

19th Ave/M-Line project

Presentation to Balboa Park CAC February 17, 2016













Rail has been part of SF history for generations: M-line began operation in 1925 when 19th Ave was a country road



Image Credit: San Francisco's West of Twin Peaks; Arcadia, 2006, p. 61



Fast forward to 1970s, introduction of BART and Muni Metro



The Muni Metro is a subway-surface system. In the subway the Metro cars are rapid transit; on the surface they are streetcars.









And 19th Avenue is not working for anyone





- Upgrade the Muni Metro to provide fast, reliable, un-crowded service
- Re-design 19th Avenue as a safer street for everyone

We are in very early stages. No approval decisions have been made. If approved, construction would be 8+ years away.



Study area





Faster, more reliable, address crowding

Safer transit access

Support planned development with travel choices

Reduce bottleneck points that affect reliability for people driving

Safer, more pleasant experience for people walking, cycling



Purpose and need

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Faster, more reliable, address crowding

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Safer transit access

19th Avenue is part of 12% of miles of street where 70% of all severe and fatal collisions in San Francisco occur



What we're proposing







This concept would turns "half" a rapid transit line into a "whole" one





We schedule ~ 36 trains/per hour/direction in Market Street subway. These "slots" are based on:

- Time it takes to turn around trains at the end of the line
- Safe distance between trains in subway based on Automated Train Control System





Also simplifies Balboa Park Terminal, improves operations





Eliminates many factors that create memorable bad commute days





1. Van Ness Station – Packed trains

- 2. West Portal Bottleneck
- 3. St. Francis Circle Bottleneck

4. **19**th **Avenue** -- (Conflicts Rossmoor, Winston, Holloway, Junipero Serra)

5. Gaps and Bunches due to 1-4





1. Van Ness Station – Long trains flush out all the riders just trying to get to Church/Castro and don't pass-up riders needing to get all the way to westside

2. **West Portal** – L comes out at surface, KM stay underground, alleviating bottleneck

3. St. Francis Circle – K and M go under this intersection and avoid the 2.5-3 minute signal cycle.

4. **19**th **Avenue** – No waiting at intersections or potential for vehicles blocking tracks at Rossmoor, Winston, Holloway, Junipero Serra

5. **Between SF State and BP –** Crossplatform transfer to J-line



Proposed station locations









Proposed street re-design for safety and beautification, Holloway





*Representative design. Project materials include additional locations



- CROWDING REDUCTION
- MUNI METRO SPEED AND RELIABILITY
- SAFE STATION ACCESS
- SAFE, COMFORTABLE STREET
- ENVIRONMENT/QUALITY OF LIFE
- **REMOVE TRAFFIC BOTTLENECKS**
- GOOD CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL "CORE CAPACITY" GRANT

Refined alternatives

SFMTA

Municipal Transportation Agency





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Environmental review is the stage when questions about impacts and mitigations are answered. E.g. construction impacts, traffic, noise, visual, etc.



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Where we left things at close of Feasibility Study



