



SFMTA
Municipal
Transportation
Agency

Geary Community Advisory Committee Meeting #3

January 16, 2018

Members please sit at the table

Order of Business

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll call.

3. Ice breaker

Members, please share the following:

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

4. Approval of minutes

- October 25, 2017.

5. Public comment

- See Member Comment Policy on back of agenda.
- Member comment for matters within the Geary Community Advisory Committee jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.
- Public comment is limited to two minutes each.

6. Van Ness BRT



Van Ness Avenue is the backbone of civic life in San Francisco and one of the most important thoroughfares connecting the region. This project will make the street accessible and enjoyable for everyone through:

- The City's first Bus Rapid Transit system, a globally proven solution to improve transit service and address traffic congestion.
- Utility maintenance including repaving the street and replacing water and sewer systems to ensure reliability.
- Public improvements like more efficient street lighting, new sidewalk lighting and landscaping.

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Project overview video: sfmta.com/vanness



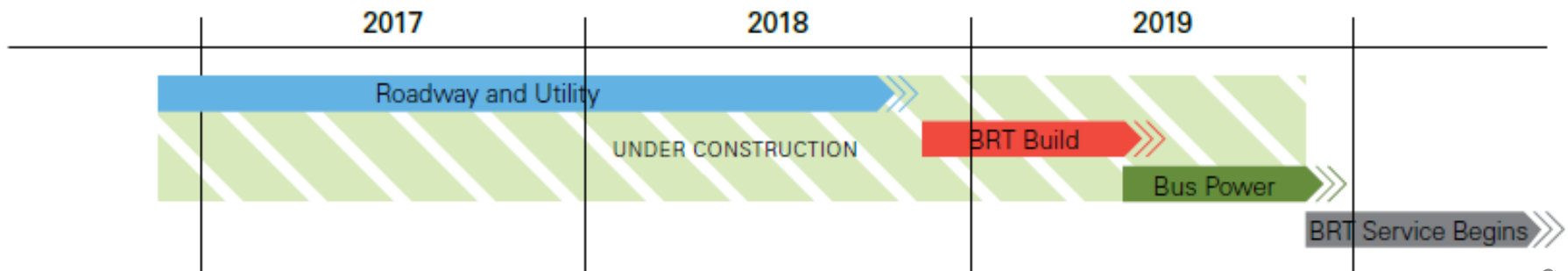
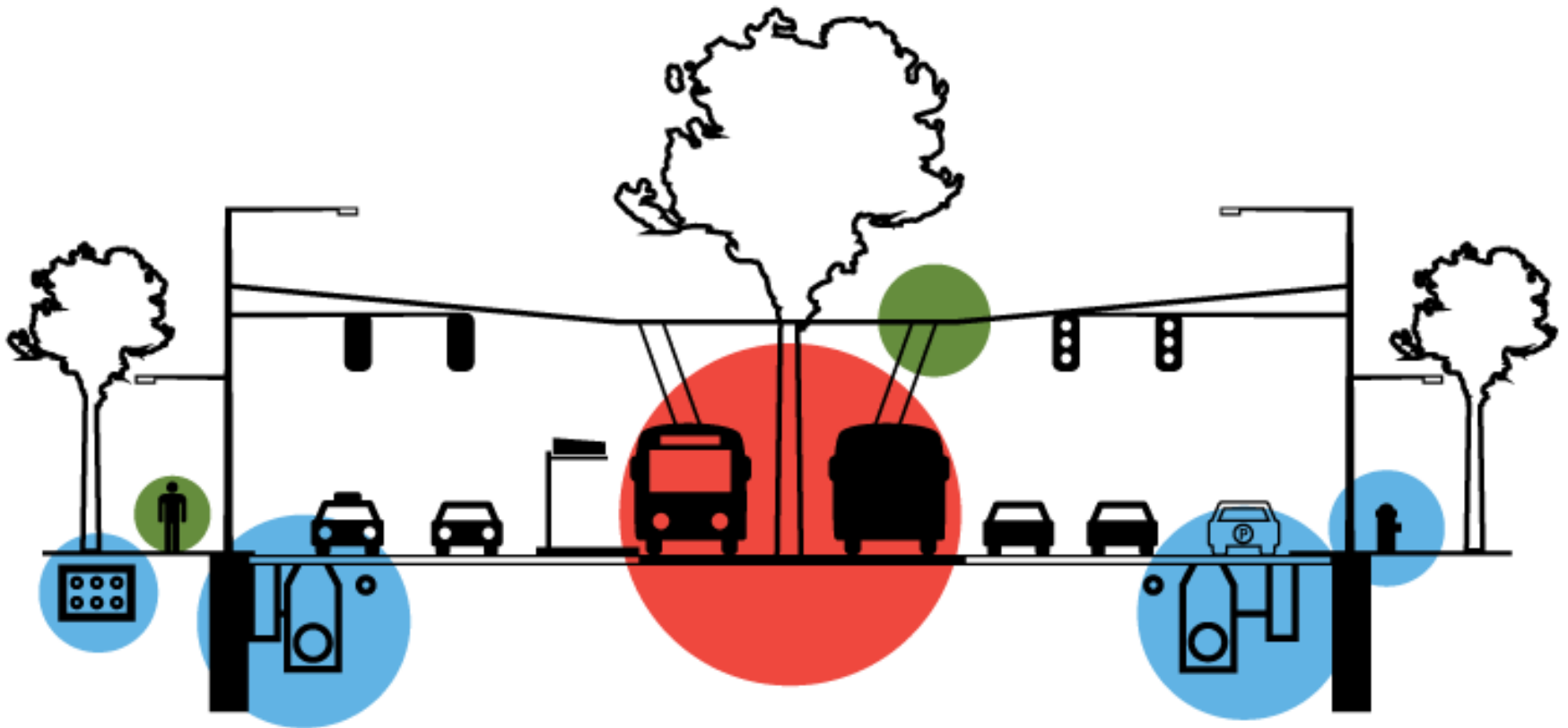
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Rapid transit features

- 1 Low-floor buses for easy and quick boarding.
- 2 Traffic signals that give the green light to buses and are optimized for north-south traffic.
- 3 Safety features for people walking like countdown signals, median refuges, sidewalk extensions, zebra-striped crosswalks and left turn restrictions.
- 4 Dedicated bus lane for Muni and Golden Gate Transit.
- 5 High quality boarding islands located at key transfer points.

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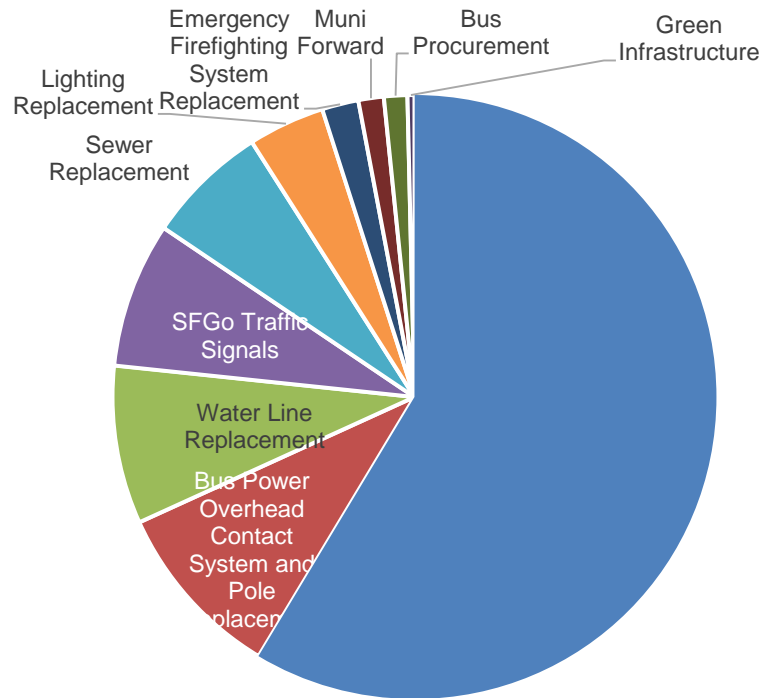
Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Delivery Method:

- Reduces change orders during construction
- Identifies possible project savings in schedule and cost
- Negotiates “Guaranteed Maximum Price” (GMP) and any associated contingency funds before construction
- Shifts responsibility of increased costs and schedule delays to prime contractor

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Budget

- Core Project + Bus Procurement valued at \$189.5 Million
- Total Van Ness Improvement Project Valued at \$316.4 Million

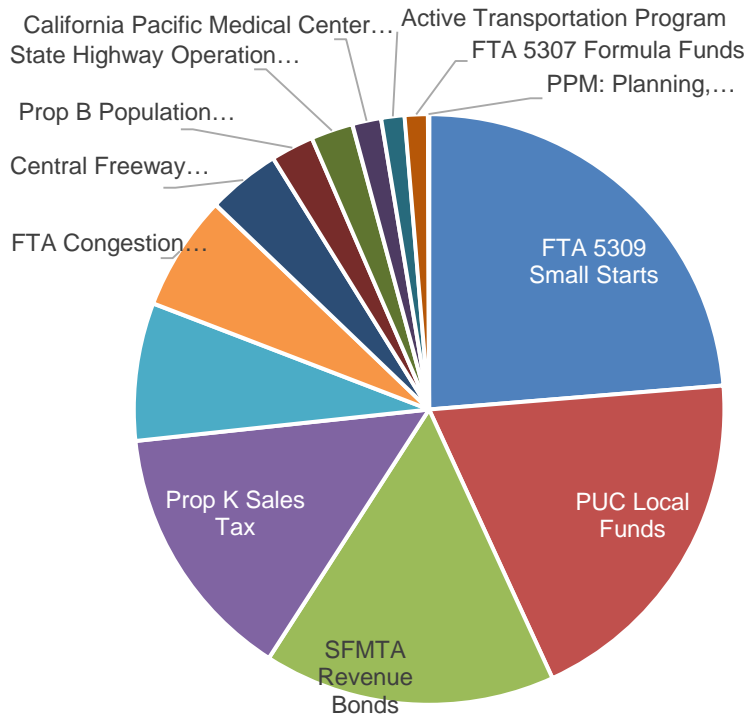


Core Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	\$185.5
Bus Power Overhead Contact System and Pole Replacement	\$30.3
Water Line Replacement	\$26.8
SFGO Traffic Signals	\$24.6
Sewer Replacement	\$20.6
Lighting Replacement	\$13.0
Emergency Firefighting System Replacement	\$6.2
Muni Forward	\$4.3
Bus Procurement	\$4.0
Green Infrastructure	\$1.2
Total	\$316.4

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FTA 5309 Small Starts	\$ 75.0
PUC Local Funds	\$ 61.5
SFMTA Revenue Bonds	\$ 50.5
Prop K Sales Tax	\$ 44.9
FTA 5309 State of Good Repair Funds	\$ 23.9
FTA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$ 20.0
Central Freeway Parcel Revenues	\$ 12.7
Prop B Population based General Fund Set Aside	\$ 7.4
State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)	\$ 7.3
California Pacific Medical Center Contribution	\$ 5.0
Active Transportation Program	\$ 4.1
FTA 5307 Formula Funds	\$ 4.0
PPM: Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds	\$ 0.2
TOTAL	\$ 316.4

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Milestones underway

- Installing hubs to monitor emergency firefighting water system (AWSS)
- Saw cutting and removal of the roadway
- Potholing to confirm utility locations
- Utility trenching for duct bank that will power the overhead contact system and other traffic systems
- For some tasks, night work is required when roadway must be reduced to one lane in a direction



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Outreach

- Weekly 14-day Construction Forecast (web, email, text message), weekly “Weekend Release” press release
- Twice weekly Community Drop-in Office Hours (Tue. 2:00-4:00 p.m., Fri. 10:00 a.m.-noon, excluding holidays)
- 72-hour noticing for night work
- “Meet the Expert” speaker series
- Active Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee and Van Ness Business Advisory Committee
- Briefings to public officials
- Quarterly newsletters
- Open for Business marketing program



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Lessons learned:

- Exercise benefits BRT projects, other complex interagency projects
- Hosting sessions with key stakeholders by project phase with emphasis of CER to construction, as well as global lessons learned
- Meetings follow same format
 - What went well
 - Challenges and what to do differently
 - Missed opportunities
 - Unforeseen events
 - Outreach
 - Timing of integration of project team
- Report to be presented to executive team

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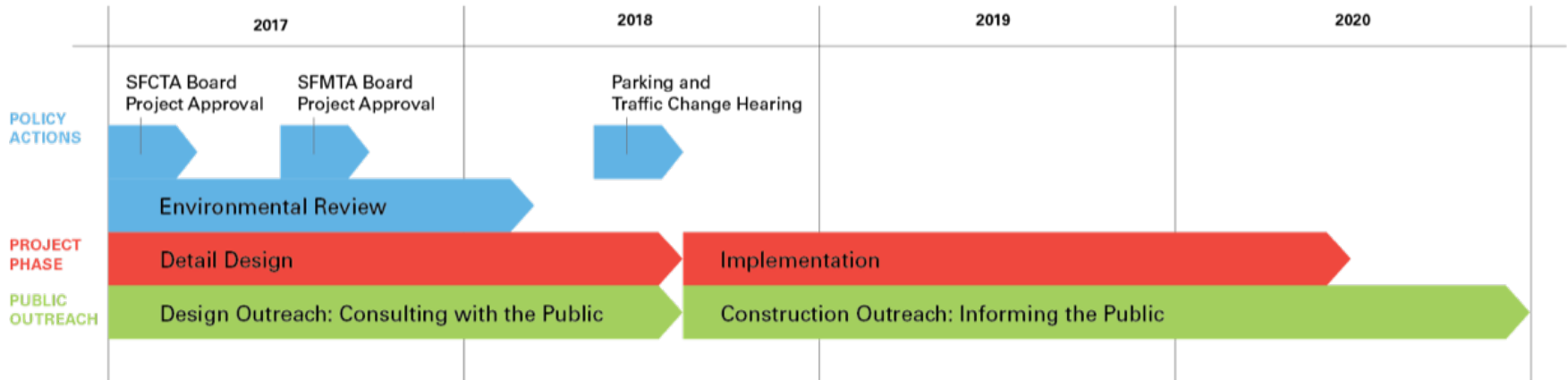
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7. Geary Rapid project updates

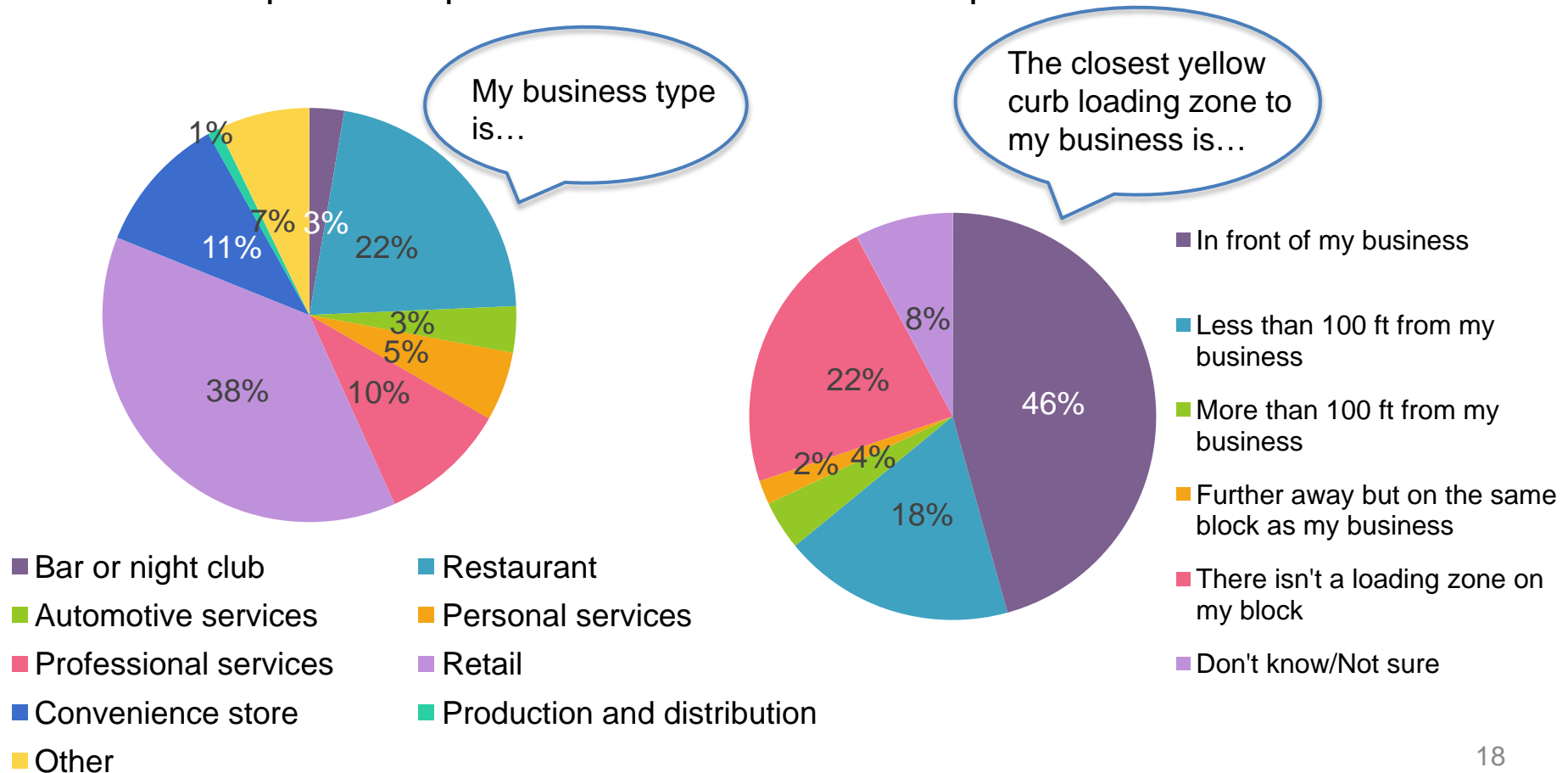


- Since last meeting:
 - Delay in finishing federal environmental process has pushed back next steps by about 2 months

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Business and Merchant Loading Survey Update

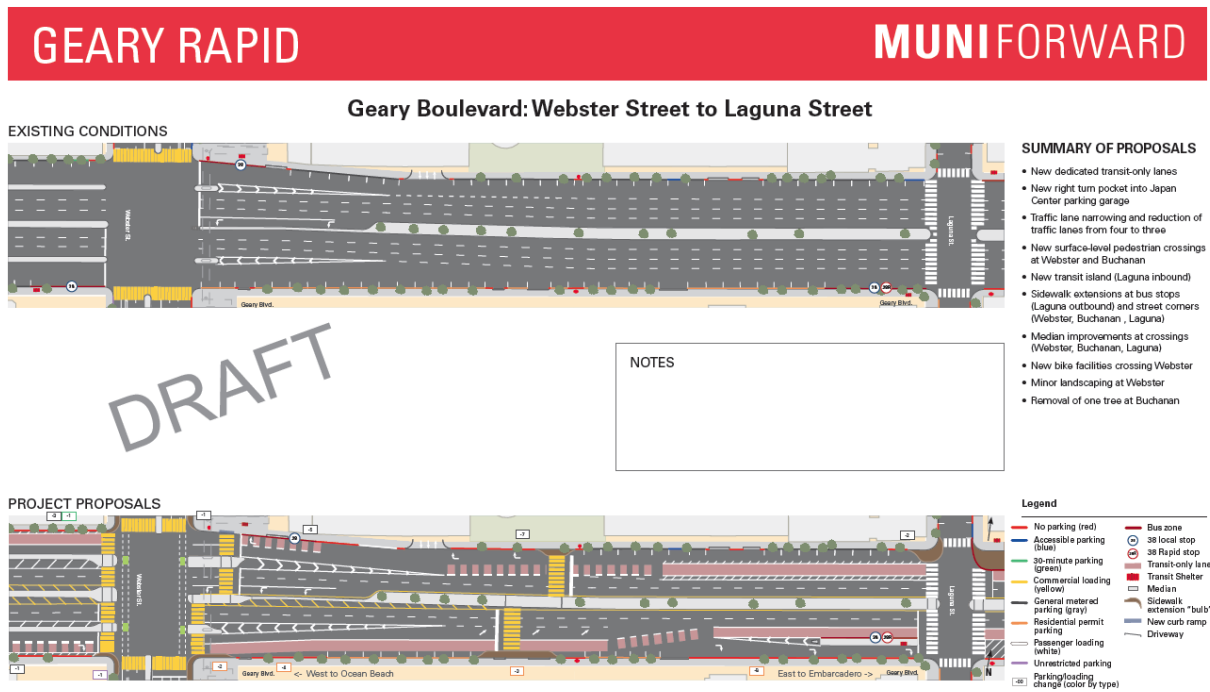
- Purpose of survey: To identify project proposals that could be modified to better meet curb space needs on a block-by-block basis.
- 111 completed responses out of 303 total attempts



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Key collateral for Detailed Design outreach: Project Drawings

- 22 pages showing existing conditions and project proposals, ~ 2 blocks/page
- Refer to handout for example large version
- Input



PROJECT DRAWINGS

Outreach Activity
Date



7. Geary Rapid project updates

- Open House
 - Welcome area:
 - Event overview
 - Project background: project timeline, map and descriptions
 - Project purpose and need:
 - Transit reliability
 - Reduced travel time
 - Safety
 - Proposed improvements
 - Project features
 - Bus stop changes
 - Project drawings
 - You speak, we listen
 - Community-informed project changes
 - Feedback drop-off
- Input

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- Open house children's activities
 - Red carpet mini-golf
 - Coloring materials
- Input

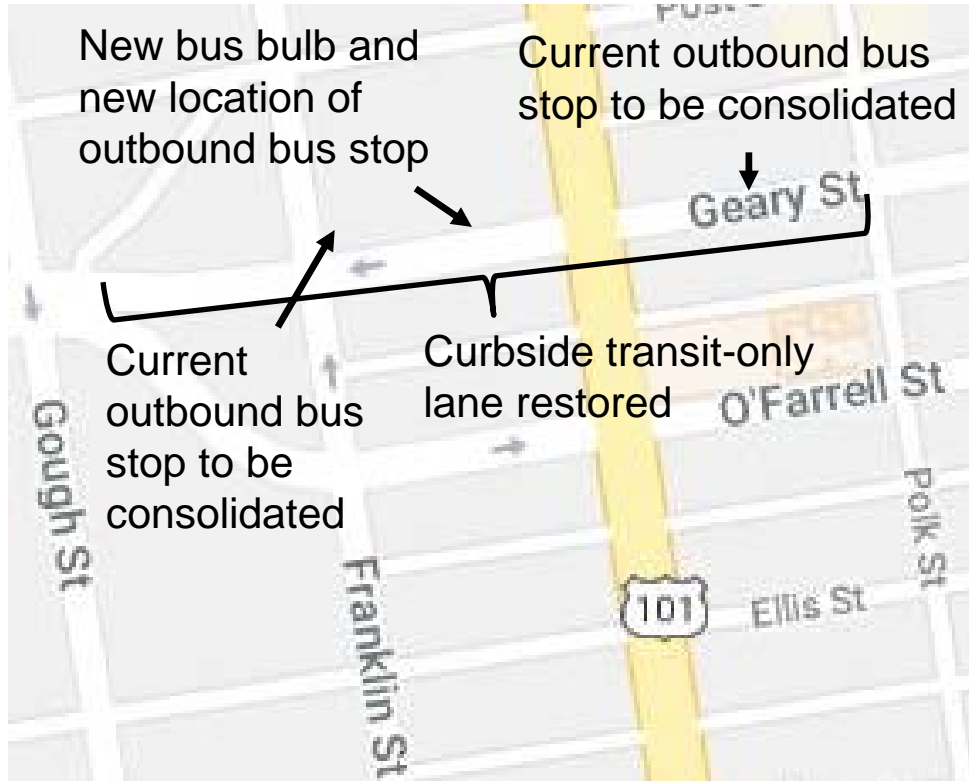


8. Near-term Geary corridor improvements

Upgrades that are not a part of the Geary Rapid or Geary Boulevard Improvement projects:

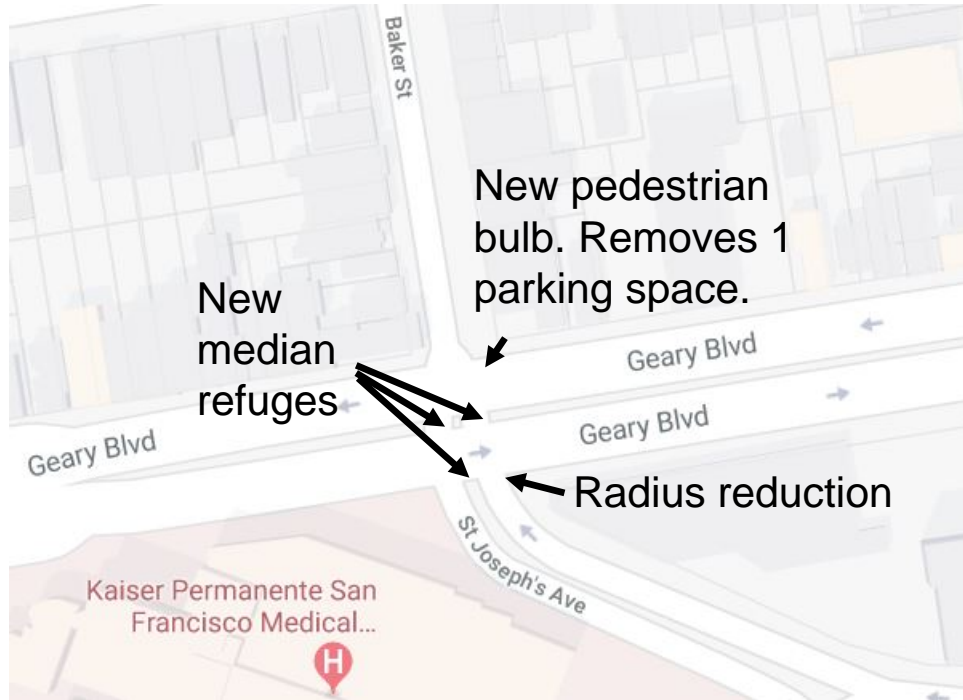
- California Pacific Medical Center upgrades
- Geary/Baker safety upgrades

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- California Pacific Medical Center – Van Ness campus Geary upgrades include
 - New bus bulb for Rapid/local outbound buses on Geary on far side of Van Ness, consolidating current locations: midblock between Polk and Van Ness, and at Franklin
 - Transit-only lanes will be restored on Geary between Polk and Gough
- Estimated completion: early 2018

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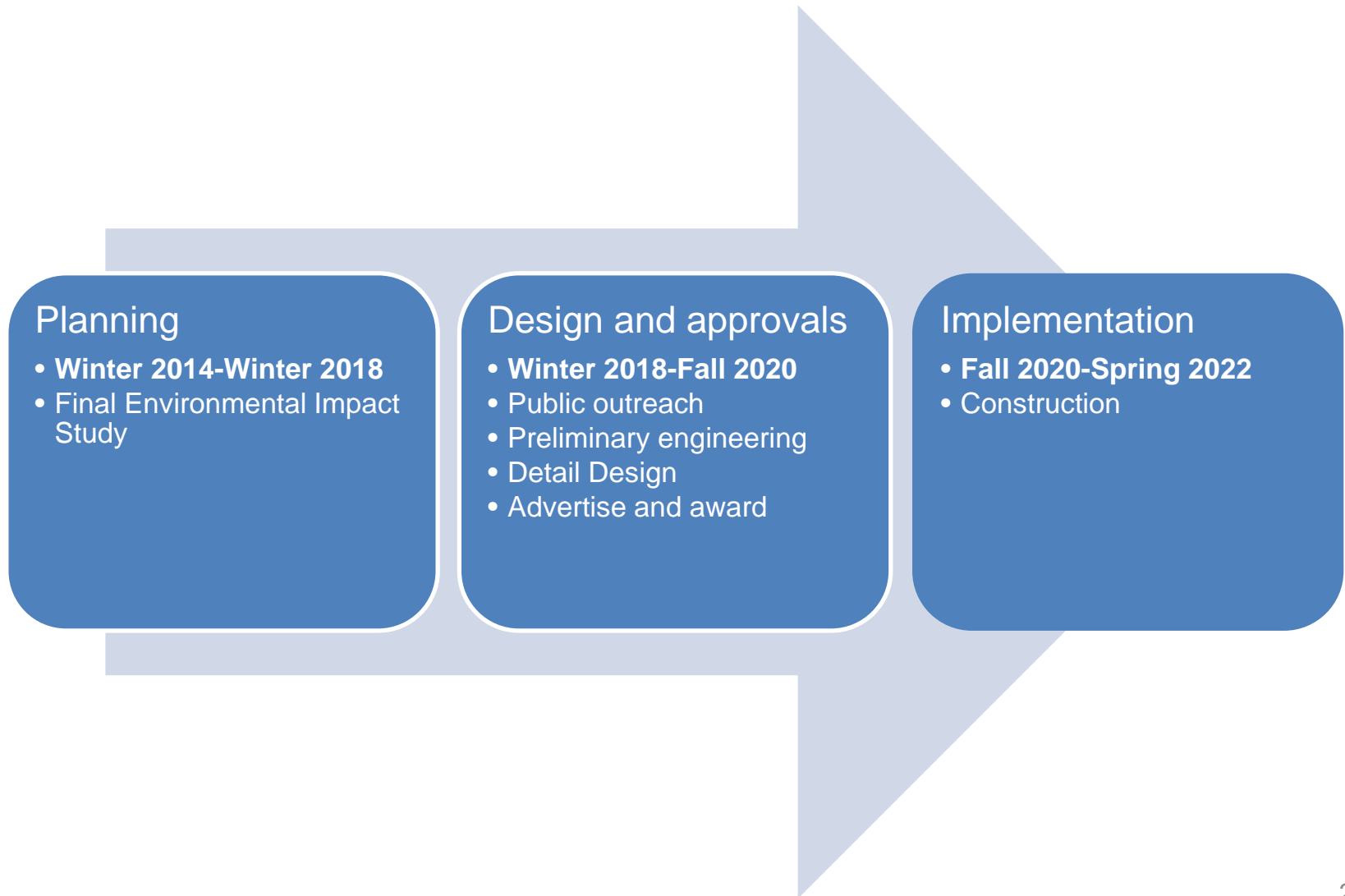


- Geary/Baker safety upgrades
 - Traffic signal upgrade including pedestrian countdown signals
 - Pedestrian bulb in NE corner
 - Median refuge islands
 - Radius reduction to decrease speed of right-turning vehicles from St. Joseph to Geary Blvd
- Estimated completion: Spring 2018

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Implementation plan:

- Prepare preliminary design based on the approved environmental document
- Identify any detail design issues to be addressed with community
 - New/different curb space demands
 - Unforeseen unique circumstances/challenges on individual blocks
- Consult with community to address issues and complete design
- Final design reviewed by SFMTA Board for approval
- Once approved, project will be advertised and awarded for construction
- Once awarded, contractor will submit baseline construction schedule for approval by SFMTA
- Close communication with neighborhoods and businesses continues as construction progresses

9. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

Proposed outreach:

- Geary Community Advisory Committee
- Project website, email and hotline
- Email/text message/website updates
- Direct mail
- Community meetings
- Press releases
- Rider surveys
- Construction noticing
- Other suggestions?

The screenshot shows the SFMTA website page for the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'GETTING AROUND', 'PROJECTS', 'CALENDAR', 'SERVICES', 'NEWS', and 'ABOUT US'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a 'Go' button. The main content area includes a header with the SFMTA logo and a 'BUY FARES' button. A blue banner at the top of the main content area contains the text 'Geary Boulevard Improvement Project' over a photograph of a street scene. Below the banner is a blue navigation bar with the breadcrumb 'Home / Projects / Geary Boulevard Improvement Project' and a '+ MORE IN THIS SECTION' link. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a section titled 'Geary Boulevard Improvement Project' with social media sharing options for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. Below this is a paragraph of text: 'To meet rising transportation demands on Geary Boulevard, SFMTA has been working to improve Geary bus service with popular initiatives like new low-floor buses and more frequent Rapid service. Yet, more than 54,000 daily customers who rely on the 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid still experience crowded buses and uneven wait times. And, safety improvements are needed for people walking on Geary. With proposed improvements on Geary Boulevard between Stanyan Street and 34th Avenue, the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project aims to address these problems.' Below this paragraph is another paragraph: 'The Geary Boulevard Improvement Project is currently in its design phase. Using the base design that was decided after extensive public input during the project's environmental review, such as the location of dedicated bus-only lanes, project staff is now adding details to the base design and seeking community'. The right column features a 'RELATED PROJECT' section with a small image of a bus and the text: 'Geary Rapid Improving Muni and street safety on one of our busiest corridors.'

10. Upcoming Meeting Agendas

- Future
 - Report-out on Geary Rapid open house results and next steps
 - Geary Rapid initial implementation plans
 - Geary Corridor Improvement Project update on design phase
 - Other TBD and with CAC input
- Input?

11. Adjourn

- Thank you!
- Next meeting:
 - Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.
 - One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room