



Geary Community Advisory Committee

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

Microsoft Teams meeting

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Tom Barton	Amy Fowler (SFMTA)
Dita Blackwell	John Gravener (SFMTA)
Hillary Brown	Dan Mackowski (SFMTA)
Lian Chang	David Sindel (SFMTA)
Joon Choi	
Paul Epstein	Derek Adams (SFPUC)
Annie Li	Shalon Rogers (SFPUC)
Kevin Stull	
Andrei Svensson	

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. John Gravener called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Remote meeting housekeeping

3. Roll call and Introductions

4. Approval of minutes – [April 9, 2025](#)

- a. Tom Barton motioned to approve; Kevin Stull seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous consent at 6:20 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 work on cross streets.
 - 1. Derek replied that there is a small amount of work for this project on cross streets – largely just the first 20-30 feet for connecting to utilities on Geary. There are unrelated Public Works contracts for roadway and sewer work on other streets in the area.
 - ii. Tom asked whether markings on the sidewalks were codes for construction.
 - 1. Derek replied that the markings are likely Underground Service Alert (USA) markings by utility providers to locate underground facilities,

such as gas or communications, but may be planned locations for pull boxes for fiber optics, or for fire hydrants.

7. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
 - i. Kevin Stull asked which bus stops will have the new artworks designed by students.
 1. Dan replied that there will be three pairs of stops where sidewalk extension work will be done: 25th Avenue, 20th Avenue, and Park Presidio Boulevard. Not all will be the full length of the stops due to utilities, driveways, etc. They will generally be oriented so that riders waiting at the stop will see them right-side-up. As decided in the survey, outbound bus stops will be water themed and inbound stops will be Golden Gate Park/greenery themed. All will depict native flora and fauna.
 2. Amy Fowler shared a link to the [web page](#) showing how the artwork will be placed at the bus stops.
 - ii. Tom Barton asked whether there are residents in the new building at the corner of Geary and 6th Avenue.
 1. Dan replied that it was originally planned to open in January, but there were delays from PG&E and other sources. The first tenants moved in in June; others are trickling in. The main entrance is on 6th Avenue.
 - a. Tom asked about the first floor, which still has its windows covered.
 - i. Dan replied that the building has two spaces for retail – on the corner and further west on Geary. They do not have tenants secured yet, but hope to by the end of the year.
 - iii. Tom Barton asked when there would be a working real-time bus arrival information screen at the 17th Avenue inbound stop.
 1. Dan replied that 19 of the 24 stops in the project limits now have shelters and screens. The remaining five – 17th inbound and outbound, 20th inbound and outbound, and 23rd inbound – are waiting for power to be installed during the upcoming contract.
 - iv. Dita Blackwell commented that she is happy to see the student artwork at the bus stops. She asked whether the trees being added will have roots that won't uplift sidewalks or get into sewers.
 1. Dan replied that staff worked with the landscape architect to choose trees suitable for sidewalks with narrower profiles. The chosen

species have suitable roots and no fruit droppings. Three species were chosen during the public survey from the list of suitable species.

- a. Dita asked whether the trees could affect sewers.
 - i. Dan replied that new trees will follow city policy where they are placed an appropriate distance away from sewer lines. Some existing trees may not have followed that policy.
- v. Tom commented that he was looking forward to the in-person option at October's hybrid meeting. Andrei and others shared the sentiment.
- vi. Lian commented via chat that she also appreciated the school's participation in the bus stop artwork.

8. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, October 8, 2025. The project team will be sending out more information regarding how to participate in-person and online at the hybrid meeting.
- b. Tom motioned, and Hillary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. by unanimous consent.