

South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting

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02.10.2020

6:00PM-7:00 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM
HARBOR SERVICES BUILDING
AT PIER 40A

ATTENDEES	4 Officers, 3 Directors, 3 presenters, 12 members/neighbors
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NEXT MEETING: 03.09.2020

TOPIC	101/I-280 Express Lanes and Bus Project; Congestion Pricing Program Goals
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- **WELCOME** (Alice Rogers)

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NA board elections for four directors are in March. To stand for election, membership dues for 2020 must be paid by the end of this meeting; to vote, dues must be paid prior to 3/9/2020 (our Annual Meeting)

Roscoe Mapps of the SF Giants invited all 2020 NA members to attend a special Neighbors' Night event at Oracle Park on March 24th as the Giants' guests. An invitation with all details will be emailed to members soon.

- **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT**

Representatives from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) presented an overview on two projects related to the increased vehicular congestion on our roads. To see their Powerpoint presentation, copy/paste this link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cmkaLa5HRpxlKPDlCtswYApWloCYSGLV>

Eric Young, SFCTA Communications Director, introduced the projects, with Yana Waldman covering the freeways project and Colin Dentel-Post reporting on the Downtown Congestion Pricing Study. Rachel Hiatt, also on the Congestion Pricing Study team, was available to help field questions:

101/280 Express Lanes and Bus Project: With the increasing population of the Bay Area residents, the SFCTA has been researching and studying the travel patterns of drivers heading in/out and thru San Francisco via Hwy's 101 and 280. They compared the various travel modes (single user car, HOV lanes, and public transportation (i.e. bus). The overall goals of this plan are to move people more efficiently, increase trip reliability, enhance travel choices, contribute to a regional (i.e. Bay Area) network, and reduce emissions. The short term solution is to look at an express bus lane into San Francisco. Other solutions being considered include 'managed/express' lanes where public transit and 3-person HOV's get free use of the lane; single users could purchase to use the lane. **For more information on this project and/or to sign up for email updates on this project, copy/paste this link:** <https://www.sfcta.org/projects/101280-express-lanes-and-bus-project>



➤ **Downtown Congestion Pricing Study:** Why are our San Francisco streets so congested? Studies point to three main reasons: A growing population, strong economy, and the demand for travel by ride-hail vehicles. A Congestion Pricing Program, first studied in 2010, is when a fee is charged for driving in congested areas during key rush hours. The program, as demonstrated in London, Singapore, Stockholm and New York City could get multi-modal traffic moving smoothly, without reducing the number of people or supplies reaching jobs, services, shopping, and cultural venues. Best practice is to combine a congestion fee with

discounts, subsidies, and incentives to make the system fair and encourage the use of sustainable transportation modes like transit, walking, and biking. SoMa is the most severely affected neighborhood. At this time, the SFCTA is working to survey the full range of populations in the City, and the region, to establish consensus around project goals such as street safety, clean air, and equity, and what metrics should be used to measure success. Once goals and metrics are agreed, various iterations of a pricing program will be explored to determine which would best meet those goals. **For more information on this project and/or to sign up for email updates on this project, copy/paste this link:**
<https://www.sfcta.org/downtown>

- Followed by Q&A.

NOTE: Members of the public who are interested in a deeper dive are invited to sign up for these informational sessions at the SFCTA offices on Market Street near the Civic Center. Snacks will be provided. Please rsvp to attend; copy/paste links provided.

[Session #1: Why we are studying congestion pricing](#)

Wednesday, March 4

6:00pm-7:30pm

Transportation Authority Hearing Room

Link: <https://www.sfcta.org/events/downtown-congestion-pricing-information-session-why-we-are-studying-congestion-pricing>

[Session #2: Congestion pricing in other cities](#)

Friday, March 27

9:30am-11:00am

Transportation Authority Hearing Room

Link: <https://www.sfcta.org/events/downtown-congestion-pricing-information-session-congestion-pricing-other-cities>

[Session #3: Data & modeling](#)

Wednesday, April 15

12:00pm-1:30pm

Transportation Authority Hearing Room

Link: <https://www.sfcta.org/events/downtown-congestion-pricing-information-session-data-modeling>

- **NEXT MEETING**

- Our next scheduled NA Meeting will be Monday March 9th. Members of the Central Subway Project team will attend to give an update and overview of the project, and to field questions. This presentation was requested by the majority of neighbors attending our January meeting.