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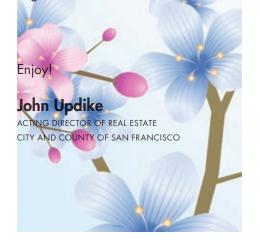
### **DEAR TENANTS:**

Spring is upon us! Welcome to the latest edition of the *Civic Center Campus Chronicle*. After some much deserved rain, spring is here and we are ready to watch our home champion SF Giants start off a new season!

This issue includes information on many exciting current and future projects taking place in the City, and offers motivating Shape-Up and "green" tips to keep both you and our environment in shape.

Remember that Earth Hour is 8:30pm on Saturday, March 26th, so please do your part, not just for that hour, but every hour, in conserving your energy use.

I continue to encourage comments and feedback regarding this publication or any building issue of concern that you might have.



# Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit



Retaining and expanding transit's share of travel in San Francisco is a major strategic challenge for the city as it grows into the future. The City's 2004 Countywide Transportation Plan helps to implement San Francisco's Transit First Policy by funding cost-effective Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) treatments on the city's network of Transit Preferential Streets.

Van Ness Avenue is a key north-south spine in San Francisco's transit system, linking

important east-west transit routes (such as the 38-Geary) as well as regional services (MUNI Metro, Caltrain, and BART). Today, Van Ness buses do not operate as quickly or reliably as is needed to provide rapid travel and effective connections.

The Transportation Authority, in close coordination with the MTA, completed the Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study as a key first step towards bringing major bus improvements to Van Ness Avenue, possibly including dedicated bus lanes, distinctive boarding stations, real-time bus arrival information, and urban design treatments. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is high quality transit service that reduces travel time, increases reliability and improves passenger comfort beyond regular bus service. BRT combines the flexibility of buses and the quality of light rail at a fraction of the cost. Typical BRT improvements include travel lanes for exclusive transit use; wider sidewalks at bus stops; traffic signal priority for transit vehicles; full stations with passenger amenities; multi-door boardings at sidewalk-level platforms; pre-paid boarding areas; and real-time information systems.

The Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study analyzed the feasibility of BRT treatments on Van Ness through technical analysis and community outreach.

#### Project Schedule

2011-2012 Final Environmental Studies and Conceptual Engineering

2012-2013 Final Design and PS&E (Plans, Specifications, and Engineering)

• 2013-2015 Construction

• 2015 Begin Revenue Service

The Van Ness BRT Citizen's Advisory Committee meets quarterly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 5–7pm at 100 Van Ness Avenue, 26th Floor. Meetings are open to the public. Visit **www.vannessbrt.org** for more information.

#### We Welcome your Feedback!

City employees can send "Civic Center Campus Chronicle" questions and suggestions to Lori.Mazzola@sfgov.org 415-554-5702

# • GREEN SCENE • FILL'ER UP!

SF's Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), in partnership with the SF Department of the Environment and Global Tap, LLC, has installed water bottle refill stations throughout San Francisco to provide everyone with access to free high-quality, great tasting tap water. These refill stations also encourage the conservation of our natural resources and preservation of our environment by helping to reduce the solid waste created from single-use plastic water bottles.

SF residents can fully enjoy some of the purest, safest and best tasting water in the world right from their tap. SF's tap water,

pristine Sierra snowmelt, comes from the Hetch Hetchy reservoir located in Yosemite National Park and within two protected local watersheds in the Bay Area: Alameda and Peninsula Watershed.

Each and every day people purchase water in plastic water bottles. Often times this bottled water is simply tap water that can cost up to 10,000 times more, as well as puts a huge strain on our environment and natural resources. The waste created from plastic water bottles degrades our environment, contributes to global climate change, and results in huge amounts of litter.

For more information and refill station locations, visit www.drink.sfwater.org.

#### BENEFITS OF SF TAP WATER

- Costs about \$.003 per gallon
- Public agencies regulate watershed and water treatment plants
- Regulated by EPA, state, and local water quality regulations
- Freely available at faucets
- SFPUC meets all federal, state, and regional guidelines

#### PROBLEMS OF BUYING BOTTLED WATER

Costs about \$1.00-\$4.00 per gallon by the bottle

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- Increases fossil fuel consumption related to transportation, greenhouse gases and air pollution from manufacturing and transportation, and plastic waste
- Not tested for biological, chemical, or radioactive
- Bottled water sold across state lines is not regulated by EPA

You don't need a gym membership or boot camp to improve the way you look and feel. Making positive changes is easy enough to do anytime and any place. Generally, adults need 30 minutes of moderate activity on five or more days of the week to be healthy. Increase that to 60 minutes and you can also maintain an appropriate body weight.

#### SOME TIPS BELOW WILL GIVE YOU IDEAS AND HELP GET YOU STARTED.

- Be moderately physically active at least 30 minutes a day on five or more days a week.
- 2. Keep in mind that proper nutrition and physical activity go hand in hand. Don't waste the time you spent exercising by eating junk food once you get home.
- 3. Build physical activity into your daily routine. Once you get used to exercising, it will feel natural.

- 4. Build small amounts of activity into your day. Take the stairs, park your car further away, get off the bus a stop earlier, or take a walk at lunch.
- 5. Get a pedometer and try to walk 10,000 steps per day.
- 6. Continually upgrade and vary your fitness program. Variety helps deter boredom.
- For added health benefits, do 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity three or more times a week. This might include running, aerobics, swimming or working out on cardiovascular equipment.
- 8. Shift your focus to your health, not just your appearance.
- 9. Avoid being obsessed with weight as it appears on a scale. Don't weigh yourself everyday.
- 10. Play actively with your children every day. This helps both you and your children stay healthy.





#### **Terminal 2 Set to Open April 14th**

In 2008, to accommodate growth in passenger traffic and airline demand for gates, SFO embarked on a \$383 million project to renovate Terminal 2 into a state-of-the-art domestic terminal. The terminal, which formerly housed international flights, closed when SFO's current International Terminal opened in December, 2000.

The overhaul and re-opening of Terminal 2 is a significant stimulus for the City of San Francisco and the Bay Area, generating an estimated 2,758 jobs. Tenant build-out costs will also bring in nearly \$15 million. When completed in mid-April 2011, Terminal 2 will be home to American Airlines and Virgin America.

"Once again, San Francisco has led by example," said San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee. "The completion of Terminal 2 at SFO is noteworthy on many levels – it is the most modern terminal in the country, it is uniquely sustainable, and it has been designed specifically for how we travel today."

The T2 Renovation Project is projected to achieve LEED Gold Certification, the first US airport terminal to do so. Designed to improve indoor air quality and reduce energy consumption, the innovative sustainable elements included in Terminal 2 will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the facility by an estimated 1,667 tons per year.

SFO's Zero Waste Program requires the reuse/recycling of all waste generated during construction projects to the extent feasible from environmental, legal, and technical perspectives. Contractors recycled an impressive 90% of construction and demolition debris.

SFO also requires ongoing source separation of all recyclable solid waste to enable the attainment of 75% recycling

by 2010 and 90% recycling by 2020. To this effect, all T2 food vendors will be required to use biodegradable tableware and source separate all food service wastes for direct transport to off-Airport composting facilities.

A dual plumbing system is incorporated in the design of the T2 project. The plumbing system for the toilets and urinals is a stand-alone system that will be supplied with reclaimed water from the Airport's Mel Leong Treatment Plant. The Airport is currently planning to reuse treated effluent from the treatment plant for gray water use at T2 and other areas at SFO.

#### Terminal 2's features will include:

- Approx 640,000 sq ft with capacity for 5.5 million enplaned passengers per year
- 14 gates
- 30,793 sq ft of retail development, including 12 restaurants, 9 retail stores, a gourmet marketplace with a wine bar and a spa
- A pedestrian bridge to AirTrain, which connects to BART
- Major exhibitions of public art in partnership with the SF Arts Commission
- Sustainable features, including paperless ticketing and preferential parking for hybrid cars
- First airport dining program in the country to recruit food vendors offering wholesome fare from local sources prepared in a healthful manner.
- Special tap-water hydration stations for filling re-usable water bottles.
- Children's play area with original artwork and play pieces.

# City Payment Center City Hall's One Stop Shop

he City Payment Center is the Treasurer's one-stop service center for San Francisco businesses, residents, and visitors seeking information, or making payment for a variety of City transactions and services. In addition to business registration and property tax services, the City Payment Center offers other services including water bill payment, acceptance of U.S. passport applications, and sale of various MUNI Transit passes and the popular SFMTA Parking Meter Debit Cards.

The following products and services are available at the City Payment Center, located in City Hall, Room 140.

#### **Transit Passes:**

- MUNI Adult Fast Pass ("A" and "M" versions)
- MUNI Youth Fast Pass
- MUNI Disabled Sticker
- MUNI Senior Fast Pass
- 1-Day MUNI Passport
- 3-Day MUNI Passport
- 7-Day MUNI Passport
- MUNI Tokens (book of 10)
- MUNI Transit and Street Map (version: December 2009)
- Cable Car Tickets

(Clipper Cards and Clipper Card refills not available at this location.)

# SFMTA Parking Meter Debit Cards Available for Purchase:

Available for purchase in \$20 and \$50 denominations (cash only)

#### Commuter Checks

City employees may pick up and redeem commuter checks

#### **Passport Applications and Processing**

• U.S. citizens can apply for a new or renewed passport

#### **Water Department Payments**

• Including: Delinquent payments and Recorded liens

#### **Business Tax Payment**

- Annual Business Tax Registration Fee
- Business Tax Statement
- Hotel Tax
- Parking Tax
- Payroll Expense Tax

#### **Property Tax Payment**

- Real Estate/Secured Property Tax
- Delinquent, Unsecured, Supplementary and Prior Year ("Escape") Property Tax
- Call our Property Tax information line at 554-4408 for further assistance

#### Licenses

- Dog License Fee (application & payment)
- Taxi/Cab License Fee (application & payment)
- Hotel License Fee (application & payments)
- Condominium and Apartment License Fees payments
- All Department of Public Health License Fee payments
- All Police Department License Fees payments
- Temporary Permits: Temporary facilities; Special Event Payments
- All Fire Department License Fees payments
- Call Taxpayer Assistance at 554-4400 for further information

#### **Voter Registration Forms**

Provide voter registration forms

#### **Recreation and Parks**

• City Pool Scrip Books

#### Golf Resident Cards

 San Francisco residents may purchase a Golf Resident Card for discounted golf fees, and advanced reservations for golf play at all San Francisco public golf courses.

## **SEEN AND HEARD**



Alex Lapid DPW City Hall, Room 348

Q: What is your favorite website?

A: Facebook!

Q: What is your favorite restaurant in San Francisco?

A: House of Prime Rib.

Q: Who is your favorite SF Giant?

A: Tim Lincecum.



#### Randall Stowe Project Homeless Connect 25 Van Ness Avenue

#### Q: What is your favorite website?

A: My favorite websites are www.sf.curbed.com and its sister site www.sf.eater.com, providing all the local real estate & restaurant trends here in our great city!

#### Q What is your favorite restaurant in San Francisco?

A: There are SO many! Starbelly in the Castro is great (don't miss the house made liver pate served w/ bread, sweet onion marmalade and grain mustard!) and Little Star Pizza on Valencia is delish!

#### Who is your favorite SF Giant?

So many to choose from, though I think Buster Posey, named the 2010 National League Rookie of the Year, had an amazing season!



#### Edmund Lee

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## Q: What is your favorite website?

A: Google, Yelp, Billboard and Generation of the Half Light. com.

## Q: What is your favorite vacation spot?

A: Tie between Buenos Aires, Argentina and Namibia, Africa.

## Q: What is your best "green" tip?

A: Remember to turn off the lights and bring your own reusable cup to work.



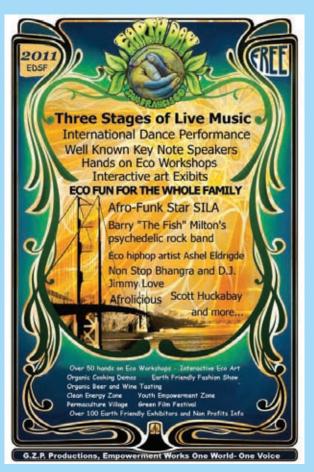
#### San Francisco Earth Day Festival 2011

One of the largest Earth Day events in the Bay Area will be held in San Francisco on April 23rd, 10am to 6 pm, in the Civic Center Plaza.

This fantastic educational festival and multi-cultural entertainment event will feature keynote environmental issues & solutions. There will be expert speakers, exhibitions, vendors and solution-based talks on eco-green topics. Join leading members of the business and indigenous communities, artists and artisans, crafters, civic community leaders, local "green" politicians, workshop leaders, eco-green youth activists and social justice non-profits.

Learn how we can all become more connected by creating solutions to pressing environmental issues and learn to live more sustainable, regenerative and meaningful lifestyles. ...and have FUN!

Visit **www.earthdaysf.com** for listings of activities and exhibitors and to learn how to volunteer!





# Let's Go Giants!



### 2011 SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS SCHEDULE



**Opening Day** for Giants baseball in San Francisco is **Friday, April 8th!** Let's keep the momentum going and support our home team as they enter the season as World Series Champions!