Geary Community Advisory Committee

July 16, 2019

*Members please sit at the table*
2. Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Ice breaker activity
4. Approval of minutes – May 21, 2019
5. Public comment
6. Geary Rapid – Project updates
7. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results
8. Geary Rapid – Implementation update
9. Geary Rapid – Outreach update
10. Adjourn
4. Ice breaker

If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be?
5. Approval of Minutes

- May 21, 2019
6. Public Comment

• See Public Comment Policy on back of agenda.
• Public 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.
7. Geary Rapid Project updates

Geary Rapid Project awarded $2 million for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant

- Grant administered by California Strategic Growth Council
- Receiving funding in partnership with the 500 Turk Project, which will construct 108 new affordable units, to be completed in 2021
- In proximity to 500 Turk, several pedestrian bulb-outs will be constructed on Geary and O’Farrell streets
7. Geary Rapid Project updates

Commonwealth/Beaumont Signalization

- To install a traffic signal, cars would no longer be allowed to make left-turns onto Geary from Commonwealth or Beaumont
- Planning outreach with nearby neighbors/businesses
- Anticipated outreach methods to be implemented in late summer/early fall 2019:
  - Mailer
  - Door-to-Door
  - Survey
  - Signs
  - Nextdoor
  - Event
## 7. Geary Rapid Project update

**Geary Rapid Project - Project Report**  
*SFMTA only*

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*financial data as of 6/17/2019

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### Geary Rapid Project - All Construction Contracts

*includes MTA, PUC Sewer and Water, DT, Paving and Curb Ramps*

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*New this meeting*
8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

**Purpose:** To gauge benefits and impacts from initial project improvements: transit-only lanes and bus stop changes

**Metrics analyzed:**
- Transit travel time
- Transit reliability
- Bus rider input (via on-board survey)
- Auto travel time
8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

**Transit Travel Time:** New transit-only lanes and bus stop changes appear to be improving service, ~ 1 minute faster for 38 Rapid inbound

**Between Arguello and Van Ness - Inbound**

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Between Van Ness and Arguello - Outbound

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8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

**Transit Reliability:** While there was greater travel time savings for outbound service, inbound became more reliable.

Difference between fastest and slowest trip:

**Arguello - Van Ness**

- **38 Inbound:** -17%
- **38 Outbound:** -28%
- **38R Inbound:** -17%
- **38R Outbound:** -31%

- **AM % change**
- **PM % change**
8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

Bus Rider Input: On-board survey overview

- SFMTA retained a professional surveying firm, Ewald & Wasserman, to conduct the survey
- Conducted on weekdays between April 24 and May 3, 2019
- Trained surveyors conducted the survey in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese
- 600 surveys completed (88.6% response rate)
- Included 38 and 38R
8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

Bus Rider Input: Vast majority of riders think they are saving time

Do you think you saved time after the changes in transit-only lanes and bus stops on Geary?

- Yes: 82%
- No: 2%
- Unsure: 16%

Of those who reported saving time, average (mean) time perceived to be saved was **11 minutes**

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8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

Bus Rider Input: Majority of riders support recent changes, only 6% don’t support

Overall, how much do you support the recent transit and roadway changes on Geary?

- Strongly Support, 26%
- Support, 38%
- Neutral, 23%
- Unsure, 7%
- Strongly don't support, 2%
- Don't support, 4%

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8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

Bus Rider Input: About 1/3 of riders report riding the bus more often compared to 6 months ago

Compared to six months ago, do you ride the 38 local and 38 Rapid buses...

- More often: 34%
- Less Often: 10%
- Just as Often: 52%
- Not Sure: 4%

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8. Geary Rapid – Near-term implementation initial evaluation results

Auto travel time: Transit travel time benefits outweigh small increase in auto travel time in inbound direction

- Used Inrix Roadway Analytics, which collects and aggregates traffic data from sources such as GPS, smartphones, and other sensors
- Compared auto travel times between Arguello and Gough for the month of September 2018 (before) and the month of January 2019 (after)
- Key findings:
  - Small increase in auto travel time in inbound direction, up to ~1 minute (~15% increase)
  - Decrease in auto travel time in outbound direction, not sure why
  - Speeds on parallel streets stayed similar to streets outside the project area, indicating diversions were likely small
  - Transit travel time savings was greater than auto travel time increase
# 9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

## Overview

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### Transit and safety treatments
- Bus-only lanes
- Pedestrian safety treatments
- Bus stop changes
- Roadway striping changes

### Utility upgrades
- Water main replacement on Geary (Masonic to Market)
- Fiber-optic cable conduits (Stanyan to Gough)
- Sewer main replacement (primarily Masonic to Van Ness)

### Major transit and safety improvements
- Bus bulbs
- Upgraded traffic signals
- Pedestrian bulbs
- Roadway repaving (Masonic to Van Ness)
9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

SFPUC Water/Sewer Masonic to Van Ness

• Recent work between Presidio and Scott streets
9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

“Geary East” contract: Van Ness to Market Street

• Contract managed by SF Public Works, awarded to Mitchell Engineering
• Notice to Proceed anticipated in July 2019

Steiner Bridge Demolition

• Expect SF Public Works to advertise this month

“West Surface” contract: Stanyan to Van Ness

• Nearing 100% design, anticipating SF Public Works to advertise in August 2019
9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

Masonic and Fillmore-Webster inbound transit shelters

- Both shelters have been installed
10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

Fillmore Merchants business support meetings to provide info about:

• Weekly construction forecasts, project hotline and email
• As-needed wayfinding signage and business banners
• Marketing options
• Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) services – door-to-door outreach

Upcoming: Japantown, Tenderloin, Union Square
11. Adjourn

• Thank you!
• Next meeting:
  • September 17, 6:00 p.m.
  • 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room