

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, March 17, 2014

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Jason Henderson, Robin Levitt, Ted Olsson,
Dennis Richards, Krute Singa

Committee Members Absent: Michael Simmons, Lou Vasquez

City Staff in Attendance: Alexis Smith (Planning); Menaka Mohan (Planning);
Gillian Gillett (Mayor's Office); Alicia John-Baptiste
(MTA); Ariel McGinnis (MTA); Jonathan Rewers
(MTA); John Thomas (DPW)

1. Call to order and roll call

2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping [discussion item]
 - There are currently two vacant seats on the CAC.
 - The McCoppin Hub and the Polk Street contraflow lane have started construction
 - The Living Alleys program received three proposals in response to the RFP. Members had some questions about the RFP process.

3. Approval of minutes for September 16 and November 18 regular meetings [action item]

Deferred to next MO CAC meeting.

4. Election of CAC officers [action item]

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5. The SFMTA Five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the implementation of the Mayor's Transportation Task Force recommendations in Market Octavia. Presentation by MTA and Mayor's Office staff. [discussion and possible action]

Gillian Gillett from the Mayor's Office and Alicia John-Baptiste of the MTA presented the Mayor's Transportation Task Force. The presentation included a history of the task force and its focus areas, which include capital projects in existing plans that were unfunded and underfunded. To address the funding gap, the Task Force has identified two potential new funding sources, a general obligation bond and a vehicle license fee increase. These two funding sources are proposed for the November 2014 ballot.

Recommended projects include maintaining better roads, faster and more accessible transit, and safer streets. The presentation also highlighted capital improvements in the Market Octavia Plan Area, including Better Market Street.

CAC members had specific questions about bus travel times, queuing and labor relations, and congestion. CAC members also made a point that the Market Octavia area has seen transit cuts even with growth. In addition, CAC members asked if MTA was planning on conducting a marketing or education campaign to encourage people to switch modes of transportation. CAC members inquired about the impact of ride-share companies on transit service. CAC members stated that they would consider passing a resolution in support of the two proposed funding sources.

MTA staff from Capital Finance presented on MTA's five year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The five year CIP reviews and projects 5-Year capital revenue sources, develops a Strategic Investment/Value Analysis for project prioritization and funding, and serves an implementation tool for the SFMTA Strategic Plan as well as other Plans and Strategies.

The CIP has three focus areas: (1) State of good repair investments (2) Maintain and increase funding in safe and complete streets, and (3) Fund transit travel time and reliability projects. Market Octavia specific improvements are as follows:

Transit Proposal: State of Good Repair, Transit Reliability, Accessibility

- Church Station Elevator Rehabilitation
- Market Street - Rail Upgrades
- Muni Metro Sunset Tunnel Rail Rehabilitation
- N Judah Travel Time Reduction Project
- 5 Fulton Travel Time Reduction Project
- New Elevator at Church Station CER
- New Elevator at Van Ness Station CER
- Pole Replacement on 21 Trolley Lines
- Transit Wayfinding Toolkit

- Travel Time Reduction Projects Design: 5 Fulton, 71 Haight-Noriega
- Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit

Streets Proposal: Green Connections, WalkFirst, Bicycle Strategy

- Crosswalk Re-Opening Fell & Franklin
- Green Connections - Page St
- Gough Corridor Signal Upgrade
- Franklin/Divisadero Signal Upgrade
- Market Octavia Bicycle Spot Improvements and Network Upgrades
- Market/Haight Street Transit/Pedestrian Improvements
- Market & Octavia Intersection Improvement Project
- Market Street - Ped and Bike Improvements
- Market Street - Signal Upgrades
- North of Market Signal Update (300 intersections)
- Oak & Octavia Intersection Improvement Project
- Pedestrian Improvements-Franklin & Gough Intersections
- Pedestrian Improvements Upper Market
- Wiggle Neighborhood Green Corridor
- Western Addition - Downtown Bikeway Connector

The CAC was generally supportive of the plan, especially the breadth of projects listed for the Market Octavia area. Members pointed out that the plan lacked a strategy for reducing auto use, and suggested that parking that curb space currently devoted to construction staging not be converted to street parking. Concern was expressed over the amount of funding that was being devoted to the Central Subway project.

6. Development Pipeline Report and Legislation/policy pipeline report [discussion item]
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment