



Geary Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting and in-person at 1 S. Van Ness

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Dita Blackwell Hillary Brown Joon Choi Paul Epstein Sean Kim Cal Law Annie Li Susannah Raub Marian Roth-Cramer Kevin Stull Andrei Svensson	Liz Brisson (SFMTA) John Gravener (SFMTA) Dan Mackowski (SFMTA) Erin Mcmillan (SFMTA) David Sindel (SFMTA) Derek Adams (SFPUC)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Susannah Raub called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Remote meeting housekeeping

3. Roll call and Introductions

- Liz Brisson announced that Dan Calamucci is stepping down from the CAC.

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

- Hillary Brown motioned to approve; Kevin Stull seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous consent at 6:22 p.m.

5. Public comment

- No public comment.

6. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – opportunity for questions

- Sean Kim shared information from the small business working group. He said he appreciates that SFPUC has changed their practice for how long in advance temporary no parking signs are being posted, which helps maintain more availability for customers. In addition, SFPUC changed the format of their construction forecasts to make it easier to skim for the impacts on a given block. And they have coordinated construction storage to reduce parking impacts. That said, Sean said the level of disruption has been very hard for merchants.

- b. Cal Law asked whether the plan was still to have two lanes of traffic at all times. They saw only one lane recently from approximately 15th to 17th avenues while on the bus.
 - i. Derek Adams confirmed that there are supposed to be two lanes available and that he would look into it.
 - 1. Dan Mackowski added that section has had recent base repair work. The contractor may have been either trying to be more efficient, or the work was straddling the lane line. He noted that eastbound 6th to 4th avenues also had limited lanes for a time. A new sewer structure (rather than replacement) with very deep concrete structures is being added there.
 - 2. Andrei Svensson noted that he has seen a similar situation westbound 6th to 8th avenues but it was not a big deal.

7. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update

- a. Liz Brisson and Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
 - i. Cal Law asked about when surface construction would take place.
 - 1. Liz replied that it would take place from late 2026 to late 2027.
 - ii. Sean Kim asked why there are so many locations where concrete roadway base is being done – he thought SFPUC was replacing concrete as a part of their work
 - 1. Dan Mackowski replied that concrete base repairs are coordinated with PUC work. Where SFPUC has excavated, they replace concrete base. However, in locations where they do not have scope, there are some locations where repairs are needed and incorporated into the surface contract.
 - 2. Sean asked about the long stretch of concrete roadway base work from Arguello to 12th Avenue on the north side of Geary
 - 3. Dan replied that there is no water work on the north side of Geary east of 15th Avenue, as that pipe was installed in 1994, versus the much older pipe elsewhere on the corridor.
 - 4. Andrei Svensson asked why the concrete roadway base is in need of replacement even though the pipe was installed in 1994.
 - 5. Dan replied that standards have changed since 1999; work is typically costlier but lasts longer. The concrete work in 1999 was likely a thinner 8-inch layer only around the trench, not the whole roadway width.
 - 6. Sean asked whether the red shading at bus stops is the bus stop sidewalk design work.

7. Dan replied that it indicated a bus bulb, of which the bulbs at 25th Avenue, 20th Avenue, and Park Presidio Boulevard would include the decorative sidewalk art.
- iii. Susannah Raub asked whether the estimated 4-6 weeks per intersection for traffic signal work represents the total construction time, or the estimated time that disruptions may occur.
 1. Dan replied that 4-6 weeks is the total time, including breaks between one crew and the next. Each signal is essentially a mini project with subsurface work, poles, testing, curb work, etc, with one crew per item.
 2. Susannah asked whether the 11 intersections would in total take a year.
 3. Dan replied that no, multiple intersections signal work would be underway at the same time. Some are also simpler.
 4. Liz asked whether one lane would typically be closed for signal work.
 5. Dan replied that generally one lane at a time would be temporarily closed for a few hours or day for installing conduit, but sometimes two would be closed. Otherwise, lanes would be mostly open with minor pedestrian detours. Businesses will have cones in front, but there would not be excavation every day for 4-6 weeks.
 6. Liz noted this work would be similar to what was done on Geary Rapid several years ago.
- iv. Sean: Asked about the different shades of red and the small dot at 26th Ave
 1. Dan: confirmed that all the red was the same meaning but the printer created different shades. The dots at 26th Ave are just for new traffic signal mast arms over the roadway since this intersection has newish signal installed around 2017.
- v. Cal Law commented that they are excited for bus bulbs, especially at Arguello since its so busy.
- vi. Andrei Svensson asked whether the surface contract has been advertised.
 1. Dan Mackowski said that staff is still finishing design work; this will allow any changes that result from PUC work to be added. They also don't want to start the surface work too early and have the contractor start while PUC work is still in segment A. Thankfully, the overall PUC work has gone ahead of schedule.
 - a. Andrei suggested that the team consider ways to segment the corridor to minimize the time from start of work in an area to finishing all paving work in that area, maybe about 5 blocks at a time.

- vii. Marian Roth Cramer thanked the project team for adding art to the bulbouts and expressed that she is happy that it is being designed by students.
- viii. Kevin Stull asked whether each artwork was by an individual student.
 - 1. Liz Brisson replied that 2-3 students worked on each design
 - 2. Susannah Raub asked which school the students were from.
 - a. Liz replied that the students were from George Washington High School.
- ix. Paul Epstein asked about whether AB413-mandated daylighting would be uniform at each intersection, and whether it would be on both sides of the street or only on the approach side.
 - 1. Dan confirmed that daylighting is only being added on the approach side. However, there are still some locations with red curbs on both side, such as due to fire hydrants.
 - a. Andrei asked whether a bulbout supersedes daylighting.
 - i. Dan replied that yes, there can be less daylighting with a bulbout. That is being coordinated with the bulbouts in the surface contract.
- x. Sean Kim asked about sidewalk repairs and lighting around bus shelters. Sean said that the bus shelters no longer have homeless people occupying them so more Muni riders are wanting to use them. However, the areas around some bus stops are quite dark and the sidewalk is uneven.
 - 1. Several other CAC members agreed that this is a problem, particularly at 20th Avenue outbound and 17th Avenue inbound.
 - 2. Dan explained that for 20th Avenue outbound, the surface contract will add an additional street light pole which will help light this area. Dan also explained that any uneven sidewalk near a bus stop will be fixed through the surface contract. However, there are some sidewalk locations not near bus stops that are not a part of the scope because sidewalk maintenance is SF Public Works responsibility.
 - 3. Liz Brisson mentioned a bus stop lighting pilot that could offer lessons learned that could be applied to dark Geary bus stops in the future.
 - 4. Andrei suggested including additional sidewalk repairs as an alternate bid item.
 - 5. Marian Roth-Cramer noted that she is going to try leaving her tree lighting on all night to deter people from trashing the bus shelter. She also noted that the orange tree protection outside her dance studio has had a lot of trash collect.

- a. Dan said this has been flagged for SFPUC's contractor who was asked to clean them. He asked how often this is happening.
 - i. Marian said that it is happening often.
 - ii. Liz explained that the tree protection can be removed as soon as SFPUC's work there is done.
- 6. Dita Blackwell commented about lighting on the 20th Avenue block, agreeing it is very dark and that is the block her business is on.
 - a. Liz explained that after the surface contract construction is complete, there will be another street light at that location.

8. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, January 14, 2026, on Teams. Every alternate meeting will be hybrid.
- b. Susannah motioned, and Hillary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.