

Van Ness Business Advisory Committee Thursday, September 20, 2018 3:00-4:30 p.m.

One South Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor, Civic Center Conference Room

<u>Minutes</u>

- 1. Call to order by a voice vote at 3:04 p.m.
- 2. Public comment:
 - a. None heard.
- 3. Approval of Minutes August 16.
 - a. Approved by a voice vote.
- 4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding update from SFMTA staff.
 - a. Project schedule.
 - b. Construction update.
 - c. Outreach update.
 - d. Update on neighboring projects.
 - e. Member comment on Agenda Item 4:
 - i. Michael George: Which block is the first to have the sidewalk replaced? Is the sidewalk work one of the last components of the work?
 - 1. The first block to begin sidewalk replacement work is the block from Golden Gate to Turk, on the west side of the street. Most of the sidewalk will be replaced but not the corners because the sidewalk extensions (or "bulbs") can't be installed until final paving of the roadway, which is one of the last components of the overall project. The sidewalk work is one of the last components in the utility phase, but there is still two more phases of work to complete after that.
 - ii. Roland Andersen: Do you have any updates on the Geary Rapid project? I just received a notice about construction starting soon.
 - 1. The Geary Rapid project, which is from about Stanyan to Market streets, is starting early implementation in October. Early implementation will mostly consist of parking and curb color changes, and the painting of red transit lanes. The transit lanes will be side running. The project also includes utility and streetscape work, similar to Van Ness, but it is expected to be less intensive than the work on Van Ness. Another major component will be the demolition of the Steiner Bridge.

- 2. A motion was passed requesting to receive monthly updates from SFMTA staff about the Geary Rapid Project as part of neighboring project updates.
- iii. The Lombard Street Vision Zero Project is starting construction in October as well. Construction is headed by Public Works and it is mostly focused on street safety improvements. It includes utility replacement work as well.
 - 1. A motion was passed requesting SFMTA staff to provide monthly updates from about the Lombard Street Vision Zero Project as part of neighboring project updates.
- iv. Birgit Jacobsen: With the new fencing on the sidewalk and people camping out on the street, passages can get very narrow.
 - 1. This is an ongoing issue. The project team has been alerted of it.
- v. Michael George: How is potholing going? Have they uncovered anything that will create major issues?
 - Most of the potholing for the entire utility phase has been completed. Utility conflicts are an ongoing issue but the more extensive potholing should help the team be better prepared to address them as the work moves forwards. The team is also gaining more experience. They recently had an incident with some tree roots wrapped around a water pipe, and they were able to address it very quickly.
- vi. Patrick Hosfield: Is a Geneva BRT still in the works?
 - 1. The project is now called the Southeast Muni Expansion and they are in the process of surveying the community and garnering their input to see if a BRT would still be the best use of resources to improve transportation in that community.
- 5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Van Ness BRT CAC motion passed August 23, 2018, to reschedule the Van Ness BRT CAC November meeting to the third Thursday of that month, Thursday, November 15, 6:00 p.m., and to invite the Van Ness Business Advisory Committee for a joint meeting.
 - a. A motion was passed to invite the members of the Van Ness BRT CAC to join the BAC for a meeting at their regular meeting time of 3:00 p.m. on November 15.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m. by a voice vote.