

Central Subway

From: algreening <algreening@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 2:14 PM
To: Chiu, David; Central Subway
Cc: Sarah Taber; Tina Moylan
Subject: Central Subway - Boring Machine Removal

Dear David and Edward,

Thanks for arranging last night's meeting on removal of the Central Subway boring machines.

I am in favor of either alt 2 or 4 and opposed to alt 1.

I would like to suggest the following change to alt 2. At the end of boring, angle the boring machine off of Stockton. This would take the buried head of the machine out of the way of a possible future extension to North Beach and the Wharf area down Stockton. It should improve the evaluation of Alt 2. I am also in favor of reducing the project cost, even if it means returning so money to the Fed. Gov.

Al Greening

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From: tyler young <tread.lightly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Central Subway
Subject: Central Subway

Hello,

I would just like to quickly state my support for the Central Subway extending to North Beach and eventually Fisherman's Wharf. Many I have spoken to in the North Beach community support the idea of having a station here, and we feel that it is vital to the functionality of this line. It would be very unfortunate to abandon this plan just because of a short period of construction in the area.

Thank You,

Tyler Young.

Central Subway

From: Holly Stevens <hollyestevens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 2:06 PM
To: Central Subway
Subject: OPTION 4--YES!

I am a twenty-five year resident of North Beach. I live and teach (Instructor at CCSF 808 Kearny) in the neighborhood. I want to express my support and excitement for the possibility of bring a station to NB, with a stop at the Pagoda Theater. Option 4 is the best option!

Holly Stevens

Central Subway

From: Fay Darmawi <fdarmawi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 6:02 PM
To: Central Subway
Subject: North Beach - Central Subway

Dear Mr. Ed Reskin,

I am a long time resident of North Beach and raising two young boys here, without a car. We support your plan to extend the Central Subway tunnel to North Beach and create a station here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Fay Darmawi
Chestnut St.
SF, CA



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Re: Central Subway

Members of the Board:

Russian Hill Neighbors, a 600 household and merchant member organization that represents the residents of Russian Hill is acutely aware that public transit in the Northeast neighborhoods of this city is slow, crowded and unreliable and in need of substantial improvement. For this reason, RHN supports the extension of the Central Subway, beyond Chinatown, to new stations at Washington Square and Fisherman's Wharf.

We are also concerned about the disruption that would be caused by the extraction of the tunnel boring machines (TBMs) on Columbus at Washington Square. This plan would cause unacceptable disruption without providing the subway station that this area needs.

We appreciate the responsiveness of SFMTA staff in dealing with these concerns and the opportunity to participate in community discussions of alternatives to the current plan. We urge that the board adopt an alternative to the current plan, provided that it not adversely affect the opportunity to extend subway service to our community.

After reviewing the alternatives proposed, we strongly support Alternative No. 4, involving acquisition of the Pagoda Theater and extraction of the TBMs there. This proposal would allow the TBMs to be extracted outside of a public street, allow future TBMs for an extended subway to be extracted at that site, would provide a staging area for construction of a Washington Square station, would provide the location of an entrance to a Washington Square station and, after construction of the station, would provide an opportunity for the site to be developed in a manner sensitive to the community.

We oppose Alternative No. 2, since it would make an extension either impossible or very expensive and disruptive. We are skeptical about Alternatives No. 3 and since they would likely require excavation of Columbus Avenue for an extension.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Warm regards,

Tina Moylan

RHN President

Stephen Taber

RHN Transportation Chair

Cc: Ed Reiskin; John Funghi; David Chiu

December 3, 2012

January 15, 2013

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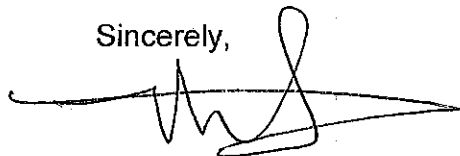
Dear SFMTA Board of Directors,

As the owner of 721-725 Filbert, a property in North Beach adjacent to the Pagoda Palace (1731-1741 Powell Street), I strongly support the proposed plan to remove the Central Subway Project's tunnel boring machines (TBMs) at the Pagoda Palace site. This plan will minimize construction impacts, including traffic disruptions and impacts to local businesses, within the North Beach community. In addition, by removing the TBMs from the ground, this plan, in contrast to the other options under consideration, will not create a physical impediment to a potential future extension of the T Third Line to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf.

I understand that removing the TBMs at the Pagoda Palace site would involve construction impacts, such as noise and dust, and that these impacts will be mitigated. Therefore, I support the Pagoda Palace option because it represents a significant overall reduction in construction impacts and a significant improvement over the existing plan. The current plan to remove the TBMs on Columbus Avenue between Union and Filbert would result in significantly more traffic disruption and construction impacts to the businesses, residents and visitors to this vibrant neighborhood.

My children are third generation Italians. All of my family have been raised with North Beach as a significant influence of our heritage and family values. I encourage you to move forward with the steps required to realize the Pagoda Palace option so we can minimize the construction impacts to the North Beach community while avoiding impediments to a future extension of the T Third Line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Boschetto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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Dear SFMTA Board of Directors,

As the long time merchant in North Beach I strongly support the proposed plan to remove the Central Subway Project's tunnel boring machines (TBMs) at the Pagoda Palace site or leaving them in the ground if a lease can't be achieved with the existing owner of that property. Either of these plans will minimize construction impacts, including traffic disruptions and impacts to local businesses, within the North Beach community.

Of the two possibilities, the Pagoda site is preferable. Removing the TBMs from the ground there through this plan would best facilitate potential future T-line extension and stations. We all know that if the T Third Line is to be a true viable subway line it must be extended and include stations both in North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf and efficiently link with other mass transit systems in our city. Both from an engineering and community consensus point of view, the Pagoda site offers better opportunities for creating a culturally meaningful as well as useful public transit extension for our city.

Further, while it is understood that removing the TBMs at the Pagoda Palace site would involve some construction impacts, such as noise and dust, these impacts will be mitigated by MTA and SF DBI management oversight of contractor demolition and construction activity. Therefore, I support the Pagoda Palace option because it potentially represents a significant overall reduction in these construction impacts and a significant improvement over the existing plan. The current plan to remove the TBMs on Columbus Avenue between Union and Filbert is absolutely unacceptable. It would result in significantly more traffic disruption and construction impacts destroying many small businesses, disturbing residential domestic peace and driving away visitors to our vibrant neighborhood. Its very concept represents years of poor planning, arrogance in

bureaucratic hieratical decision making on the part of past MTA Boards and Staff and other City officials having conceitedly conceived it without North Beach merchant and community impute.

It is now encouraging that your MTA board and staff as well as other city officials who support the central subway project have eliminated this horrible "option".

I encourage the MTA Board and Staff to continue to pursue the Pagoda Site option or leave the TBMs in the ground so as not to negatively impact our historic and vibrant North Beach neighborhood. Please move forward with the steps in this matter in this way!

Sincerely,

Dan Macchiarini

Merchant

Board Member

North Beach Business Association

Rose Pistola
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January 31, 2013

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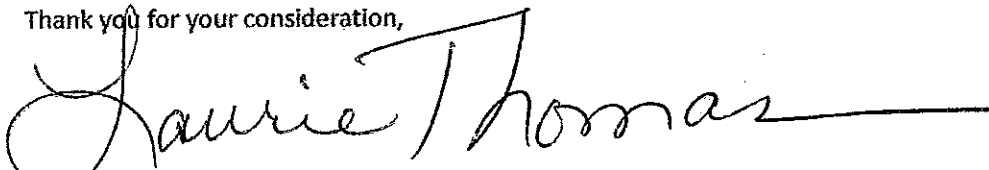
Dear Director Reiskin,

I am writing to reiterate that as a business owner on Columbus Avenue, I am fully supportive of the current plan being evaluated to bring out the tunneling machines in the Pagoda Theater location on Powell Street. I firmly believe this option will eliminate the potentially disastrous financial and quality of life consequences associated with the option to bring up the tunneling machines in the middle of Columbus Avenue.

I appreciate that the Pagoda Theater location has a lot of work and additional expenses associated with it, but I cannot underscore how much better an outcome this would be than the other alternative. On a positive side, the Pagoda Theater location could provide a future site for a subway station (should the EIR and subsequent planning work out). At a minimum it would allow a long unused site to have a valued purpose, and hopefully return value both to the neighborhood and the owner.

Lastly, I want to underscore how tenuously some of the long time North Beach businesses cling to life. Even a long running business like Rose Pistola takes customers coming in the door to survive. We employ approximately 50 employees – ½ working fulltime and ½ part-time. Many of these individuals have been with us for 10 plus years. I am honestly very concerned about the ongoing viability of my restaurant should we not get the Pagoda option to work, and should the MTA have to bring up the tunneling machines in the middle of Columbus Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Laurie Thomas
Owner
Rose Pistola
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January 31, 2013

Harvey Louie, Chair
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SF Municipal Transportation Agency
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Re: Chinatown TRIP Support Letter for
Pagoda Theater Option for TBM Extraction

Dear SFMTA Board of Directors,

On behalf of Chinatown TRIP, we strongly support the proposed plan to remove the Central Subway Project's tunnel boring machine at the Pagoda Palace site. This plan will minimize construction impacts within the North Beach community, including traffic disruptions and impacts to local businesses. This plan, unlike the other alternatives, will not impede an expansion of the Third Street Lightrail to link to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf. Moreover, the environmental impact review ensures that potential construction impacts, such as noise and dust, will be mitigated. Therefore, Chinatown TRIP supports the Pagoda Palace location since it is the best option available.

Chinatown TRIP strongly urges the SFMTA Board of Directors to support the Pagoda Palace option in order to meet the needs of North Beach merchants and residents, while keeping the door open to a future expansion of the Third Street lightrail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harvey Louie, Chair
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February 1, 2013

Director Edward Reiskin
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Dear Director Reiskin:

We attended the community meeting on January 22nd and unfortunately had to leave before having the opportunity to comment. Hence, this letter. First, we wanted to say how pleased we were that Supervisor Chiu moderated the meeting and that you personally attended, along with key members of the Central Subway team. We were extremely impressed at how quickly the City responded to community concerns regarding removal of the tunnel boring machines. I think you ably demonstrated to the community how seriously you took the issues that had been raised in previous meetings and how capable the City can be in solving a time-sensitive problem to the long-term benefit of the neighborhood and to the larger city. As long-time property owners and business owners in North Beach, at 1527 Stockton Street and 532 Columbus Avenue, we greatly appreciate your efforts.

We want to underscore what we have expressed in previous correspondence to you and that is, the importance of not limiting in any way the potential for a future extension of the subway to North Beach. In order to maintain the vitality of North Beach and its role as an authentic and connected part of the rest of the city, the ability to allow for the future extension should be maintained. We think that burying the boring machine in Chinatown represents the height of short-sighted thinking which would render future transit extensions impossible, and therefore any options for strengthening North Beach as a transit hub will be forfeited in the future. However, extending the TBM head removal to the Pagoda Theater would be a very desirable improvement which should be accomplished in a manner that would maintain the options of the transit extension. At the same time, removal of the tunnel boring machine and location of a transit station at the Pagoda Theater should improve the opportunities for redevelopment of this long-neglected property.

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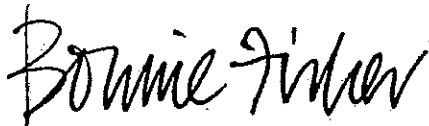
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We understand that there are many steps involved in eventually bringing the Central Subway to North Beach and that there will be many design and construction issues that will need to be addressed. But we are in support of the first step and that is to remove the tunnel boring machines from the Pagoda Theater in a manner that can facilitate future development of a transit station there.

Sincerely,

ROMA Design Group



Bonnie Fisher, FASLA



Boris Dramov, FAIA, FAICP

Chau, Betty

From: Anita Walter <amwsanfran@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 9:28 AM
To: Anita Walter-Manasian; MTABoard
Subject: North beach station

Hello,
Please consider extending the Metro line through Chinatown /north beach. I am very much in favor as there is NO quick way to get to market street , Bart, muni trains etc from this end of town. Furthermore, the construction is already underway . Lastly, yes, move the equipment to the pogoda palace and get rid of the eye -sore !!!

Cordially,
Anita Walter
1048 union street

Sent from my iPhone



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February 1, 2013

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Dear SFMTA Board of Directors,

As the Executive Director of Chinatown CDC, with offices at 1525 Grant Ave, I strongly support the proposed plan to remove the Central Subway Project's tunnel boring machines (TBMs) at the Pagoda Palace site.

The Mission of the Chinatown Community Development Center is to build community and enhance the quality of life for San Francisco residents. We are a place-based community development organization serving primarily the Chinatown neighborhood, and also serve other areas including North Beach, Tenderloin, the Northern Waterfront, the Western Addition, Japantown, Polk Gulch, the Richmond, Civic Center and the South of Market area. We play the roles of neighborhood advocates, community organizers, planners, developers, and managers of affordable housing.

The plan to remove the TBMS at the Pagoda site will minimize construction impacts, including traffic disruptions and impacts to local businesses, within the North Beach community. In addition, this plan will not create a physical impediment to a potential future extension of the T Third Line to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf.

I understand that removing the TBMs at the Pagoda Palace site would involve construction impacts, such as noise and dust, and that these impacts will be mitigated as outlined in the existing approved environmental document. I support the Pagoda Palace option because it represents a significant improvement over the existing plan.

I encourage you to move forward with the steps required to realize the Pagoda Palace option so we can minimize the construction impacts to the North Beach community while avoiding impediments to a future extension of the T Third Line.

Sincerely,

Rev. Norman Fong
Executive Director
Chinatown Community Development Center



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February 2, 2013

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Dear SFMTA Board of Directors,

Russian Hill Neighbors, a 600 household and membership neighborhood organization, strongly support the proposed plan to remove the Central Subway Project's tunnel boring machines (TBMs) at the Pagoda Palace site. This plan will minimize construction impacts, including traffic disruptions and impacts to local businesses, within the North Beach community. In addition, by removing the TBMs from the ground, this plan, in contrast to the other options under consideration, will not create a physical impediment to a potential future extension of the T Third Line to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf.

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Sincerely,

Tina Moylan
President

Chau, Betty

From: Boomer, Roberta
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Reiskin, Ed; Friedlander, Julia; Sue, Candace; Funghi, John; Cheryl Brinkman; Cristina Rubke; Jerry Lee; Joel Ramos; Leona Bridges; Malcolm Heinicke; Tom Nolan
Cc: Halasz, Erin; Chau, Betty
Subject: FW: T Line Pagoda extraction

-----Original Message-----

From: MTABoard
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 10:51 AM
To: 'Julie Christensen'
Subject: RE: T Line Pagoda extraction

Dear Ms. Christensen:

Thank you for taking the time to write to the SFMTA Board of Directors regarding the Central Subway project. The Board has received your letter and please know that they appreciate hearing from you. The Director of Transportation, Ed Reiskin, sent a message to the neighborhood last Friday about the status of the City's efforts re: relocating the tunnel boring machine retrieval site.

You can view it online at <http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c178f3dd9100b6963a6cf2cea&id=d639b530e0&e=9d2e42245d>.

Sincerely,

Roberta Boomer
Secretary, SFMTA Board of Directors

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Christensen [<mailto:julie@surfacework.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 2:57 PM
To: MTABoard
Subject: T Line Pagoda extraction

Chairman Nolan and the MTA Board:

I attended the December 4, 2012 board meeting to speak in favor of changing the extraction of the T Line Subway TBMs from the busy Columbus and Union intersection to the Pagoda Palace site. I continue to hope the MTA will make that happen.

But many of my neighbors and friends are even more deeply enthusiastic about the prospect of the extension of the T Line to North Beach. At that December 4 hearing I felt the MTA Board shared our enthusiasm. The discussions in North Beach over the past 6 months have shifted dramatically from the woes of extraction to anticipation - expectation! - of a North Beach station. It is a perfect case of the opportunities inherent in seizing the moment. "Make no small plans for they have no power to stir the soul."

We continue to hope that, despite all the entanglements, some sound and innovative thinking will clear a path to North Beach's future. Please, help us make it happen!

Regards,
Julienne Christensen