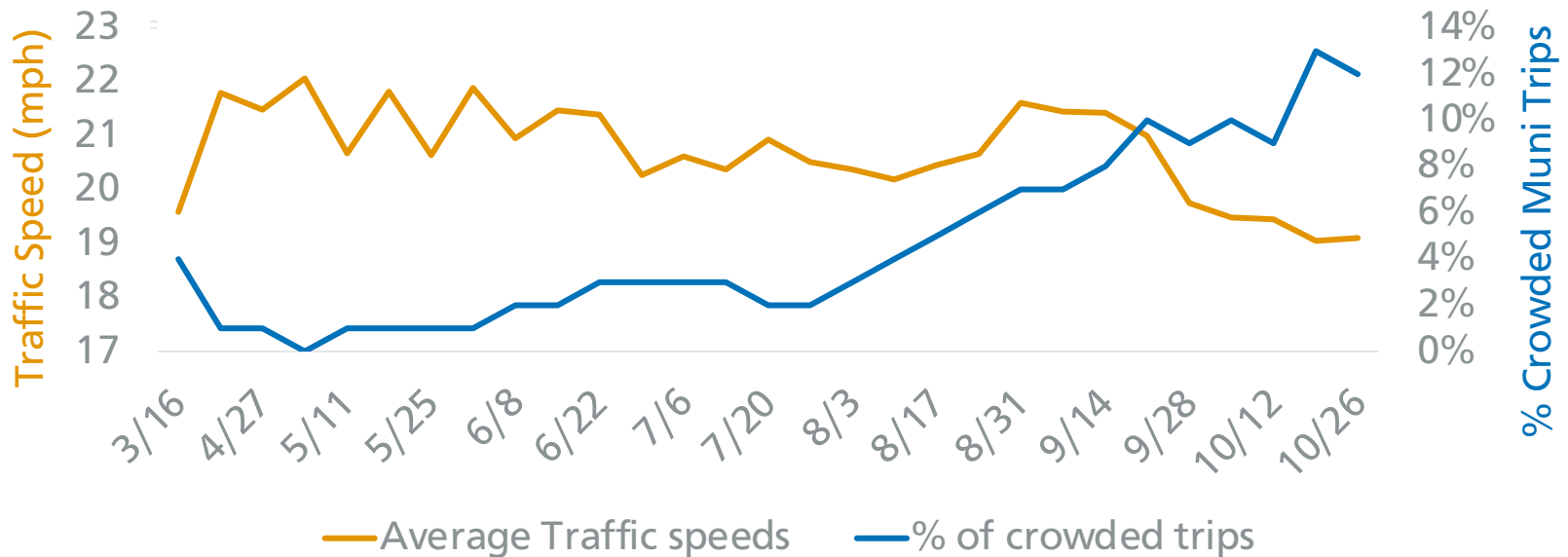


% of crowded trips indicates average % of weekday trips that exceeded "COVID capacity" between 7am and 7pm
Source: SFMTA COVID Dashboards.

10. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

Recent transit performance and transit trends: As average traffic speeds have declined, crowding has increased

38 and 38R trends in crowding and traffic



% of crowded trips indicates average % of weekday trips that exceeded "COVID capacity" between 7am and 7pm. Average traffic speeds are for T-Thu 7-9am and 4:30-6:30pm on Geary between Arguello and 25th Avenue AM inbound and PM outbound Sources: SFMTA COVID Dashboards., SFCTA "Covid-Era Congestion Tracker".

11. Adjourn

Next meeting:

- January 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
- Most likely still virtual on Microsoft Teams, else:
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor,
Union Square Conference Room

Thank you!