

Community Advisory Committee of
Market and Octavia Area Plan
City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 5TH Floor

Monday, March 16, 2015

7:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Jason Henderson, Paul Olsen, Robin Levitt,
Kenneth Wingard, Joshua Marker, Lou
Vasquez, Ted Olsson

Committee Members Absent: Krute Singa, Gary McCoy

City Staff in Attendance: Menaka Mohan (SF Planning), Adam Varat (SF
Planning) Simon Bertrang (San Francisco Public
Works), Britt Tanner (SFMTA)

1. Call to order and roll call

2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping [discussion item]
 - Adam Varat-Manager of Implementation team at SF Planning spoke about the Capital Plans for both Market Octavia and Eastern Neighborhoods Plan Areas. SF Planning worked with the Capital Planning Committee to update the accounting of the projects generated out of Appendix C in the MO Area Plan
 - The city generates a Capital Plan on a yearly basis, this year SF Planning worked to integrate the EN and MO to generate a list of projects funded through impact fees, other sources, and demonstrate the remaining gap to make these projects a reality. The gap is divided into eminent need and emerging needs
 - CAC members mentioned Prop B funds as a potential funding source to address increased population growth and resources should be directed where there is a growth in population
 - CAC members also stated that MO Area Plan is also experiencing increased traffic growth - not just from population-but from people driving through the neighborhood-which is another reason to have dedicated resources

3. Approval of minutes for February 9, 2015 regular meeting

[action item]

- Members approved minutes for February 9, 2015 meeting

4. Presentation and discussion on MOEN Community Challenge Grant
[discussion item]

- Challenge grant update on April 20th

5. Update on Better Market Street by SF Public Works and SFMTA staff [discussion item]

- Better Market Street project focuses on 2.2 mile segment of Market Street between Octavia Blvd and The Embarcadero and potentially the 2.3 mile segments of Mission, McCoppin, and Otis Streets between Valencia Street and the Embarcadero
- Public outreach began in 2011 and completed in July of 2013 where three design options were presented
- Environmental Review began in 2013 and will be complete sometime in 2017 with construction beginning in 2018-construction schedule depends on the funding available
- The City has several goals related to Market Street including the increased transit capacity (Muni Forward, Transportation 2030, the GO, and the 2016 VLF), Safety (Vision Zero), Bicycle Capacity (increase mode share to 8-10% by 2018-currently 3.5%), Street Life (bring activity and energy to sidewalks and plazas)
- Studying three alternatives and two design options in environmental review
- Alternative 1-Market Street with Option A (Market Shared Lane) or Option B (Market Cycle Track)
- Alternative 2-Market Street with Option A (Market Shared Lane) or Option B (Market Cycle Track)
- Alternative 3-Market Street and Mission Street with Option A Market Shared Lane and Mission Cycle Track
- Cannot take advantage of new LOS regulations as of yet-which look at VMT-the city anticipates that the regulations will change but are still looking at LOS regulations.
- CAC members mentioned concerns about narrowing bicycle lanes as a detriment to achieving a higher mode share for bicycles
- Transit Design-increase capacity and speed through design and operations. Include transit optimization, auto restrictions, separated bicycle facility, and transit signal priority
- Anticipated transit improvement of 15-20% local and 20-25% rapid
- Suite of private vehicle restrictions proposed, exempting buses, taxis, and paratransit
- CAC members inquired about commercial vehicle crashes
- Working on addressing loading issues to move loading off of Market Street and onto side streets where possible
- City has analyzed the most restrict loading and vehicle restrictions so that policy makers can make informed decisions
- CAC members supportive of transit improvements especially the rapid proposals as well as private vehicle restrictions, however concern regarding making a left from Octavia to Van Ness. How can city fit cycle tracks, transit without reducing lanes
- Public Works stated that they are looking to work on the cycle track and recognize that there are no eastbound lanes between Valencia and Gough and Alternative one is considering adding this lane, however there the challenge of eliminating the ability of cars to travel and have access to Gough Street-the city does not want to create a new safety problem

- CAC member comments included:
 - o Looking at a turn restriction on Gough while another members stated using the right turn restriction on Gough
 - o Contraflow lane between Otis and South Van Ness-protected bike lane. Lane west bound,
 - o Consider adding a bike facility 10th. Contraflow on 10th on Mission, cycle track on south, phase cycles and cars. The proposal asks cycling coming north on 11th, then jog on mission to 10th and then market-have people stay on 11th its quitter, however signaling 11th is complicated
 - o Leaving a sharrow on 12th and Valencia is not appropriate-consider removing car lanes, some CAC members did not think that was realistic
 - o The key to improving the cycling on Market Street is considering its connections to other bike routes
 - o Consider using SF GO to control traffic upstream-start metering in upstream neighborhoods
 - o Consider the upcoming One Oak project and the implications of a potential plaza
 - o Supportive of Alternative 1 and interested in Mission Street cycle track because of the transit benefits

6. Public Comment

- John Alex Lowell, member of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and is an advocate for senior and persons with disabilities
- Working with Open House, which provides services for LGBTQ seniors and is concerned about the pedestrian safety issues associated with the Mercy Housing Development in the double block of Laguna, Buchanan, Hermann, and Haight
- Is developing some proposals with the community-CAC recommended giving those rendering to the MTA

7. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2015