



Geary Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Daniel Calamuci	Daniel Mackowski (SFMTA)
Andrei Svensson	Liz Brisson (SFMTA)
Winston Parsons	Amy Fowler (SFMTA)
Lisa Frisch (for Eva Schouten)	David Sindel (SFMTA)
Sean Kim	
Kevin Stull	
Rich Hashimoto	
Susannah Raub	
Tom Barton	
Lou Grosso	

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Susannah Raub called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Virtual meeting etiquette

3. Roll call

4. Introduction of new member and introductions

5. Approval of minutes – [July 14, 2021](#)

- a. Tom Barton motioned to approve. Rich Hashimoto seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote at 6:26 p.m.

6. Public comment (none)

7. Geary Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes update

- a. Liz Brisson presented on this item. (Item passed MTAB)

8. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update

- a. Liz Brisson and David Sindel presented on this item.
 - i. Winston asked whether the survey comments will be published with the results.
 - 1. Liz: We generally do a synthesis of common themes and don't publish all of the comments, but they can be made available to the public by request.
 - ii. Kevin Stull asked about the Youth Transportation Advisory Board and its makeup.

1. Liz: primarily high school and college students; with geographic representation from across the city.
- iii. Sean Kim asked whether the block-by-block design that SFMTA is planning to share for the second phase of outreach will include conversion of angled to parallel parking, and whether it can be mitigated; and whether parklets can coexist with transit lanes.
 1. Liz: The planning vision for the project assumes continuous dedicated transit lanes all the way to 34th Avenue, so that is what we are likely to show. We will be reviewing the feedback received during outreach Round 1, such as the survey question on people’s priorities on preserving parking vs. improving transit performance, which indicates a substantial majority of survey respondents felt transit performance was a higher priority. We will look at opportunities to mitigate parking loss, such as by converting parallel parking to angled parking on side streets, but there are not a lot of opportunities. In general, parklets can coexist with transit lanes, but the parklet width can’t exceed the width of a parallel parking space. Some parklets would need to be modified and SFMTA would work individually with any affected parklets to sort out the details. The soonest angled parking would be converted would be in summer 2022.
- iv. Susannah Raub asked whether the upcoming Prop K funding meetings have implications for the project.
 1. Liz: Primarily it would allow SFMTA and other city agencies to start charging against Prop K funding for staff time we are now spending on the project. We had not been charging against this grant for our work to advance the side-running project.
- v. Tom Barton read a comment from Nextdoor from someone who felt the SFMTA only conducted outreach when a design had been decided on, and specified that he did not necessarily agree with it but that it is important that the CAC and staff are aware of what people have to say.
- vi. Winston Parsons asked about results from the merchant loading survey.
 1. Liz: SFMTA staff are using the results to develop the curb plan. Not planning to publish a detailed summary.

9. Geary Rapid – Implementation update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
 - i. Lisa Frisch commented that she is happy with the SFMTA’s work and messaging, but that the Verizon subcontractor is inconsistent and incomplete; and expressed that equipment is often left unprotected. Also

informed MTA that the Union Square ice rink begins operations 11/3 so requests no work near the park.

1. Dan: Can ask DPW inspectors to enforce.
- ii. Rich Hashimoto commented his support for the new Buchanan crosswalk. Question about the Steiner Street crosswalk – he had spoken to SFPD about a perceived increase in crashes recently, including the recent fatality.
 1. Dan: We get immediate notification of fatalities and have rapid response protocol; other crash information is available quarterly. Dan will check in with SFPD station.
- iii. Lou Grosso reported his training with Lighthouse went well and asked about the lack of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at Fillmore.
 1. Dan: Poles are on 60-year-old bridge structure, which prevented original installation. May be possible to install on new poles on side of street only.

10. Geary Rapid – Outreach update

- a. Amy Fowler presented on this item.
- b. Planning for Geary East walking tour: Set for Wednesday, November 3, SFMTA to send details.
- c. Tom Barton commented that he talked to Muni drivers, who universally supported conversion to parallel parking because angled parking makes it difficult to pull fully into stops.
 - i. Dan mentioned that SFMTA also did an operator survey, and that feedback had been heard there as well.

11. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, January 12, 2022
- b. Kevin Stull motioned to adjourn. Tom Barton seconded. Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 7:19 p.m.