



Geary Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Geary CAC Members	Project Staff
Tom Barton Hillary Brown Dan Calamuci Nathan Chan Paul Epstein Sean Kim Caroline (Spud) Law Caixuan (Annie) Li Susannah Raub Marian Roth-Cramer Kevin Stull Andrew Svensson	Liz Brisson (SFMTA) Amy Fowler (SFMTA) John Gravener (SFMTA) Daniel Mackowski (SFMTA) David Sindel (SFMTA) Derek Adams (SFPUC) Jon Cantu (SFPUC) Shalon Rogers (SFPUC) Ming Yee (SFPUC)

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Susannah Raub called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Remote meeting housekeeping

3. Roll call and Introductions

- SFMTA introduced John Gravener, Public Information Officer who will be supporting the Geary project going forward

4. Approval of minutes – [July 12, 2023](#)

- Tom Barton motioned to approve; Susannah seconded. Minutes approved by voice vote at 6:16 p.m.

5. Public comment

- No public comment.

6. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Update

- Derek Adams, Jon Cantu, and Shalon Rogers presented on this item.
 - Sean Kim asked whether sewer and water construction would be at the same time, whether PUC will be able to provide a detailed schedule, and whether excavation in the sidewalk would be required for connections to buildings. He also asked about the PUC public survey and how it is different

from the SFMTA survey currently being done by Civic Edge. He said he can help encourage Geary merchants to complete the survey.

1. Derek Adams replied that there will be a single contract for water and sewer work, but the work may occur at different times in any given location. There are typically independent water and sewer crews who would complete their pipe installations separately, but would coordinate the permanent restoration of concrete roadway above their trenches. SFPUC can share details of what work scope is planned on each block in the future.
2. Jon Cantu replied that the new water main will need to be connected to the existing services in the sidewalk. Two methods are available - trenchless and open cut; which method is used depends on several factors including the material and existing condition, which would be verified in the field during construction.
3. Dan Mackowski suggested that Sean Kim and PUC staff have a focused meeting to discuss location-specific details given the need for coordination between PUC work and Sean's parklet (Joe's Ice Cream).
4. Sharon Rogers replied that the PUC survey is separate from the SFMTA survey. The PUC survey has been soft-launched and is intended to gather basic information from merchants.
5. Liz Brisson added that the SFMTA survey is seeking feedback from merchants on the direction of the Quick-Build marketing campaign and will close later this month.
6. Sharon noted that the hard launch of the PUC survey will not be until after the SFMTA survey closes to minimize confusion to merchants.
- ii. Tom Barton asked whether PUC will be able to provide advanced notice of water shut-offs during construction.
 1. Jon Cantu answered that there will be door-to-door outreach and mailers for notice. Typically, shutoffs will be just for a few hours, sometimes at night.
- iii. Andrei Svensson asked why sewers were not being replaced between 14th Avenue and 24th Avenue.
 1. Derek Adams replied that SFPUC evaluated the existing condition of all sewers in the corridor. Some have been replaced since the original construction in the late-1800's and are in good shape, some need trenchless rehabilitation, and some need open cut replacement work.
 - a. Andrei asked whether the Geary water main is part of the high-pressure emergency system.

- i. Jon: No, there is no AWSS on Geary now, nor currently planned in the future.
- b. Andrei asked about the future plans for water main replacement between Stanyan and Presidio Ave.
 - i. Jon: planning for that last segment has begun and is planned to be constructed separately from this Stanyan to 32nd Ave work.

7. Geary Boulevard Improvement Project – Project update

- a. Liz Brisson and David Sindel presented on this item.
 - i. Hilary Brown asked whether ambassadors will help people with disabilities.
 - 1. Liz replied that the general role of the ambassadors is to communicate to all Muni passengers about bus stop changes, including people with disabilities. Ambassadors are helpful for people with visual impairment who may not be able to read signage.
 - ii. Sean Kim asked about the times that parking search time data was collected and when traffic signal changes for walk speed were implemented.
 - 1. Liz Brisson replied that the parking search time periods were selected to provide a range of different time periods throughout the day. Parking space availability data was also collected every hour, including the 2-4pm and 6-8pm periods that Sean mentioned.
 - 2. Dan Mackowski replied that traffic signal timing changes, including additional pedestrian walk time to accommodate slower walking speeds for people crossing the street, were implemented last week.
 - iii. Andrei Svensson asked whether there is any standard for sidewalk width based on pedestrian volumes. He noted that sidewalks on Geary can be crowded at peak times and suggested sidewalk widening be considered at the expense of the median trees. He said that the new parallel parking configuration made Geary feel more like a thoroughfare than a commercial corridor.
 - iv. Marian Roth-Cramer asked whether there will be any removal or increase in trees as a result of the project.
 - 1. Liz replied that the project will remove a small tree on the Park Presidio greenway necessary for the relocation of the 14th and Geary bikeshare station and will be replaced with two new trees. [Follow-up note: This may be two small trees.] Improvements to the Geary roadway median such as additional trees are one possibility for the community enhancement component of the project, which will have a public process in 2024.

- v. Tom Barton asked whether there is information about bus stop changes online so he can share with his network, and what the location of the upcoming community walk would be.
 - 1. Liz shared the direct link to the webpage with details on bus stop changes: www.sfmta.com/travel-updates/bus-stop-changes-coming-geary-boulevard-october-14-2023
 - 2. Amy added that SFMTA.com/Geary has a link to the bus stop changes page at the top. It will also be on the SFMTA homepage by tomorrow.
 - 3. Dan replied that the walk will likely be from approximately Park Presidio to 25th Avenue but the team is open to suggestions.
- vi. Marian Roth-Cramer asked whether the bus stop change posters were indicating exactly where a bus stop will be.
 - 1. Liz replied that the signs should be posted within the bus zone area. The zones are pretty long; buses typically pull to the front of the zone. Liz offered to email her the relevant page of the project drawings.
 - 2. Dan replied that the new bus zone will be marked in the field on Thursday or Friday, and that he would also be in the field on Thursday morning and confirmed that the bus will be stopping near her building's front door. [Dan/Marian met later in the week.]
- b. CAC members provided input on preferred times for a walking tour of the Quick Build improvements. The Geary team will review and choose the time preferred by most members.

8. Geary Rapid update

- a. Dan Mackowski presented on this item.
 - i. There were no comments or questions from the committee or public.

9. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting, January 10, 2023. Group will continue meeting remotely.
- b. Tom Barton motioned to adjourn. Hilary Brown seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.