

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

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 5TH Floor

Monday, September 15, 2014

7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Jason Henderson, Gary McCoy, Ted Olsson,
Krute Singa, Lou Vasquez

Committee Members Absent: Robin Levitt, Joshua Marker, Kenneth Wingard

City Staff in Attendance: Alexis Smith (Planning), Menaka Mohan (Planning)
Ariel Espiritu Santo (San Francisco Municipal Transit
Agency), Miriam Sorell (San Francisco Municipal
Transit Agency)

1. Call to order and roll call

2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping [discussion item]
 - Bike share expansion is expected in 2015
 - Citywide nexus study will be at the Planning Commission on October 2
 - Late night bus survey is available
 - Gough and Franklin repaving are underway
 - Red bus-only lane on Haight will extend to Buchanan as part of Muni Forward

3. Approval of minutes for July 21 and August 18 regular meetings [action item]

Members approved minutes for the July 21 and August 18 regular meetings.

4. Update on Streetscape Enhancement Fund and other previously funded projects in the Plan Area. By MTA staff. [discussion item]

MTA staff proposed using the FY15 Streetscape Enhancement Fund to fund improved bike facilities on Market Street. The project would include green bike lanes and green-backed sharrows extended to Castro Street using textured paint. IPIC funds would pay for half the project, which would leverage funds from Prop K and other sources. The project would not change the configuration of lanes, and could be implemented within a few months.

CAC member comments:

- General support for the project.
- Members clarified that this project would use all the Streetscape Fund for the current year
- Members asked if these funds could be used for West SoMa intersections; staff responded that funds were allocated for those intersections in future years
- Members were interested in murals the ATT boxes on Market Street; staff suggested this was a good project for the Community Challenge Grant

MTA staff provided an update on IPIC funded projects:

- Haight Street 2-way: will be done in October
- Polk street northbound bicycle project: complete
- Upper Market Pedestrian Improvements: MTA staff will present this project next month
- Pedestrian improvements at Franklin and Gough: all pedestrian work is included in the paving contract and funded with other sources; IPIC fees were not needed. MTA proposed using the funds to supplement other IPIC-funded and former freeway parcel funded projects.
- Page Street Green Connection: design will begin in early 2015

MTA staff provided an update on projects funded by the sale of the former freeway parcels:

- Market and Octavia Right Turn Camera: installed Nov 2013. 89 citations issued through June 2014 and no reported collisions. The camera is always on.
- Market/Octavia Intersection Design: Vetting initial design internally. Will present to CAC for feedback in November. Expecting final design to be complete March 2015.
- Oak and Octavia intersection: coordinating with DPW and other projects in the area. Will give update in November.
- Pedestrian Safety Spot Improvements: Doing pre-development to identify quick upgrades (continental crosswalks and intersection daylighting)
- Gough Pedestrian Countdown Signals: Room to move some funds to other projects.
- Re-Open Fell/Gough Crosswalk: will happen in next year, follow schedule of repaving
- Buchanan/Market bike safety improvements: complete
- Page/Octavia short term improvements: will loop in with larger project in January

CAC member comments:

- Members requested that the MTA consider spot improvements at the site of former bus stops on Page St and construction staging at 55 Laguna, to bank the space for future bike/ped improvements rather than returning the space to on-street parking uses.
- CAC will revisit this topic at a future meeting.

5. Market Octavia 2014 Impact Fee Expenditure Plan – Final CAC Recommendations
[action item]

Planning staff described changes made to the proposed expenditures since the CAC last met:

- Some transit funds were moved earlier to FY17, based on a CAC request
- Street tree plantings program scope expanded to include sidewalk gardens
- Some additional funds added to Page Street
- Additional open space funds to Hayward Park to cover shortfall
- Some Van Ness SUD fee funds moved to support ped improvements at TBD intersections in the SUD

CAC members comments:

- Transit project should be supported ASAP, not in 2017. Recommend moving these funds up, exchanged with Octavia St right-of-way project or Van Ness BRT
- Streetscape Enhancement Funds shouldn't move because MTA will have additional requests in upcoming years
- Requested staff follow up about maintenance requirements for street trees
- Interest in supporting pedestrian improvements in VNM SUD; requested staff verify that Van Ness and Mission improvements will elevate BRT proposal for that intersection
- Concerns about timing of Brady Block design and construction; should rely on adjacent development to activate the park

Action: *The Market Octavia Community Advisory Committee recommends the expenditure plan outlined in the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (IPIC) spreadsheet dated 9/15/2014, with the following changes:*

- Move the \$300,000 allocated to MuniForward from 2017 to 2016
- Move a corresponding amount of funds for the Octavia Right-of-way Extension project from 2016 to 2017

AYES: Henderson, McCoy, Olsson, Singa, Vasquez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Levitt, Marker, Wingard

ABSTAIN: None

6. Proposed signalization of Haight Street intersections as part of the Muni Forward Rapid Network [discussion and possible action]

- CAC members expressed general enthusiasm for MuniForward, but concern over signalization of some Haight Street intersections.
- Signalization makes sense at Haight and Buchanan, because of queue jump
- At Laguna and Haight, doesn't make sense because red bus-only lane will extend through this intersection. Concerns that a signal here will speed traffic on Laguna, change the dynamic of the area
- Would like MTA to do a trial to see whether the signal is actually needed at Laguna

Action: *The Market Octavia Community Advisory Committee requests that the signalization of the Haight/Laguna intersection, proposed as part of the MTA's Muni Forward program, be delayed to six months after the installation of the bus-only lanes on Haight Street, or until the intersection has been appropriately studied and analyzed with the bus lanes in place.*

AYES: Henderson, McCoy, Olsson, Singa, Vasquez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Levitt, Marker, Wingard

ABSTAIN: None

7. Public Comment

- Paul Olsen, former president of HVNA, commended the CAC on its work. He suggested that the CAC address the parking lane banking sooner rather than later.

8. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2014