



## BALBOA PARK STATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 6-8pm City College (55 Phelan Ave), Multi-Use Building on first floor, Room 140.

## MINUTES

CAC Members: Dan Weaver, Rita Evans, Robert Muehlbauer, Veronica Garcia, Scott Falcone

Meeting commenced at 6:09pm

- 1. Introductions & Admin, Chair (10 minutes)
  - Approved minutes from March meeting
  - Approved April agenda
  - Two vacancies for CAC: Seat 1 representing Muni riders and Seat 4 representing students, faculty and staff. Visit website to apply: <u>http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=15921</u>
  - Public Comment:
    - Ruth Miranda inquired about adding money to clipper card and it was confirmed the machines at Balboa Park provide this service
- 2. Wayfinding

Kathleen Phu from the SFMTA presented existing and proposed wayfinding signage and request for feedback on content for signs. Ms. Phu reviewed the survey attendees could complete and submit at the meeting and how the public could submit them online. Responses are due May 16

Dan Weaver asked about signs within BART to direct customers to M Line and other destinations and about the size of the signs. Tim Chan explained he would discuss BART signage in his presentation and Ms. Phu noted that sign size is being evaluated

 CAC Action Item: Motion regarding <u>Balboa Park Station Area Circulation Study</u> Liz Rutman from SFCTA reviewed the staff recommendation and asked the CAC to pass a motion.

> Robert asked if the Circulation Study moved any street car stops. Ms. Rutman replied the only transit changes made were those as proposed by SFMTA. Mr. Muehlbauer also asked about impacts to traffic levels to which Ms. Rutman responded that in their preliminary analysis, it was just around the transit station and assumed 100% reassignment. Robert also asked about pedestrian safety and it was explained collisions were evaluated around the station area

Neil Ballard asked what's to keep people from continuing to stop on ramp even with new kiss and ride. Ms. Rutman explained they could still do that.







Member of public: a lot of foot traffic on Ocean and cars on Geneva and they would have liked to have seen bike, ped and transit on Geneva rather than Ocean.

Monique stated she liked Alternative 1 as it eliminates bus/car weave and takes out sweeping ramp movement and noted Geneva timing is not great for peds

Rita Evans noted she preferred Alt 1

Scott Falcone also liked Alt 1 but would support further review of other viable alternatives to compare

Dan Weaver expressed wanting to straighten the intersection at 280 and would support closing Geneva ramp per test results

Robert Muehlbauer expressed Alt 1 seemed to have the best balance while Alt 2 denigrates conditions on Geneva which may impact upper yard development and car barn and noted the kiss and ride is not conducive to a quick drop off

Mr. Muehlbauer called for a motion on the Circulation Study, the following language was approved:

Adopt the Final Report with a recommendation to advance only with Elements 1 and 2 of Alternative 1 for further study and implementation, as presented

## 4. Ocean Ave Corridor Update

John Dennis from DPW and Lily Langlois made a brief presentation regarding the Ocean Avenue redesign projects, click <u>here to view presentation</u>. They also announced that the next community mtg is May 14<sup>th</sup> at Lick Wilmerding High School at 6pm

## 5. SFMTA Capital Improvement Program

Ariel McGinnis from the SFMTA present the agency's CIP and discussed impacts specifically for Balboa Park, click <u>here to view presentation</u>

Scott Falcone inquired about the James Denman project and asked who was in charge of Safe Routes to School. Ariel explained that SFMTA and DPW are the primary leads for capital projects for SR2S

Patricia inquired about the signal at Geneva and Howth suggested lights in the crosswalk. The new traffic light including pedestrian countdowns has been installed and lights in the crosswalk are a treatment that is under consideration per WalkFirst, the City's engineering effort for pedestrian safety although several other treatments that aim to increase pedestrian visibility are in the City's toolbox of treatments



6. Eastside Connections update

Tim Chan from BART informed the committee and public that Eastside connections is at 95% completion for designs with final designs in June/July and will advertise and go out to bid at the end of 2014 and bids will determine likelihood of bonus treatments. Addressing Dan Weaver's comment from earlier, Mr. Chan explained wayfinding has been added to the scope and a committee is being created so tonight he is asking if any members of the CAC would like to participate. (Mari Hunter to send email to the group as a reminder and to connect with Tim if they decide to participate). Tim noted that Balboa Park is third behind Powell Street and Civic Center stations to receive gateway improvements and that there will be a public process so the CAC will be contacted to be engaged in that process.

7. Closing business, Chair

Next meeting will be on June 24, here at City College at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

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