



Doyle Drive Environmental and Design Study

Doyle Drive Subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting #4

Meeting Summary

date of meeting: 8/15/00

location: SFCTA

subject: Doyle Drive Subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

attendees:

Doyle Drive Subcommittee Attendees:

Michael Alexander
William Alich
Janette Barroca
Lindy Beasley
Max DelleSedie
Paul Epstein
Gloria Fontanello
Joan Marie Girardot
Jennifer Gridley
Redmond Kernan
Leo Paul Koulos
Norman Rolfe
Jackie Sachs
Kate Sears
Jack Spring
Patricia Vaughey

San Francisco County
Transportation Authority
Lee Saage

Parsons Brinckerhoff
Dina Potter, Susan Killen

Public Affairs Management
Kay Wilson, Halimah Anderson

MPA Design
Michael Painter

Other Participants
Holland
Marianne Cavalier
Rick Foster
A Silverman
Michael Spiegel

Subcommittee Members Absentees:

Gene DeMartini
Becky Evans
Jack Foss
Vera Gates
Michael Marston
Ronald Mulcare
Roger Peters

summary:

I. Review and Approval of June 14 Meeting Summary

Lee Saage, SFCTA, welcomed new Subcommittee members including John (Jack) J. Spring of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, Lindy Beasley representing Presidio residents and tenants, and Kate Spears representing Marin commuters.

Lee Saage, SFCTA, asked the Subcommittee if they would like to review the meeting summary from the informal workshop meeting held on July 27. The Subcommittee postponed the review of the summary until the next meeting.

Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that the last meeting summary contained a lot of detail and suggested that the notes should summarize the comments. He asked if the summary for the upcoming meeting should continue to contain the same level of detail and the

attendees stated that they would like the meeting summary to contain as much detail as possible.

The attendees stated that they would like the comment section of the summary to use names to identify the speakers. Susan Killen, PB, stated that the meeting summary would use names to identify the speakers when possible.

The Subcommittee members also suggested that the meeting summary should make a note if members are absent from the meetings. Subcommittee members stated that attendance criteria should be developed. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that they would consider developing attendance criteria.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The July 27 meeting summary will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
- The meeting summary will note Subcommittee members that do not attend meeting and the SFCTA will decide about developing attendance criteria.

II. Meeting Introduction and Format

Susan Killen, PB, stated that the meeting purpose is to discuss the status of the overall project, the EIR/EIS process, and the alternative screening process. The meeting would include discussion of alternatives that were dropped from further consideration as well as discussion on the nine alternatives that are recommended to move forward for more study.

III. Key Subcommittee Issues Raised at Previous Workshop

Susan Killen, PB, discussed highlights from the last meeting/workshop. She stated that a preference was expressed for an alternative that would include a tunnel. She also stated that attendees expressed interest in extending a portal east of the Palace of Fine Arts in an alternative that would include a tunnel. Subcommittee members also expressed interest in Lincoln Boulevard as an access to the Presidio. Also, the Subcommittee stressed the importance of visual and aesthetic issues. Susan Killen stated that the Subcommittee's comments would be considered.

Subcommittee members thought that Lincoln Boulevard had been looked at for access and dropped because of the need to manage park traffic and extreme elevation differences along some parts of Lincoln Boulevard.

IV. Project Status Presentation

Dina Potter, PB, stated that 16 initial transportation alternatives were considered during a screening process. As a result of the screening process, nine alternatives are proposed for further study. Those alternatives include the following:

- No-Build
- Retrofit without Widening
- Retrofit with Widening
- Park Presidio
- Doyle Drive Boulevard
- In-Corridor -- Parallel Construction (At Grade)
- In-Corridor -- Parallel Construction (Tunnel)
- In-Corridor -- Detour Construction (At Grade)
- In-Corridor -- Detour Construction (Tunnel)

General Questions & Comments on Alternatives

Patricia Vaughey, Marina Merchants, asked if two or more of the project alternatives could be combined. Susan Killen, PB, said yes and restated that the traffic analysis will be conducted to determine the alternatives that will be carried through the EIR/EIS process.

Patricia Vaughey, Marina Merchants, said she is interested in a Park Presidio Alternative along with the Doyle Drive Boulevard Alternative as a combination package.

An attendee asked if Subcommittee members are allowed to attend the Executive Committee meetings. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that they are working meetings and are not publicly noticed meetings.

A Subcommittee member asked if the nine alternatives recommended for further study would be included in the EIR/EIS. Susan Killen, PB, stated that traffic studies will be conducted on the nine alternatives and some may be ruled out before the environmental review process.

A Subcommittee member asked if new alternatives would be added to the project. Susan Killen, PB, stated that new alternatives would not be added, but that the existing alternatives could be significantly refined, as information is uncovered.

Joan Marie Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, stated that the screening criteria did not consider impacts to neighborhoods or traffic details. Susan Killen, PB, stated that key elements that were considered during the screening process were based on existing information. Screening identifies criteria that can be easily eliminated. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that detailed traffic studies are being conducted to determine the impacts of the alternatives to neighborhoods.

Joan Marie Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, asked how the screening criteria were developed. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that it was developed by SFCTA in consultation with key agencies such as Caltrans, FHWA, NPS, Presidio Trust, BCDC, GGBHTD, and others.

Norman Rolfe, San Francisco Tomorrow, asked why the transit exclusive was dropped. Several Subcommittee members asked for further clarification regarding the Transit Exclusive alternative and they stated that the presentation regarding the alternative was not clear. The presentation should emphasize that the alternative does not accommodate cars and that the Federal Transit Administration requires it. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that the Transit Exclusive section of the presentation would be clarified.

Joan Marie Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, asked why the Transit Exclusive alternative is being dropped while the Park Presidio Alternative is still being considered. She further stated that the Transit Exclusive Alternative is the only alternative that would address public transit improvements. Girardot stated that an alternative that looks at enhancing public transit, while maintaining the level of vehicle capacity should be considered.

A Subcommittee member would like the alternatives to be expanded to include more emphasis on transit, even if it would mean excluding some vehicle traffic lanes for transit use. The Subcommittee generally agreed that the alternatives that are moving forward should include more transit improvements as part of each alternative.

Joan Marie Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, suggested that combining elements of the Transit Exclusive Alternative with Park Presidio Alternative should be considered. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that suggestion would be noted.

Discussion then turned to the alternatives that are recommended to be dropped.

Joan Marie Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, stated that she would like the No-Marina access alternative to be included for further study. After much discussion and two votes, the Subcommittee voted to drop the No-Marina access option with nine members voting to drop it, seven members voting to keep it, and

one abstention. Lee Saage, SFCTA, said that since the vote was so close, he would like the Subcommittee's permission to keep the No-Marina access option in for additional traffic analysis before a final recommendation is made. The Subcommittee concurred.

Patricia Vaughey, Marina Merchants asked why the screening process is being conducted in advance of the traffic model. Several Subcommittee members stated that before project alternatives can be added or eliminated further traffic studies should be conducted to develop a base case. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that studies are being conducted and detailed traffic models are in progress. However, some alternatives could be screened out without traffic information based on other screening criteria.

Subcommittee members then raised various questions about the traffic study. One Subcommittee member asked when the traffic study's counts would be conducted and what are the peak hours that the traffic count will consider. A Subcommittee member noted that the community should have input on the peak hours that will be studied. One attendee asked if the study would consider impact beyond the project study area because the impacts of the project extend past the Presidio and the Marina. Also, an attendee asked if the traffic model deals with the destination of the traffic, for example: would the model consider traffic traveling from the Presidio to Embarcadero. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that the traffic study will use the countywide model and will identify any traffic impacts based on implementation of each of the alternatives.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Subcommittee agreed to include the No-Marina access option for additional traffic analysis before a final recommendation is made.

V. Alternatives Report Review and Concurrence

Dina Potter, PB, recapped the alternatives recommended to be dropped from further study and the Subcommittee concurred with the list. Potter then moved on to the alternatives that are proposed for further study.

Several attendees stated that the Retrofit Without Widening Alternative does not meet the project requirements.

Paul Epstein, Planning Association for the Richmond, and Redmond Kernan, At-Large, stated that the Park Presidio Alternative will not absorb the level of traffic that is projected in the area and that it diverts traffic inappropriately.

A Subcommittee member stated that traffic from one area should not simply be diverted to another neighborhood. The concept of widening Park Presidio as well as using aspects of the Doyle Drive Boulevard concept would spread the traffic burden, instead of putting all the traffic off into one neighborhood.

Jackie Sachs, SFCTA CAC Member, stated that traffic on Geary Boulevard is currently congested. Additional cars and increased bus access to the Park Presidio adversely affect traffic on Geary Boulevard. Transit is already planned for Geary Boulevard further restricting any improvements that might be needed.

Joan Girardot, Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, asked who proposed the Park Presidio Alternative. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that the National Park Service proposed the Park Presidio Alternative.

Paul Epstein, Planning Association for the Richmond, stated that the basic project should include making sure that the Park Presidio interchange is seismically retrofitted at least as far south as the elevated section. Susan Killen, PB, stated that this area is not currently part of the project. Lee Saage, SFCTA, stated that he would explore this idea with Caltrans. The southern limit of the interchange will be clarified.

Dina Potter, PB, recapped the list of alternatives recommended for further study. The majority of the Subcommittee concurred that the list could move forward with the alternatives proposed.

Several Subcommittee members (Epstein, Kernan, and Sachs) noted that they are not in favor of leaving Park Presidio in as an alternative with its current description.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The majority of the Subcommittee concurred that the list of alternatives could move forward with the alternatives proposed.
- Lee Saage, SFCTA, will explore with Caltrans whether the seismic retrofit of the Park Presidio interchange can be included in the basic project.

V. Public Comment

A citizen expressed concern that the Letterman access study that is being conducted by the Presidio Trust will result in interim solutions that become permanent. The improvements have always been clearly identified as interim only until Doyle Drive is rebuilt and better solutions are developed.

VI. Action Items:

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- A traffic model presentation will be made at the next meeting.
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VII. Future Meeting Dates

The project team and Subcommittee agreed on the upcoming meeting dates. The next Doyle Drive Subcommittee meetings will be held as follows:

- Thursday, November 9, 2000 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the SFCTA
(Topic: Technical Studies Update)
- Tuesday, January 30, 2001 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the SFCTA
(Topic: Environmental Impacts)
- March 2001(Date To Be Determined) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the SFCTA
(Topic: Review the DEIS/DEIR)

distribution:

All Subcommittee Members
Lee Saage
Andy Nash
Dina Potter
Susan Killen
Pilar Montoya
Kay Wilson
Kristy Tyndall
Michael Painter

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ACTION ITEM TRACKING CHART

MEETING DATE	ACTION DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE	DATE COMPLETED
8/15/00	The July 27 meeting summary will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.	Subcommittee	11/9/00	Pending
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