



Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 20, 2017

6:00-7:30 p.m.

One South Van Ness, 7th floor, Union Square Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 6:08 p.m.
2. Public comment (see policy on reverse): Members of the public may address the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee on matters that are within their jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
 - a. Steve Pepple: Shared the update from the last meeting with SF Transit Riders. Many expressed frustrations upon hearing about the project being behind schedule.
 - b. Joanna Gubman was driving on Van Ness Avenue near Hayes and a lane closure sign was in the middle of the roadway. It was dangerous and confusing.
 - i. Committee was advised to call 311 to report hazardous conditions on roadways.
3. Approval of minutes — June 22, 2017. Approved by a voice vote.
4. SFMTA staff updates.
 - a. Project schedule.
 - b. Construction update.
 - i. Bob Lockhart: Was the project able to resolve the contract issue with the utility contractor?
 1. A sub-contractor has been identified for utility work and the SFMTA is confirming that the subcontractor qualifies for the award.
 - c. Update on neighboring projects.
 - i. Polk Streetscape Project.
 1. Bob Bardell: What is the location of a two-way bikeway on Polk location?
 - a. Van Ness Improvement Project staff will confirm with Polk Streetscape Project staff and report back at next Van Ness BRT CAC meeting.
 - d. Randy Uang: If the project were to delete scope to recover part of the schedule, what are some examples of what could be deleted?
 - i. Deleting scope is one tactic of many that could be considered for schedule recovery, other tactics include increasing crews or shifts. Project staff will consider the various tactics, risks, costs and benefits and make suggestions.

- e. Bob Bardell: Could Walsh delete scope to save money?
 - i. The contractor is not able to delete scope from the contract. If the tactic of deleting scope from the project for schedule recovery, action would need to be taken by the owner to adjust the contract.
- 5. Outreach update.
 - a. Pre-utility outreach.
 - i. Utility transition overview.
 - ii. Outreach plan.
 - b. Van Ness BAC membership recruiting.
 - i. Outreach begins July 20.
 - ii. Applications due August 31.
 - iii. Adam Mayer: Is the committee limited to businesses on Van Ness?
 - 1. The committee represents businesses along the Van Ness corridor—including businesses up to two blocks away.
 - c. Outreach Calendar.
 - i. Van Ness Business Advisory Committee, August 17, 3:00-4:30 p.m., One South Van Ness, 3rd Floor, Civic Center Conference Room.
 - ii. Summer Van Ness Improvement Project newsletter late July/early August.
 - iii. Meet the Expert event August 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Round Table Pizza, 801 Van Ness Avenue. The topic will be about roadway safety improvement treatments.
 - d. Open for Business marketing program.
 - i. The Business Advisory Committee is reviewing a survey that will be deployed to businesses on the Van Ness corridor. Purpose will be to find out what the businesses needs are during construction to develop an appropriate marketing program to support those businesses.
- 6. Member comment. Members of the Community Advisory Committee may address the Van Ness BRT project staff on matters not on today's calendar.
 - a. Bill Crissman – There are too many traffic lights for 2 miles for the circulation of traffic on Van Ness Avenue.
 - i. The Van Ness Improvement Project includes optimizing traffic signal timing for north-south traffic, and Transit Signal Priority to give the green light to buses and fire trucks. Adjustments to the traffic signals have already been made to support construction on Franklin and Gough, and on Van Ness Avenue, for example, when the left turns were removed.
 - b. Bob Lockhart: When is left turn from Van Ness Avenue northbound to Hayes going away?
 - i. The final left turn to be eliminated on Van Ness Avenue at Hayes is tentatively scheduled for October.
 - c. Bob Bardell: There seems to be lack of coordination between operators and changes to the system, such as adding bulb outs, they new light rail vehicles, the new cabin designs. He hopes that these changes are being made for good reasons don't end up slowing transit down. Hopes coordination with operators happens for the Van Ness Improvement Project.

- d. Don Savoie: Has there been any changes with the plan for the streetlights?
 - i. No changes; the plan for the streetlights outlined in the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee's May 15, 2017 memorandum to the Board of Supervisors is the plan that is being executed.
- 7. Next meeting — Thursday, August 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - a. September 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - b. October 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Every agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

Public comment will be taken for each agenda item after discussion of the item by the Van Ness BRT CAC.

Privilege of Floor and Public Participation. The privilege of the floor shall be granted to any member of the public or officers of the City and County of San Francisco, or their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of commenting on any question before the Committee. Each person wishing to speak on an item at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once per item for up to three minutes. The presiding officer shall be the judge of the pertinence of such comments, and have the power to limit this privilege if in the presiding officer's opinion the comments are not pertinent to the question before the Committee or the comments are merely reiterative of points made by previous speakers.

Presentations. After a presentation, the Van Ness BRT CAC Chair will ask committee members if they have any questions and then will open the meeting to public comment. When members of the public ask a question of the presenter, presenters should not respond, nor engage in any conversation. First, the commenter should finish their commentary. After which, if the Van Ness BRT CAC Chair or any committee member wants the presenter to respond to that question, the presenter will then respond to the Committee and not to the public.

MEMBER COMMENT

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