

# AGENDA

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## Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting 6

**Date:** 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
**Location:** 100 Van Ness Avenue, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Horizon Room

**5:00 1. Committee Meeting Call to Order**

**5:05 2. Adoption of Minutes of the March June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Meeting – ACTION \***

**5:10 3. Project Status and Schedule – INFORMATION**

The purpose of this item is to present an overview of technical and outreach work conducted since the last VN CAC meeting, and to provide an updated VN CAC meeting schedule and tentative agenda items. This item will include a more in-depth update on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Caltrans review and approval processes, and updates on coordination with other City agencies on separate but related projects.

**5:30 4. Van Ness BRT Alternatives 10% Engineering Designs – INFORMATION \***

Following the Scoping period for the Van Ness Avenue BRT EIR/EIS, the Authority Board approved the Description of Alternatives Report, which identified three Van Ness Avenue BRT alternatives to be analyzed: Side Lane BRT; Center Lane BRT with Right Side Loading / Dual Medians; and Center Lane BRT with Left Side Loading / Center Median). Study team engineers developed Van Ness Avenue BRT Design Criteria based on federal, state, and local standards, and drafted 10% engineering designs consistent with the Design Criteria. The draft 10% engineering designs will be reviewed by and revised based on partner agency input, CAC comments, and additional technical analyses, particularly further analysis of truck turning radii. In addition, the design team will continue to work with Caltrans to develop Design Exception Fact Sheets for all design features that do not meet Caltrans design standards. We are seeking review and input on the Draft 10% Engineering Designs.

**6:30 5. Van Ness Avenue Corner Bulbs Design Evaluation Report – ACTION \***

Corner bulbs involve widening the sidewalk into the parking lane at corners, improving pedestrian safety. Van Ness BRT alternatives are proposed to include corner bulbs to improve pedestrian access to BRT transit stations. Caltrans does not currently have formal design standards for corner bulbs. We have included recommendations for Van Ness Avenue corner bulb design in the Engineering Design Criteria developed to guide the 10% BRT design alternatives. With participation from Caltrans and SFMTA, we conducted an evaluation of existing corner bulbs along Van Ness Avenue to inform the Engineering Design Criteria and support our request for a Caltrans Design Exception for corner bulbs. The purpose of this item is to present our evaluation and recommendations. We are seeking approval of the Van Ness Avenue corner bulbs design evaluation report.

**6. Public Comment**

**7:00 7. Adjourn**

**\* - Materials Attached**