

PAR Planning Association for the Richmond

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Municipal Transit Authority's Transit Effectiveness Project:

What are the proposed changes for Muni lines in the District?



Wednesday, 23 April 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Recreation Center

251 18th Avenue (between Clement & California Streets)

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,
2008 will be a very interesting year. There are possible changes in many areas that affect our lives. The economy is in flux; national and state election campaigns are in full swing—some of them barely civil. Propositions and candidates are starting to line up for San Francisco–focused elections in November—this includes electing the supervisor for our own District 1.

As usual, PAR's October General Membership Meeting will focus on the local November ballot issues and candidates. A number of interested residents are filling out their applications in anticipation of serving as your supervisor. They are assembling their teams, talking up fundraising, and generally assessing the race. I suggest you keep yourself well informed via the Internet, local news, print media, and at the coffee house. Whoever is elected is the person who will represent the Richmond's interests starting next year.

There are, however, other matters that concern the Richmond District. In the near future we will be hearing more regarding a joint endeavor between

our mayor and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area regarding Ocean Beach and the Great Highway. PAR is working hard to ensure that both the Richmond and Sunset Districts are well represented during this planning process.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzing plans for a Geary Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) configuration and how it would impact both our neighborhood and our city is scheduled for release this year. All of us have the opportunity and the obligation to comment on the Draft EIR once it is released. It is up to us—residents, businesses, and organizations—to insist that our neighborhood's reactions and recommendations are taken fully into account before any final plan is enacted.

Also in process is the SF Municipal Transportation Agency's Transit Effectiveness Project. This is a comprehensive study of our municipal transit—including interface with regional transit; possible realignment, curtailment or argumentation of current routes—and will include criteria for evaluation of transit as well. It's been about 25 years since this was assessed to any extent. Please read the articles in this newsletter.

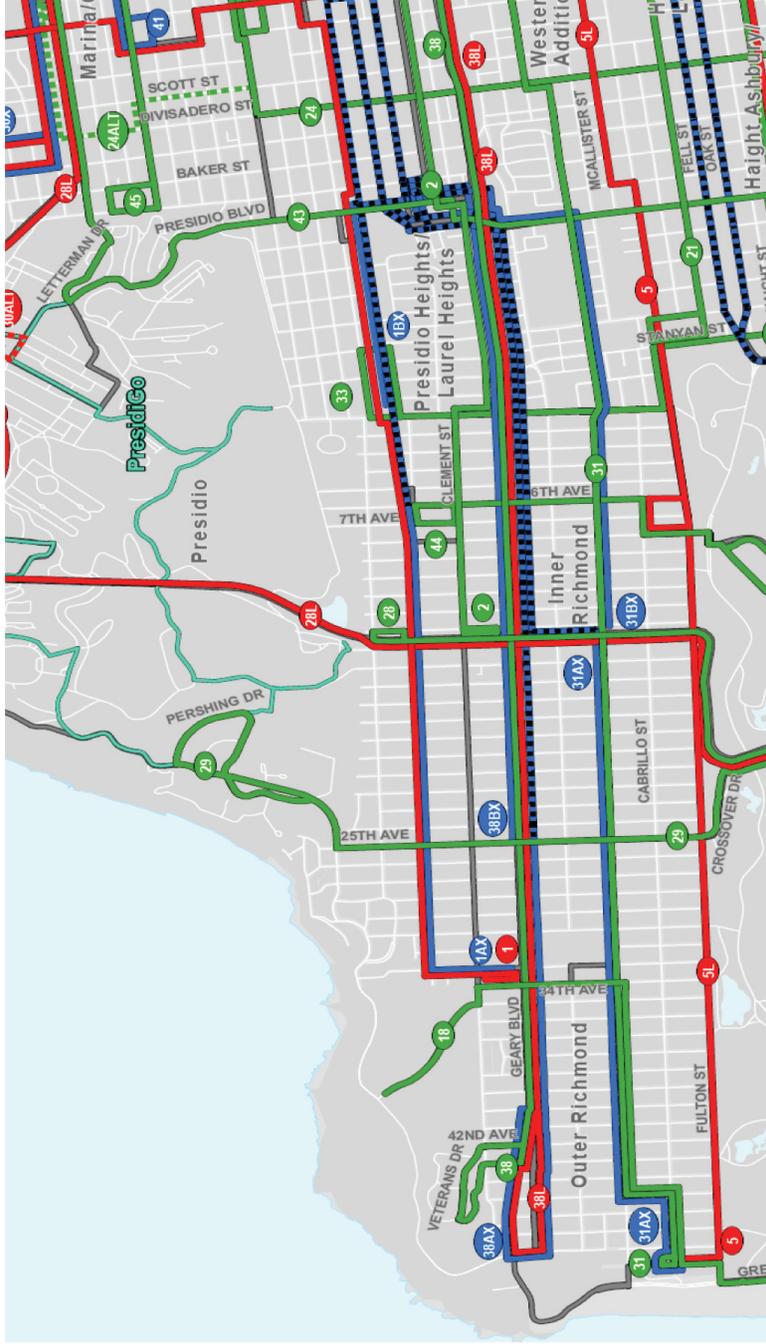
This Transit Effectiveness Project will be the main focus of our General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd. The citywide plan will be explained—but the presentation will concentrate on the Richmond District. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, and become more involved as the project proceeds.

There's one additional matter I wish to mention. Although this newsletter will go to the printer before anything is certain, it's possible that I may be appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom to serve on a major San Francisco commission. Should this happen, I would no longer serve as PAR President; however, I would continue to serve on the Board and remain very active in the Richmond. I'm working with PAR's Vice-President Michele Stratton and our PAR Board of Directors on a transition plan. We will update you when the next steps are known and have been decided.

In recent months the PAR membership has enjoyed a pleasing increase of new members—and membership renewals remain consistently high. New members of this, or any neighborhood organization,

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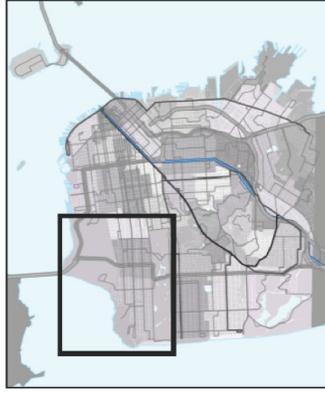
Municipal Railway service changes proposed for Richmond District



Draft Preliminary SFMTA TEP Transit Network Alternative

District 1 (includes the Richmond)

- Legend**
- Rapid Network
 - Local Network
 - Community Connectors
 - Special Market Services



* Discontinued route/route segments shown on map in gray



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Data Sources: SFMTA, SFCTA, SFGOV, MTC. Updated: February 2008



- ◆ 38L-Geary Limited would run more often, later, and on Sundays; Richmond expresses would also stop at Van Ness Ave.
- ◆ 28L-19th Avenue Limited would extend through the Marina to Van Ness Ave. and to Balboa Park BART and Mission St. (enhanced resource scenario could extend further to Visitation Valley)
- ◆ New 5-Fulton limited service would be provided between 6th Avenue and Van Ness during peak hours, with service to the Transbay Terminal at all times
- ◆ 38-Geary La Playa branch would be replaced by rerouted 18-46th Avenue
- ◆ Portions of routes would be discontinued: 2-Clement (west of Park Presidio), 18-46th Avenue (on Point Lobos) and 28-19th Avenue and 29-Sunset (to the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza)
- ◆ 1-California would be improved with extra service to 33rd Avenue during peak hours

Editor's Note: Due to the newsletter's black and white format, we are unable to print this map in color. To see the four-color version, please go to www.sftfep.com/files/Proposals_District_1_updated%20.pdf

Major Muni changes to come; community input sought

The Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) is the first comprehensive effort in more than a generation to review San Francisco's Muni system and recommend ways to improve service. The project is a joint effort of the Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which operates Muni, and the Controller's Office.

Over the past 18 months, the TEP has gathered an unprecedented level of ridership data, studied best practices from other transit systems, and conducted extensive public outreach to community stakeholders, policy makers, and SFMTA employees.

Informed by these efforts, the TEP has developed a set of preliminary proposals that aim to transform Muni into a first-rate transit system that reduces congestion, decreases pollution, and gets people where they want to go efficiently and safely.

The proposals would also help address Muni's structural budget deficit by making service more efficient, and would reduce traffic congestion and pollution by attracting new customers to Muni. Changes have been proposed for most Muni routes ranging from increased frequency on our busiest lines to route eliminations where we have the fewest customers.

Proposed changes for the Richmond neighborhood area include:

- The 38L-Geary Limited would run more often, later (until about 10 p.m.), and on Sundays.
- The 28L-19th Avenue Limited would have improved travel times, run until about 9 p.m., and extend to serve City College, the Balboa BART, Mission Street, and possibly Bayshore Caltrain.
- The 1-California would run more frequently during the peak hours between Presidio Avenue and 33rd Avenue.

- The 5-Fulton would have limited stop service during peak hours between Sixth and Van Ness avenues.
- The 18-46th Avenue would replace the 38-Geary along the Ocean Beach branch, providing crosstown service to outer Balboa Street.

To allow for these improvements, portions of some routes are proposed to be discontinued, including: 2-Clement between Park Presidio Boulevard and 33rd Avenue (where the 1 and 38 lines provide frequent service a block away); and the 18-46th Avenue (on Point Lobos Avenue) and 29-Sunset (in the Presidio), which carry relatively few riders.

In addition, to shorten travel times and improve overall reliability, the TEP is proposing that the 28/28L-19th Avenue lines no longer serve the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza.

Over the next two months, the TEP will be collecting feedback through a variety of sources. You can help shape these proposals to improve Muni through one of the following ways:

- Attending a community workshop in April or May. The TEP's Richmond neighborhood workshop is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center (3200 California St. at Presidio Ave.);
- Calling the 311 customer service line;
- Emailing info@sftep.com; and/or
- Submitting comments online at www.sfmta.com/tepcments.

For more information, please visit www.sftep.com.

PAR's only income is the tax-deductible dues contribution paid by our membership either to PAR or by naming PAR as a United Way designated recipient. PAR does not accept any government money or any grants, thus maintaining its complete independence.

You have made PAR the largest neighborhood organization in San Francisco and kept it as a viable voice for the Richmond District since its inception in 1970.

In the following list, we gratefully acknowledge those members who have contributed in excess of the basic \$15 membership dues since the Winter 2008 newsletter—their generosity helps us thrive.

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President's letter

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are vital to the group's health and success. As members move to other areas they must be replaced. There is strength in numbers. PAR is the largest dues-paying neighborhood association in San Francisco thanks to all of you.

Talk to your Richmond friends and neighbors. Encourage them to join in support of the Richmond District. Introduce someone new—owner or renter or business operator—to PAR. Membership applications are on our Web site or are available by making a phone call to 974-9332. Help PAR keep the Richmond District as a great place to live, to work and to raise a family.

Sincerely,

Ron Miguel, President

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Free community health fair in District

Residents are invited to attend the 2008 Richmond District Community Health Festival on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richmond Recreational Center, 251 18th Ave. (between California and Clement streets).

Free clinical services, wellness information, entertainment and prizes will be among the attractions. Bring your medications along for a free review.

Find out more about Universal Health Care and other health legislation proposed by the California State Legislature. Legislative staff will be on hand to answer questions about state agency and senior programs.

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