

Wine on the Westside

Community benefit features silent auction

Join The Richmond Neighborhood Center for Wine on the Westside, on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Park Chalet (1000 Great Highway).

Bid on silent auction items including exciting items like attending on-field batting practice with the San Francisco Giants, an extensive wine auction and local eats and treats.

Raise your paddle to benefit our food security programs, youth programs, and community events and activities.

Get your tickets to Wine on the Westside by visiting richmondsf.org.

Ways you can support the event:

- Share with friends!

Invite a friend — or three — and get your tickets today! Wine on the Westside is a great way to welcome new community members and introduce them to the work being done at the Neighborhood Center.

- Donate to the auction

The Wine on the Westside silent auction is a fun way to help raise much-needed funds for community and youth programs.

By donating items such as the ones below, you help add more opportunities to reach the fundraising goal.

- If you are a wine collector, consider donating a bottle of wine or two.

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Geary Boulevard Improvement Project moving into phase 2

The Geary Boulevard Improvement Project is the second phase of Geary improvements proposed to improve Muni's 38 Geary bus service and address traffic safety for Geary Boulevard between 34th Avenue and Stanyan Street. (The first phase of improvements, east of Stanyan Street, was substantially completed in 2021 on time and on budget).

The project completed its second round of design phase outreach last spring. The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency project team sought feedback on the project's block-by-block project



proposals through a multifaceted outreach campaign including mailers, emails, posters, advertisements, pop-up outreach at bus stops, door-to-door outreach to merchants, a survey available online and

in paper format and in a series of stakeholder meetings and presentations.

More than 900 people completed the project surveys and many people were enthusiastic about proposed transit and safety improvements as well as the direction to pursue side-running transit lanes instead of the originally scheduled center-running lanes.

As well, the SFMTA heard some opposition to the project, particularly from Geary merchants who expressed concerns with converting angled parking to parallel parking and proposed parking meter hours expansion policies on Geary Boulevard.

In response to the feedback, the SFMTA has made several changes to the project proposals including:

- Dropping evening and Sunday parking meter expansion from project proposals.
- Dropping the proposal to relocate the 38 Geary outbound local bus stop at 17th Avenue.
- Committing project budget to cover costs to modify Shared Space parklets directly impacted by the proposed angled parking conversion.
- Making a few adjustments to proposed left-turn restrictions and color curb designations.

The SFMTA team is tentatively planning to pursue project approvals beginning toward the end of the calendar year. If approved, "Quick Build" implementation, which would include installation of transit lanes, bus stop changes and traffic signal re-timing would happen in 2023, with construction likely to begin in 2025.



Fall 2022 PAR Meeting
Wednesday, October 12
featuring
A discussion of propositions on the November ballot

Richmond Recreation Center
 251 18th Avenue
 (between Clement and California Sts.)
 Limited parking is available.
 Muni: 1 California and 38 Geary

Letter from the President

Dear PAR Members,
Happy Autumn everyone!
We are heading into the winter and a new year ahead, and, hopefully, moving one step further away from COVID's grasp.

As we move to a more normal holiday season, families and friends will be gathering again for fun holiday events. I'm looking forward to all that, although I will admit to missing the European Christmas markets.

In the meantime, PAR is planning our ballot education night for Wednesday, October 12. I love doing this one as we at PAR have an opportunity to present both

sides of propositions that will affect the Richmond. It is important to us that make sure our voters know what the ramifications are of voting yes or no on certain propositions.

Most importantly, we should look not at political lines, but at the effects of each proposition on everyday citizens' lives—your family, your friends, your neighbors and your community.

We have a lot to tackle on this ballot. Affordable housing and traffic movement around the city and district are major items to consider.

No matter what your views on these things are, the most important thing is to vote. Voting is a right we have—and

voting in local, state, and federal elections should never be taken for granted.

I, personally, have the luck of being both a U.S. and Italian citizen, and I make sure never to miss an election in either country. It is special to me that I have the privilege to vote in the countries that honor me with that right, so please remember that when you have the right to vote here or anywhere else, please exercise that right and VOTE.

The people's participation in a democratic government is truly something special.

Nick Belloni
sfparpresident@gmail.com

Update on rapid transit improvements on Geary

Liz Brisson of San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority gave the PAR Board a presentation on the latest version of SFMTA plans for the Geary corridor at PAR's September meeting. Those plans are for a side-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system instead of the center-running design that it had been perusing right through the environmental review process — and at least one lawsuit.

The current BRT project is divided into two phases. The first phase of work, called the Geary Rapid Project, was the eastern section of the route through to Stanyan Street in the inner Richmond. It began implementation in late 2018 and was completed in the fall of 2021. The transit-related scope of work included:

- Dedicated transit lanes to reduce unpredictable delays
- Transit bulbs to decrease bus delays by allowing buses to remain in the travel lane when passengers load and unload
- Bus stop changes to improve efficiency and
- Upgraded transit signal priority to increase the likelihood buses get the green light at intersections

The second phase of work, called the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project, will be between Stanyan Street and 34th Avenue and was identified as alternative 2 in the earlier environmental impact report and environmental impact statement that led to the attempt to build the center-running BRT.

The scope of work is similar to that of phase 1 and does include some loss of and changes from angled parallel parking. MTA has conducted two outreach events and the bulk of the negative feedback concerned the loss of parking — primarily from local merchants. Other concerns were disruption during construction, which should be six to eight weeks per build section.

The phase 2 project is scheduled to go to the SFMTA board for approval later this year or early in 2023. Following board approval, detail design will take about two years followed by two years for construction.

ConnectSF Transit Strategy

ConnectSF, a multi-agency collaborative that includes the SFMTA, published its transit strategy last December. That document includes a section headed "Geary/19th Avenue Subway," with the subheading "A subway serving the Geary/19th Avenue corridors, which would run from Downtown San Francisco to Daly City via 19th Avenue." The following text lists three bullet points:

- The Geary Rapid Project and Geary Boulevard Improvement Project will improve bus service between Market Street and 34th Avenue in the near term.
- A transportation-land use study of the Geary/19th Avenue corridors will identify long-term transit solutions.
- The project would be coordinated with, and service would potentially continue through, the proposed Link21 new transbay crossing.

Link21 is a study that BART is leading of a second rail crossing of the Bay. It has completed its "phase 0" and issued a draft final report in April titled "Market Analysis Summary Report."

The report is available at link21program.org/en/document-library under the heading "Market Analysis."

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BAKER BEACH GREEN STREET WALKING TOUR: POINTS OF INTEREST

1 BULBOUTS



A traffic calming method that extends the sidewalk, reducing the distance to cross the street, increasing pedestrian visibility and safety. These also include green technologies and rain gardens to capture and treat stormwater.

2 RAIN GARDENS



Rain gardens capture stormwater runoff from streets, roofs, and parking lots. Plants and soil absorb that water, reducing the amount of runoff entering the sewer system. This project has constructed a total of 32 rain gardens covering 6,746 square feet between Lands End Trail Eagle Point and the California Coastal Trail entrance at 25th Ave North.

5 NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION



Several rain gardens and a new fence at the entrance of the California Coastal Trail access entrance at 25th Ave North to Baker Beach have been constructed.



We are happy to celebrate the completion of our Baker Beach Green Streets Project, anticipated to treat 2.6 million gallons of stormwater per year! As we upgrade our aging combined sewer system, we're integrating a mix of green and grey infrastructure projects to better manage stormwater. Managing stormwater, which may otherwise wash pollutants into our waterways or overwhelm our sewer system, is critical to protecting water quality, wildlife, and public health.

In addition to reducing stormwater's impact on San Francisco's aging sewer system, these green infrastructure features can provide other benefits to the community and environment by improving streets for bicyclists and pedestrians, creating public open spaces, increasing biodiversity, and beautifying neighborhoods. With these and other green infrastructure projects, the SFPUC is moving closer to the City's goals of managing 1 billion gallons of stormwater with green infrastructure citywide by 2050. Take a self-guided walking tour and see these newly constructed project features today!



NATIVE AND DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS Native and drought tolerant plants were chosen for their resilience during wet and dry weather. Please do not attend to the plant life yourself! If you see any maintenance needs or issues, please report to 3-1-1.



3 PERVIOUS PAVING



Permeable paving allows stormwater to soak into the ground in contrast to hard surfaces (concrete or asphalt) where stormwater rapidly flows into the sewer system. This project includes 5,475 square feet of pervious concrete to help divert stormwater.

4 SUBSURFACE INFILTRATION GALLERY



An underground stormwater storage structure filled with gravel that receives runoff through horizontal pipes below the pavement surface. This project includes over 10,347 square feet of infiltration gallery to help store stormwater and slowly release it into the groundwater aquifer.

Wine auction to benefit local community

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- Season ticket holders for an upcoming sporting event or show might offer to share the experience.
 - Consider donating a weekend at your vacation rental.
 - Artists, fitness instructors, good cooks and anyone with expertise can offer a class

or workshop in their specialty
 • Become a sponsor
 Your sponsorship will ensure that every dollar raised at the event will go toward:
 - Sustaining food programs, providing for more than 1,000 neighbors;
 - Strengthening youth programs

benefiting more than 2,400 K–12 students across nine local schools;
 - Providing isolated neighbors with access points for meaningful connections; and
 - Allowing the Neighborhood Center to grow and respond to arising community needs created by the pandemic.
 Please contact events@richmondsf.org for more information about donating to or becoming a sponsor for Wine on the Westside.

Join PAR now and make your voice heard.

Membership is open to all persons living, working or owning property in the Richmond District of San Francisco. PAR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Your contribution is tax-deductible as provided by law.

Yes, I/we want to support the Richmond District

First name(s) Last name

Address

Name of business (for business members)

City State ZIP

Primary phone Cell/other phone

Email (PAR respects your privacy and will not share your email.)

Membership: Individual Business
 Supporting membership, \$20.00/year and above
 Subscribing membership, \$25.00/year and above
 Sponsor membership, \$50.00/year and above
 Patron membership, \$100.00/year and above

Please complete and cut out this form, then mail it with your check (payable to the Planning Association of the Richmond) to
PAR, 5758 Geary Boulevard, Box 356, San Francisco, CA 94121-2112

You can also join, contribute or pay your dues the easy way at
sfpar.org/site/join-par-via-paypal.html

THANKS for helping to support the quality of life in San Francisco's Richmond District.

Did you know . . . ?

The Richmond District is named for a town in Australia. Once referred to as the Outside Lands, the district was at first mostly known for its cemeteries.

In 1887, George Turner Marsh, an entrepreneur specializing in Japanese imported goods, built what he called his “winter home” on the southeast corner of Clement Street and 12th Avenue and named it the Richmond House in honor of his Australian birthplace.

In 1890, the name Richmond District was formally adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

You can learn more about George Turner Marsh and the history of the Richmond District at outsidelands.org/gt-marsh.php.

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