

**South Beach | Rincon | Mission Bay
Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes: Monday, August 14, 2017**

Present: 6 Board members, 3 presenters, 19 residents

Welcome / Introductions: Alice Rogers

Street Savvy – Updates from DPW and MTA on various neighborhood projects

Representatives from San Francisco's Department of Public Works and the Municipal Transportation Agency presented updates on various neighborhood projects.

Presenters:

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Also present: Suzanne Suskind, and Alex Murillo (both from Public Works)

2nd Street Improvement Project: From Market Street to King Street, 2nd Street is a primary transit thoroughfare for pedestrians, bicycles, and cars (not to mention busses, taxis, and shuttles/private car services). Project to include wider sidewalks between Harrison and Townsend Streets, dedicated bike lanes, transit boarding islands, ADA-compliant curb ramps, new trees, site furnishings (trash receptacles, bike racks, benches, pedestrian lighting), upgrades to the traffic signal system, and a repaved street. Some utility undergrounding. Vehicular traffic will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction. **Construction to begin October 2017.**

For more info: <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/project/second-street-improvement-project>

Transbay Folsom Streetscape Project: This project is comprised of temporary and permanent right-of-way improvements along Folsom Street, from 2nd Street to Spear Street. Streetscape elements include wide, tree-lined sidewalks, dedicated bike lanes, sidewalk bulb-outs at key intersections, crosswalk enhancements, traffic calming, light fixture repairs, and street repaving. **Project currently in process, estimated completion March 2018.**

For more info: <http://sfpublicworks.org/project/transbay-folsom-streetscape-improvement-project>

3rd Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project: AKA the “Lefty O’Doul Bridge”, this rehabilitation work will involve repairs or replacement of damaged steel members, welds, concrete counterweights, etc., removal and replacement of the steel bridge deck and other associated work. **Construction activity anticipated to begin early 2018 and is estimated to last approximately 18 months.** Nighttime and weekend construction activity may be required. Construction schedule subject to change due to Giants home game schedule, rain, and/or unforeseen conditions. Full traffic plan with detours and alternate routes will be made available as the project nears. Bridge to remain open to pedestrians during Giants home games. For more info: <http://sfpublicworks.org/ThirdStreetBridge>

Central Subway: Extension of the Muni Metro “T” Line to Chinatown with stops along 4th Street (4th/Brannan, 4th/Folsom), Union Square, and Chinatown. **Construction is under way now, with service expected to begin late 2019.** For more info: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>

Brannan Street Safety Project: Improve safety on Brannan Street between Division Street and The Embarcadero; includes repaving of street, reducing from four lanes (currently two in each direction) to one lane each direction with a center turn lane; adding left-turn pockets, installing dedicated bike lanes, and improving intersection safety. Currently in Design/Environmental Review phase, **construction estimated to begin 2019.** For more info: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/brannan-street-safety-project>

Folsom / Howard Streetscape Project: This project will make SoMa more livable by making it safer and more pleasant to walk, bike, shop and live along Folsom (between 2nd and 11th Streets) and on Howard Street (between 3rd and 11th Streets). This includes improvements to bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities, upgrades to traffic signals, traffic circulation modifications, and changes to parking and loading. **Near-term changes estimated to be installed Winter 2017. Long-term construction 2020-2022.** For more info: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/folsom-howard-streetscape-project>

Better Market Street Project: Redesign of Market Street from Octavia Blvd to The Embarcadero. Transit-only lanes (“F” Trolley and Express busses via the center lane, local busses and taxis at curb lane), designated loading zones for commercial vehicles and taxis, no vehicle traffic allowed; refreshed sidewalks with seating, trees, plantings, improved lighting; bike-only lanes separated from pedestrians and the

street; replacing center tracks, overhead wires, traffic signals, aging sewers, etc. Currently in the design/engineering stage; **construction estimated to begin 2022.** For more info: <http://bettermarketstreetsf.org/>

Embarcadero Enhancement Project: Increase safety and comfort of travel along The Embarcadero from AT&T Park to Fisherman's Wharf for all pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars. The MTA visited our NA group in September 2016 to review short-term changes to be implemented such as extending the green painted bike paths for better visibility, adding pedestrian 'head start' crossing light at each intersection to allow pedestrians to safely enter the intersection prior to cars making a right turn, adding stenciled signage on the pavement (between South Beach and the Ferry Bldg.) to remind all that the Embarcadero is a shared path. **Construction Timeline: TBD** Environmental Review, Detailed Design, Construction (not funded as of November 2016). Project implementation will be coordinated with the seawall rehabilitation work (for seismic stability and protection against sea level rise) which is currently in initial planning stages. For more info: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/embarcadero-enhancement-project>

Townsend Bike Strategy Project: Project includes the 1.2-mile segment of Townsend Street from 8th Street to The Embarcadero. (Townsend between 8th and 4th Streets is a part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network. The poor quality of the street, including lack of sidewalks and pavement conditions, make this street unsafe for all users.) **Design phase Summer-Fall 2017. Construction schedule TBD.** For more info: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/townsend-corridor-improvement-project>

Harrison Street Project: Project includes streetscape improvements on Harrison Street between The Embarcadero to 1st Street, as well as Fremont Street between Folsom and Howard Streets. Sidewalks, currently 8-ft wide or less, will be widened to 12-ft. Bulb-outs at intersections will be added. Traffic lanes to be narrowed. From 1st to Essex Streets, westbound traffic lanes to be reduced from three to two. **Construction to last one year, to begin after completion of bus bridge project. Start date TBD.**

For more info, refer to section 1.1 of the Rincon Hill Streetscape Master Plan: http://default.sfplanning.org/Citywide/Rincon_Hill/Rincon_Hill_StreetscapeMasterPlan2015Update_20150810.pdf

NOTE: While links have been provided for each project, PDFs for several of these projects are also available upon request. As some are too large to upload, please contact GaryPegueros@sbcglobal.net if you would like to see a specific project PDF.

Followed by Q&A.

Next Meeting: Monday September 11th.