

VAN NESS



**IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**

Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee Membership Application

Major upgrades are underway on Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco to rehabilitate and revitalize aging infrastructure on the historic corridor.

This massive civic improvement project is bringing San Francisco its first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, a much-needed and globally-proven solution to improve transit service and address traffic congestion on Van Ness Avenue, a major north-south arterial. This new BRT service will serve one of the region's major employment and commercial centers with one of the highest population densities in San Francisco.

Along with a new BRT system, construction of the project also includes several upgrades including replacing more than 22,000 feet of 1800s-era water main, installing a reliable and seismically safe sewer system the length of Van Ness Avenue, overhauling the system that supplies 1,200 hydrants dedicated to emergency firefighting and updating streetlights with brighter, more efficient lights and adding sidewalk lighting.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, responsible for the design, engineering, construction and operation of the Van Ness Improvement Project, is seeking Van Ness Avenue residents, employees, neighbors and visitors, to serve as representatives on the Van Ness BRT Community Advisory Committee, or Van Ness BRT CAC, to provide feedback, recommendations and advice during construction, while providing a forum for the community to raise issues, discuss and have input on project responses to these issues.

To apply for membership, please complete the attached application by Tuesday, March 31, 2020, and return to:

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Please complete the information below. Personal information that is provided is subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. Personal information provided will not be redacted.

NAME (Please type or write legibly)

HOME ADDRESS (Street address, City, State, Zip)

HOME PHONE (XXX-XXX-XXXX) WORK PHONE (XXX-XXX-XXXX) EMAIL

DISTRICT (Optional) NEIGHBORHOOD ETHNICITY (Optional) GENDER (Optional)

AFFILIATIONS/INTERESTS:

(Check all that apply)

- Corridor resident
- Corridor employee
- Muni customer
- Senior
- Disabled
- Student
- Corridor property owner
- Neighborhood group representative (Please write-in): _____
- Advocacy group member (Please write-in): _____
- Business group member (Please write-in): _____
- Other (Please write-in): _____

Summary statement of applicant’s qualifications for membership:

Please use the space below to describe how your qualifications represent the interest of the community to the Van Ness Improvement Project. You may attach a resume or other relevant document. Please limit your attachment to a maximum of three pages.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Composition and Purpose

The Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee, called Van Ness BRT CAC for short, consists of representatives from a diverse cross-section of residents, businesses, advocacy groups, non-profit organizations and Community Benefit and Business Improvement Districts. The Van Ness BRT CAC provides input to the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project team by providing varied perspectives from the surrounding community and city.

The issues, goals and concerns relating to the surrounding community will be taken into consideration within the context of supporting this important project.

Background

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is an innovative and cost-effective approach to creating rapid transit along Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco's major north-south transit route, for two miles between Mission and Lombard streets. The project includes:

- Dedicated and colorized bus lanes, helping reduce transit travel time by 32 percent.
- Transit signal priority, giving buses more green lights and helping increase transit reliability by up to 50 percent.
- New light-rail like stations with platforms to allow for faster boarding through all doors to reduce transit delays by more than 40 percent.
- These benefits are estimated to contribute to a 35 percent increase in transit ridership along the corridor.

Recruiting Van Ness BRT CAC members

The SFMTA is recruiting individuals to participate on the Van Ness BRT CAC. The outreach and selection considerations for participation in this group are as follows:

- Size of membership: 15.
- Project staff will recruit diverse members representing project corridor residents, merchants, neighborhood and advocacy groups, from the greater corridor, adjacent neighborhoods and citywide groups.
- Project staff will promote recruitment to:
 - Current Van Ness BRT CAC and Van Ness BAC members.
 - Greater corridor and citywide groups.
 - Advocacy, community and faith-based organizations.
- Member application and selection process:
 - Complete and apply by March 31, 2020 (attached).
 - Project team will review all applications for qualifications.
 - Panel will select Van Ness BRT CAC members based on project team recommendations.
- Members will be asked to renew their committee membership annually through the implementation of the final project.

Advisory Group Goals

- Provide the Van Ness Improvement Project team feedback and guide decisions related to the construction and implementation of the Van Ness BRT and related projects.
- Respond with community guidance and input to project presentations on approach, content and data at appropriate times.
- Keep project team aware of community priorities and concerns.
- Act as a channel to disseminate project information to the community and for the project team to receive feedback from the community.

Meeting Information

- Notices and agendas will be distributed to members and posted on the project website a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the meeting.
- Van Ness Improvement Project team members will be present at all meetings to facilitate and take meeting minutes.
- Minutes will be posted on the Van Ness Improvement Project website, SFMTA.com/VanNess, within the week following a Van Ness BRT CAC meeting.
- Meetings are typically held on Thursdays, on the fourth Thursday of the month; invitations will be sent out at least one week prior. Changes to this schedule will be made giving the committee 30 days advanced notice.
- Van Ness BRT CAC members are expected to attend meetings and not to miss more than two in a row. Van Ness BRT CAC members are required to RSVP for each meeting a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the meeting to confirm a quorum.
- Public comment is taken for each agenda item after discussion of the item by the Van Ness BRT CAC.

Decision Making

The nature of the Van Ness BRT CAC is advisory and serves as a connector between the community and the Van Ness Improvement Project team. The Van Ness BRT CAC shares the community's interests with the project team and in turn Van Ness BRT CAC members share project information with their respective communities.

For more information, please contact VanNessBRT@SFMTA.com or 415-646-2310.