

SFMTA Municipal Transportation Agency



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Geary corridor: looking east



The Geary corridor: 54,000 riders/day



We've been busy making major improvements

New low-floor buses



Safety enhancements



More frequent service



Red lanes downtown



And our customers are noticing



But, more is needed



High ridership is a blessing and a curse

- More frequent service → harder to prevent bus bunching
- Geary riders sometimes still experience crowded buses, uneven wait times and inconsistent travel times



SF's longest High-Injury Corridor

 Geary travelers are eight times more likely to be hit by traffic than the city average

Major project features

Dedicated bus lanes

New signals + crosswalks

Better bus stops

Pedestrian bulbs, median refuges

Smarter traffic signals

Calming the "expressway"

Alternatives Evaluated





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Bus-Only Lane Configuration (Hybrid Alternative, as amended by SFCTA Board)



Example: O'Farrell at Leavenworth - Before



Example: O'Farrell at Leavenworth - After



Example: Geary at Buchanan - Before



Example: Geary at Buchanan - After

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Example: Geary at 17th Ave - Before



Example: Geary at 17th Ave - After



Extensive outreach process

- 4 major rounds of outreach
- Public meetings
- 250+ meetings w/ 65+ stakeholder groups
- **33** Citizens Advisory Committee meetings
- Multi-lingual communications
- Corridor surveys
- OWL Visualization kiosks
- Flyering at bus stops
- Web, email, social media updates
- Newspaper ads
- Corridor postings
- Ambassadors at bus stops



We Heard You!



Changes made between Draft EIR/EIS and Final EIR

- 1 Retention of Local and Express bus stops at Spruce/Cook (No Rapid stop)
- **2** Retention of the Webster Street pedestrian bridge
- 3 Addition of more pedestrian crossing improvements

Changes made at SFCTA Board Meeting on January 5, 2017

- 4 Retention of Collins Street local bus stops
- 5 Retention of Laguna Street Rapid bus stops

Changes made at SFCTA Board meeting on June 27, 2017

6 - Shift in WB transition from center-running to side-running from 27th to 28th Avenue

Environmental Review Timeline

- November 2008: Scoping
- October/November 2015: Draft EIR/EIS
- December 2016: Release of Final EIR
- January 2017: SFCTA certify EIR and adopt LPA
- June 2017: SFCTA LPA Amendment
- Today: SFMTA Board CEQA findings and LPA approval
- Later 2017: Final EIS and Record of Decision

Project Phasing and Next Steps



Complete federal environmental process. Following completion, immediate next steps:

- Phase 1: Outreach on design details, then SFMTA Board legislation
- Phase 2: Kick-off preliminary engineering

Cost estimate

	Cost	Notes
Phase 1 – fully funded	\$65 million	 Includes coordinated utility upgrades not related to BRT
Phase 2 – will seek \$100 million Small Starts grant.	\$235 million	 Center-running bus only lanes High amenity stations Bus and ped bulbs, stops, and signals Vehicles for increased service Utility relocation related to BRT Mixed flow lane re-surfacing Masonic area bike lane and median modifications
Total		\$300 million

Actions Requested

- 1. Approve the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project
- 2. Adopt CEQA findings, including
 - Statement of Overriding Considerations
 - Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program
- 3. Concur with designation of Locally Preferred Alternative
- 4. Authorizing Director of Transportation to continue to obtain otherwise necessary approvals and carry out the actions to implement Geary BRT Project