



# Doyle Drive Environmental and Design Study

## Doyle Drive Subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting #2

### Meeting Summary

**date of meeting:** 6/14/00

**location:** SFCTA

**subject:** Doyle Drive Subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

### attendees:

Doyle Drive Subcommittee

Michael Alexander

William Alich

Janette Barroca

Max DelleSedie

Becky Evans

Gloria Fontanello

Vera Gates

Joan Marie Girardot

Anthony Imhof

Redmond Kernan

Roger L. Peters

Norman Rolfe

Jackie Sachs

Patricia Vaughey

San Francisco Transportation

Authority

Lee Saage, Andrew Nash

Parsons Brinckerhoff

Dina Potter, Susan Killen

Montoya Communications

Pilar Montoya

Public Affairs Management

Kay Wilson, Kristy Tyndall

MPA Design

Michael Painter

Other Participants

Gina DelleSedie

Michael Farrah

Rick Foster

Leo Paul Koulos

Ronald J. Mulcare

Otis Paun

Alan Silverman

Ron Somers

Michael Spiegel

Jean and Michael Strunsky

### summary:

#### I. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Summary

Pilar Montoya asked for Subcommittee approval of the last meeting summary. One Subcommittee member asked that names and full comments be included in the summary. Specifically, Redmond Kernan asked that his comment should be part of the record, he stated that "The Presidio is a landmark and Doyle Drive needs to be designed to respect the landmark status."

SFCTA recommended that the minutes include decisions, recommendations and specific action items that are brought up rather than each detailed conversation. The Subcommittee agreed and approved the meeting summary.

#### II. Review of Subcommittee Formation and Membership -- Lee Saage

Lee Saage reviewed the formation and membership of the Subcommittee. He explained that the SFCTA sought diverse and broad representation, while still maintaining a small working group of 15 to 25 members. The SFCTA staff determined that the Subcommittee should represent the following interests: citywide, neighborhoods, Presidio, historical, transportation, commuter/Marin, environmental, recreational, prior participants and new interests. Lee explained that two Subcommittee members, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association and the Marina Neighborhood Association, submitted a letter to the Authority requesting that the Doyle Drive

Subcommittee be expanded. Specifically, they have submitted seven names of Marina residents that are willing to serve and they also submitted their rationale for adding six new members to the Subcommittee, with the seventh party serving as an alternate. Joan Girardot stated that more Marina residents in general, and specifically Marina Boulevard residents, should be on the Subcommittee because in her view the Subcommittee is unbalanced. She explained that she had done an analysis of addresses and direct and indirect affiliations and that she thinks that the Subcommittee (as presently formed) could have a voting block represented by 7 or 8 Subcommittee members affiliated with Cow Hollow. SFCTA asked the attendees in the audience that wanted to be considered for the Subcommittee to say a few words as follows:

Ron Mulcare: Lives on Marina Boulevard, has lived in the Richmond. Attended University of San Francisco law school; worked for Caltrans as an attorney until 1971, has done land use planning, recently with the BART extension to the airport: regularly works with Environmental Impact Reports, noise studies, MTC reports and budgets.

Alan Silverman: He presented two reasons for why the Subcommittee should have additions. First, only five Subcommittee members live on the streets that will take the traffic from Doyle Drive and second, that the traffic problem extends past Broderick Street.

Ron Somers: Spent a year as the secretary for the original Doyle Drive Task Force in 1993. Background is in environmental studies, has worked out of the country on a major infrastructure project for seven years, is now back and living in the Marina.

Leo Koulos: Born and raised in San Francisco, a resident of Marina Boulevard since 1971, went to University of San Francisco. He feels that in the interest of balance and fairness people that live on Marina Boulevard should be represented on the Subcommittee.

Michael Spiegel: Has been a San Francisco resident for 40 years, he lives on Marina Boulevard but has also lived on Richardson at Baker Street. Has worked for twenty years in the attorney general's office and is familiar with legal and government issues. Is especially concerned with the Marin commute issue and how it affects traffic.

SFCTA then asked the Subcommittee to comment on the issue of additions and balance of the Subcommittee. Lee said he wanted to give everyone an opportunity to provide input and the Acting Executive Director of SFCTA would consider all views from the Subcommittee, the Marina residents and others in making a final decision. The Subcommittee expressed various views as follows: seven members felt the Subcommittee should not be expanded, five members felt the Subcommittee could be expanded, two members abstained and six members were absent from the meeting.

Several Subcommittee members emphasized that the Subcommittee needs to work as a group and should not be focused on individual addresses. Several members felt that all parties should be encouraged to participate, either as Subcommittee members, or in general as part of the public process.

Lee thanked the Subcommittee for providing input and explained that Andy Nash, Acting Executive Director, will make a decision regarding the request. SFCTA will update the Subcommittee on the decision before the next meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

SFCTA will provide a decision on membership to the Subcommittee before the next meeting.

### **III. Funding Status – Lee Saage**

Lee Saage provided a status funding report. A federal, \$5.6 million Public Lands Highway Grant from Fiscal Year 1998, will be the principle source of funding for the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. From this grant, \$200,000 has been restricted for the Doyle Drive Traffic Management Plan. The traffic data will assist the project team in evaluating the effect of the proposed changes to Doyle Drive prior to implementation. The data collected from the study will be provided to the San Francisco Department of Parking and Traffic for the traffic calming study for Marina Boulevard. Therefore two projects will benefit from the collection of data and the Department of Parking and Traffic can be involved in data specs development.

As the project team is evaluating the expanded list of alternatives and the screening process it has become evident that the level of detail required for technical studies is greater than originally anticipated. An additional \$1.6 Public Lands and Highway grant for Fiscal Year 2000, has been earmarked for additional archaeology and natural resources studies. SFCTA has also submitted an application for an additional \$4 million for the same purpose.

Lee Saage recognized Subcommittee member Michael Alexander for his part in securing the inclusion of the Doyle Drive Project on the Governor's Congestion Relief Program. The grant is \$15 million for design funds for Doyle Drive. Michael asked that Assemblywoman Migden be credited for this accomplishment.

### **IV. Project Status Report – Dina Potter**

Dina Potter gave a status report on the project schedule. The project team is now in the determination of alternatives phase that is scheduled to end on June 23. Dina emphasized that the team is holding productive meetings with agency technical staff and the process is taking a bit longer than expected, therefore, the schedule will be delayed.

### **V. Summary of Scoping Comments – Kay Wilson**

Public Affairs Management gave an overview of the scoping process and the contents of the scoping summary report. Some of the major issues included the project alignments, Marina Boulevard circulation issues, access to the Presidio and environmental issues (visual, cultural, architectural, historical, etc.). The scoping report was distributed to the Subcommittee at the end of the meeting.

### **VI. Update on Alternatives Development and Screening Process – Dina Potter**

Parsons Brinckerhoff presented a PowerPoint report on the Doyle Drive alternatives development and screening criteria process. PB took a broad range of alternatives and categorized the information in four general areas: horizontal alignments, vertical alignments, access options and optional number of lanes. Four vertical alignments were developed: elevated (over Halleck), at grade (over Halleck), depressed (over Halleck) and full tunnel (over Halleck). Access was divided into seven alternatives: no presidio, multiple Presidio, Richardson, Gorgas, no Marina and Marina. The number of lanes category was split into three types: three lanes in each direction, three lanes in each direction with EB auxiliary lane and four lanes in each direction. The critical and general criteria were established from the project purpose and objectives. PB is working with the agency technical groups to refine and finalize screening. After the presentation, the group discussed the draft screening results and asked clarification questions.

Dina explained that the next steps include finalizing screening criteria with the agency technical staff, selecting the alternatives and then reporting to the Executive Committee and Subcommittee on the findings. The Subcommittee will have opportunities to review and comment on the alternatives that the consultant has proposed.

**VII. Report on Action Items From Last Meeting**

- Andy Nash, SFCTA, reported on his action item by providing an information sheet on Trends in Vehicle Occupancy on the Golden Gate Bridge. The sheet reports that vehicle occupancy rates on the Golden Gate Bridge have declined since 1980.
- A Critical Milestones Schedule was provided and Dina Potter will continue to update and distribute the schedule for the Subcommittee.
- Andy Nash, SFCTA, confirmed with the city attorney that the Subcommittee is subject to the procedures of the Brown Act.
- The list of Subcommittee members was passed out and the Doyle Drive reports were distributed.

**VIII. Future Meeting Dates/Upcoming Agenda Items**

The next Doyle Drive Subcommittee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 27** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the SFCTA.

This date was changed from July 12 to July 27 at the Subcommittee meeting and the new date was agreed upon by the Subcommittee. The meeting was moved because it conflicted with an important Presidio Trust planning meeting. The July meeting will be an informal workshop style meeting at which the alternatives will be presented and discussed in detail by the Subcommittee.

**IX. Public Comment**

Ron Sommers asked for more details on the funding allotment that will be used for traffic data. The clarification of this information was answered after the meeting for those persons interested.

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All Subcommittee Members  
Lee Saage  
Andy Nash  
Dina Potter  
Pilar Montoya  
Kay Wilson  
Michael Painter

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### ACTION ITEM TRACKING CHART

MEETING DATE	ACTION DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE	DATE DUE	DATE COMPLETED
3/28/00	Andrew Nash, SFCTA, stated that he will find out the most recent occupancy rates and present that information to the Subcommittee.	Andy Nash, SFCTA	6/14/00	6/14/00
3/28/00	Lee Saage, SFCTA requested that the critical milestone schedule should be put in the project information binder and distributed to the Doyle Drive Subcommittee members.	Dina Potter, PB	4/28/00	4/28/00
3/28/00	Andy Nash, SFCTA, will check with a City attorney and advise on the Brown Act and its applicability to the Doyle Drive Subcommittee at the next Subcommittee meeting.	Andy Nash, SFCTA	6/14/00	6/14/00
3/28/00	A list of members of the Doyle Drive Subcommittee including the citizens at large will be provided to Subcommittee members.	Kay Wilson, PAM	4/28/00	4/28/00
3/28/00	A summary or the actual report of the previous studies will be provided.	Lee Saage, SFCTA	4/28/00	4/28/00
6/14/00	SFCTA will provide a decision on membership to the Subcommittee before the next meeting.	Andy Nash, SFCTA	Before next meeting	7/10/00