



### Geary Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Tom Barton	Liz Brisson (SFMTA)
Hillary Brown	Amy Fowler (SFMTA)
Dan Calamuci	John Gravener (SFMTA)
Sean Kim	Dan Mackowski (SFMTA)
Spud Law	David Sindel (SFMTA)
Susannah Raub	
Marian Roth-Cramer	Derek Adams (SFPUC)
Kevin Stull	Jon Cantu (SFPUC)
Andrei Svensson	Shalon Rogers (SFPUC)
Devi Zinzuvadia	

### Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Susannah Raub called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

**2. Remote meeting housekeeping**

**3. Roll call and Introductions**

**4. Approval of minutes – [October 9, 2024](#)**

- a. Tom Barton motioned to approve; Devi Zinzuvadia seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote at 6:18 p.m.

**5. Public comment**

- a. No public comment.

**6. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission project update**

- a. Derek Adams presented on this item.
  - i. Tom Barton asked about construction on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue southbound near Geary
    - 1. Derek replied that it was a different project
    - 2. Dan Mackowski added that it is a standard replacement underway by JDB contractor. Work is coordinated with our project.
    - 3. Tom added that Muni operators seem to sometimes have a difficult time with the changing construction zones.
    - 4. Derek acknowledged that communication to Muni operators is improving but still a work in progress.
  - ii. Spud Law asked about the difference between distribution and transmission water main.

1. Derek replied that distribution mains feed individual properties, with laterals to each property. Transmission mains are more regional; they feed distribution mains and generally don't have laterals (though there are a few on Geary).
  2. Spud Law asked whether Geary will be repaved after the construction work.
  3. Derek replied that the SFPUC contractor will pave over and around their trenches based on the city standard. The Surface Contract will repave the full width of Geary between 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Stanyan.
  4. Dan Mackowski added that the transit lanes will be painted red after the repaving.
- iii. Sean Kim commented that it looks like construction is going smooth and asked how it was comparing to the schedule.
1. Derek confirmed that the work was proceeding slightly ahead of schedule.
  2. Sean added that the merchants are happy with the shortened period of parking change notices and the use of old left turn pockets to reduce temporary parking impacts, but noted that some have been unhappy with the dust.
  3. Derek replied that merchants should let SFPUC know if dust continues to be a problem but is hopeful that the new dust-control efforts will be successful.
- iv. Andrei Svensson asked which reservoir feeds the Richmond.
1. Jon Cantu and Dan Mackowski replied that the Sunset Reservoir, which supplies over 40% of the city's water, supplies the Richmond.
  2. Andrei asked where the sewer lines on Geary lead to.
  3. Derek replied that there are two watersheds, both of which go to the Oceanside treatment plant through slightly different paths. One goes west to the ocean, where there is a transport storage box along the shoreline, then south to the plant. The other runs north first, then through a deep tunnel southwest to the storage box.

## **7. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update**

- a. Liz Brisson and David Sindel presented on this item.
  - i. Tom Barton asked about installation of real-time information signs at bus shelters. He had heard that there were only two workers installing them citywide.
    1. Liz responded that there is an agency-wide effort, the Next Generation Customer Information System, that's updating to a new better sign standard. Capital projects like GBIP coordinate with that effort to install new signs as part of the projects. Most of the shelters in the GBIP corridor have signs, but a few will need to wait until

- power is available. The project team is exploring options to provide power sooner than the surface contract construction in 2026-2027.
2. Dan Mackowski added that real-time signs are in place at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave for both the 38/38R and 44.
  - ii. Kevin Stull asked whether replacement trees for the tree being removed at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be planted nearby or elsewhere in the corridor.
    1. Liz responded that when trees are added with the Community Enhancement part of the project, the team will make sure that new trees are added nearby. The existing spacing at that location was not ideal; it would not be recommended to replace a new tree in that exact spot.
  - iii. Tom Barton asked who to contact with complaints about gaps in services on the 38 Geary outbound to the VA Hospital.
    1. Liz responded that she would follow up with Service Planning.
  - iv. Spud Law asked whether there are any other speed cameras on Geary.
    1. David responded that the cameras near 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue are the only ones in the project area, but there is another pair in Japantown. The full list can be found online [SFMTA.com/SpeedCameras](https://www.sfmta.com/SpeedCameras)
  - v. Sean Kim commented that he and some other Geary merchants have seen a drop in sales larger than that of the corridor data. He shared a Facebook page advertising Geary businesses. He asked if it would be possible to use empty advertising spaces on the inside of the bus for additional Geary merchant ads.
    1. Amy Fowler replied that if the merchant association could find funds to print them, it may be possible to get them on buses.
  - vi. Andrei Svensson commented that there was a fatality at Geary and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, outside the project limits, about a month ago. He said the roadway is very wide there and could be narrowed to improve safety.
  - vii. Tom Barton commented that he saw a number of emergency vehicles on Geary near 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue yesterday.
    1. John Gravener responded that there was a building fire.

## 8. Geary Rapid update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
  - i. Spud Law asked whether the SFMTA's projected budget deficit would affect the project and Geary bus service
    1. Liz Brisson provided an explanation of the "fiscal cliff" and that no change to the 38 or 38R are expected in the July 2025 service cuts. Larger cuts are possible in 2026, but several efforts including potential 2026 revenue measures and internal efficiency are being



considered. The GBIP is fully funded with capital funds, which are separate from operations funds, and will go forward.

- ii. Hillary Brown said she liked hearing the Geary Rapid update because she lives in that portion of the corridor.

## 9. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, July 9, 2025. The project team will be sending out a poll about potential interest in a hybrid meeting.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. by unanimous consent.