



Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association

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Board of Directors
Metropolitan Transportation Agency
1 South Van Ness Ave., Floor 7
San Francisco, CA 94103

San Francisco County Transportation Authority
100 Van Ness Avenue, 25th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Geary Bus Rapid Transit

Dear Directors and Commissioners:

The Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association urges the MTA – SFCTA to approve Geary Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to start the environmental review process.

GWPNA has reviewed the studies and sees BRT on Geary and other busy corridors as the best way to improve reliability and transit speed for Muni riders at very little cost. We see the center dedicated lanes with: amply sized boarding platforms; benches; ticket machines and transit information as essential transit improvements. These center platforms will also improve pedestrian safety. Dedicated lanes should also provide a smoother ride with less swerving and rapid accelerations to avoid traffic.

While every body may prefer subway service, this is too expensive and involves long term disruptions of the neighborhood. We hope that our Richmond neighbors will soon have BRT service that, in many ways, will be as good as our Metro.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Kruszka
President

cc: Nathaniel Ford, SFMTA, Executive Director