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Meet the candidates, week 23: “Do you support the Geary/19th Subway?”

Yes, I support the Geary/19th Ave. Subway Project. Building a subway to the Richmond District would improve public transit access and help residents rely less on their cars.

However, oftentimes, while stakeholders can all agree on the vision of transit development of this scale, the challenges have always been about staying on budget, completing on time and mitigating negative impacts in advance. This is why before the city moves forward with a Geary/19th Ave. Subway, we must evaluate lessons learned from the Central Subway, Van Ness BRT [bus rapid transit] and other large scale transit projects, to make sure we have a plan to protect our small businesses on our neighborhood commercial corridors, and vulnerable tenants in the construction area. We have to ensure everyone can still be here to receive the benefits of the new transit project.