

Geary Community Advisory Committee

July 10, 2024

Order of business

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Virtual meeting etiquette
- 3. Roll call
- 4. Approval of minutes April 10, 2024
- 5. Public comment
- 6. SFPUC Geary Boulevard Water/Sewer Project update
- 7. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project update
- 8. Geary Rapid Project update
- 9. Adjourn



2. Online meeting etiquette

Microsoft Teams – download for desktop or mobile at: <u>www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/download-app</u>

- Key functions: mute/unmute, raise hand, chat
- If joining by phone:
 - Dial *5 to raise your hand in the meeting
 - Dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself
- Please stay on mute unless called on to speak by Chair





Icebreaker

Please introduce yourself and share with everyone:

Which food/cuisine do you think pairs best with our San Francisco summers?





4. Approval of minutes

• <u>April 10, 2024</u>



5. 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 three minutes each.



6. SFPUC Geary Boulevard Water/Sewer Project update





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Geary Boulevard Sewer and Water Improvements Phase 2

32nd Avenue to Stanyan Street

July 10, 2024



Project Purpose and Objective

Purpose

 Rehabilitate or replace existing sewer and water mains and laterals that have exceeded their useful life

Objective

- Maintain critical utility services
- Increase stormwater conveyance
- Avoid disruptive emergency repairs
- Upsize pipelines to improve water flows for firefighting





Project Scope



Sewer

Approximately 1.4 miles of sewer main rehabilitation or replacement



Water

Approximately 6.7 miles of water main replacement



Fiber

Approximately 1.5 miles of fiber optic conduit upgrades



Segment A: 32nd Avenue to 12th Avenue

Segment B: 12th Avenue to Stanyan Street





Utility Work Project Timeline



Fall 2027



Preliminary Work – Late 2024

Potholing

- Identify locations of underground utility lines
- Reduces accidental damage during excavation
- No major excavation required

Sewer Lateral Inspections

- Lower laterals inspected where sewer mains will not be rehabilitated or replaced
- May require minor excavation in the parking strip and/or sidewalk
- Ensure sewer infrastructure along the entire project corridor in state of good repair





Upcoming Outreach

Small Business Working Group

- Venue for merchants and the Project Team to share updates, explore challenges, discuss ways to reduce impacts and encourage business in the area during construction
- Member recruitment in summer 2024; kickoff in October 2024

Community webinar

• Held virtually in early Fall

Community events

- Richmond District Night Market
- Autumn Moon Festival





Stay Informed



Visit sfpuc.gov/GearyUpgrades to:

- Learn more about the project
- Sign up for project updates
- Join our Small Business Working Group

Contact us:



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Geary Improvements: Design/delivery in two phases

- Geary Rapid Project: Substantially complete; on-time, on-budget delivery
- Geary Boulevard Improvement Project: Quick-Build implementation substantially complete and detailed design underway





Overview

- Corridor tour of Quick-Build implementation for Geary CAC members recap
- Quick-Build implementation update
- Quick-Build evaluation some initial draft findings
- Business support update
- Community enhancement planning process



Corridor tour of Quick-Build implementation recap



Left: Group photo. Top right: Looking inside a traffic signal cabinet. Bottom right: Taking a look at a Geary plan-set.



Quick-Build implementation update

• Bus shelters permitting process is in progress. A public hearing convened by Public Works is scheduled for July 24 and, if approved, shelter installation thereafter



Quick-Build implementation update

- A temporary bus bulb at the 25th Ave inbound stop was installed to provide room for a shelter and more room for passengers to wait sooner
- The outbound 6th Ave bus stop is planned to be relocated to a new permanent farside bus bulb later this fall (coordinating with TNDC affordable housing)
- Several small color curb changes, such as adjusted loading zones, were legislated in response to stakeholder feedback. Working on implementation through shops



New widened sidewalk on Geary at 25th Ave inbound bus stop

Quick-Build implementation update

- The 14th Ave sidewalk work was completed to enable relocation of the bike share station and addition of 3 vehicle parking spaces
- A new lagging left-turn arrow at 11th Avenue is planned to be implemented in the fall (westbound Geary to southbound 11th Ave)



New widened sidewalk on 14th Ave south of Geary, before bike share station relocation



Quick-Build evaluation: Intercept survey

- Goal: to understand more about people traveling within the project area by all modes since Quick-Build implementation
- Conducted in April and May 2024 by Ewald and Wasserman Research Consultants
- 1,152 total surveys
 - 79% in English, 5% in Russian, 16% in Chinese
 - 33% between Stanyan and Park Presidio, 44% between Park Presidio and 25th Ave, 24% between 25th and 34th aves
- Focused on busiest hours on both weekdays and weekends
- Highlights of survey results on subsequent slides full results will be included in upcoming Quick Build evaluation report

Quick-Build evaluation: Intercept survey results

How did you travel to Geary Boulevard today?





Quick-Build evaluation: Intercept survey results

What is the primary reason you are in the area today?



Quick-Build evaluation: Intercept survey results





Quick-Build evaluation: Intercept survey results

- Less than half (39%) of drivers reported that parking has gotten more difficult in the last 6 months...
 - ...and even those drivers did not report visiting Geary less often
 - 55% parked within one block of their destination, 79% within two blocks, and 92% within three blocks
- 87% reported feeling "very safe" or "mostly safe" crossing Geary
- 30% of bus riders felt their trips are more reliable after the Quick-Build improvements



Business Support update

- Geary team continues to work with Small Business Working Group on:
 - Muni bus ad campaign advertising the Central Richmond. Ads should begin appearing on buses soon! (see following slides)
 - Decorative tree trunk wrapped lighting (in coordination with Greater Geary Merchants Association)



Business Support update

Muni Bus Ad: Central Richmond (Shopping focus)



Business Support update

Muni Bus Ad: Central Richmond (Eating focus)



Business Support update

Muni Bus Ad: Central Richmond (Services focus)



Community enhancement outreach: Overview

- Project includes a community enhancement element to beautify the corridor
- The first round of outreach, conducted in April and May 2024, focused on goals for the community enhancement, potential beautification treatments, and possible themes for treatments that could include design elements.



Community enhancement outreach: Selections

- We analyzed the results of Outreach Round 1 survey (over 1,800 responses), and have determined the project's community enhancement element:
 - Over 50 new street trees between 32nd Avenue and Stanyan Street
 - Decorative concrete sidewalk with glass aggregate designs at some Rapid bus stops, with designs featuring the nature of the Richmond District.



Street trees

Decorative sidewalk concrete with glass aggregate

Community enhancement outreach: Next steps

- Later this year: Conduct a second round of outreach to seek feedback on design details, including tree species and nature designs
- **By end of year:** Finalize enhancement details and incorporate into project design package
- **2026-2027:** Implementation during overall project construction



8. Geary Rapid Project update

Stanyan to Market Street

- The restoration of red thermoplastic transit lane colorization is complete, including the transit lane stencils on O'Farrell Street.
- The contractor is continuing to maintain the new trees as part of the three-year plant establishment period which ends in August 2024.
- SFPW admin team is working on final contract payments and closeout.





Thank you!

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 6 p.m.

Online meeting via Microsoft Teams

