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## Comment on Accepting the Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework

1 message

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**Elliot Schwartz** <elliott.schwartz@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:06 PM

SFCTA Members:

I urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to keep JFK in Golden Gate park car-free. This road has been transformed from a High Injury corridor into a safe, environmentally friendly part of the park. It is one of the few spaces in San Francisco where even our children can walk, bike, and explore independently.

Elliot Schwartz  
D10 San Francisco



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## JFK closure

1 message

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**Kay Roberts** <felis@mindspring.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:06 PM

My name is Kay Roberts. I live in Glen Park. I am a member of the DeYoung and the Academy of Sciences.

I'm 81 years old and have lived in the Mission or Castro for over 50 years.

I've had many wonderful times on JFK: walking, bike riding, being out (too) early with a baby and later watching him learn to ride a bike or roller blade on JFK.

Now that my friends and I are old our walking group has walked on the newly closed JFK. With no cars it is much much better. I love it; keep it closed to cars.

Sent from my iPad



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## Public Comment - item #7 on tomorrow's board meeting agenda

1 message

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**Sarah Boudreau** <boudreau.sarah.m@gmail.com>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:34 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: "ChanStaff (BOS)" &lt;ChanStaff@sfgov.org&gt;, Supervisor Catherine Stefani &lt;stefanistaff@sfgov.org&gt;

I am writing to offer public comment in regards to agenda item #7 at the May 11, 2021 board meeting. As a district 1 resident, homeowner, commuter, and recreater, I am asking you to keep the JFK Drive temporary closure in place 24/7 during the current outreach process (and I also support permanent safe recreation space free of cars in Golden Gate Park). Keeping JFK Drive open to people to safely recreate has given myself and others a place to breathe, play, and enjoy the city during the current health orders and we must keep this momentum up for future SF generations! During the public outreach process this summer, we must address the needs of people with disabilities, communities of color, and further-from-the park neighborhoods that have expressed concerns about access to the park. Please approve Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of the safe JFK Drive promenade and work towards addressing the accessibility and equity needs within the park while keeping the space safe and open to people.

I reject the narrative that opening JFK Drive to cars solves any of these real issues and I challenge the working group and framework to tackle these solvable issues while making safe, open, car-free streets a named priority, not an afterthought. It is important to me to emphasize that we can have a small car-free portion of a road in a park, and also allow and encourage folks to drive to the same park, on other open roads with open parking, to also enjoy the attractions and car-free spaces - it is a false dichotomy that these cannot both happen. We can also add ADA parking, improve transit, and make bikeshare feasible in our largest park - it is an exciting chance to do it all instead of returning to the "old normal" of high-injury traffic inside of a park where drivers, bikers, walkers, kids, and elders were all frustrated. This outreach process and opportunity to create permanent safe park space is a chance for San Francisco to be a national leader both in prioritizing sustainable transportation and access to our parks, and in making our parks a destination in and of themselves - let's do it!

Thank you for your hard work and time on this.

Sarah

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**Sarah Boudreau**

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## Preserve recreation and fun on JFK in Golden Gate Park

1 message

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'Greg Gaar' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>  
Reply-To: Greg Gaar <dunetansy@yahoo.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org  
Cc: dean.preston@sfgov.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:52 PM

Dear SFCTA members,

Permanently closing JFK to cars in Golden Gate Park is long overdue. I volunteer in the Park everyday propagating native plants and maintaining gardens. Nothing has a more adverse impact on Golden Gate Park than the danger of the thousands of cars that speed through the park everyday. At the very least, JFK Drive should be permanently closed to motor vehicles.

All you have to do is abide by existing polices and objectives adopted by our city.

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan states, "Reduce the impacts of motor vehicles on the park experience".

San Francisco is a Transit First City, Seven Muni lines travel adjacent to Golden Gate Park including the 5 Fulton, 7 Haight, 21 Hayes, 33 Ashbury,, 43 Masonic, N Judah. The 44 line travels from the Bayview Hunters Point and through the Music Concourse. I ride Muni everyday and it is extremely easy to access Golden Gate Park by public transit.. The Park Shuttle should expand it's operation to connect with all of these Muni lines,

The Board of Supervisors has unanimously declared an emergency on pedestrian fatalities and climate change, Both of which are caused predominately by our overuse of motor vehicles.

Vision Zero is an ongoing city effort to stop pedestrians from being killed by motor vehicles,

The permanent closure of JFK to motor vehicles would be a positive step in following the goals set by the city.and would make JFK "Drive" the safe and fun recreational experience that it has become over the last year, Golden Gate Park is suppose to be "a relief from urban pressure" as stated in the park's Mission Statement. Let's do something for Golden Gate Park that everyone will be proud of. It's a park, not a parking lot,

Thanks,  
Greg Gaar



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## Jfk

1 message

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'YinLan Zhang' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>  
Reply-To: YinLan Zhang <yinlanz@yahoo.com>  
To: "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:55 PM

You should not accept a report manipulated by political influential people who want to open jfk to cars again and take away one of the few refuges from cars in this city. Car free jfk is not racist, it is not exclusive, it does not reduce access to the park, it only reduces access to cars to a small portion of the park which the people and especially the children of this city deserve! This city is plagued by high rate of pedestrian death and injury, terrible climate harming car traffic, and a political body that declares a transit first city and a climate emergency without the courage or the vision to take on the city's car dependency that literally kills way too many innocent people every year and will kill the ecological future of this planet. Do not accept this reductive and regressive thinking. Car dependency is a disease and the city needs to tackle it with the same urgency as it did COVID. Give the park back to the people, back to the kids. Keep JFK car free permanently.

Sincerely,

YinLan Zhang  
SF resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**Britney Milton** <britney.milton@sfcta.org>

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## Keep JFK Drive Permanently Car-Free

1 message

**Calvin Thigpen** <thigpen.calvin.g@gmail.com>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 3:26 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: dean.preston@sfgov.org, mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org, chanstaff@sfgov.org, matt.haney@sfgov.org, MelgarStaff@sfgov.org

Hello,

I am a resident of the Richmond. My wife, son, daughter and I frequently use car-free JFK for walks, bike rides, and exercise.

As the SFCTA considers the next steps in the GGP Access Study, I urge the agency and supervisors to take action to make JFK Drive car-free permanently.

As the report makes clear in Figures 5 and 6, there is plentiful car parking throughout the park, including directly under the museum concourse, and the stretch of JFK that is car-free has been the site of numerous traffic crashes and is designated part of the city's "high injury network". Let's address accessibility concerns for disabled visitors and for those trying to get the park from parts of the city and broader Bay Area that are harder to reach, such as SF's southeast neighborhoods.

The Museum Concourse Community Partnership and the Concourse Garage board should work with the city to reduce the cost of employee parking and expand disabled parking. With an 800-space garage currently under-utilized, we should explore ways to use the existing capacity (commuter benefits? reduced rates for employees?) rather than return JFK to the "old normal" of car traffic and parking.

I am also concerned about the make-up of the working group organized to guide the future of JFK Drive. There needs to be more input from parents of small children who currently use JFK Drive in future working groups and community outreach.

Car-Free JFK and other SF slow streets have been a rare positive in a terrible year. The city needs more streets like these to make it feasible, comfortable, and safe to get around by walking, biking, and transit, not less! There is plentiful evidence that these steps help get more people out of cars and onto bikes and other active modes (e.g. <https://www.pnas.org/content/118/15/e2024399118>).

Please keep JFK Drive car-free, permanently.

Thank you,  
Calvin Thigpen



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**SFCTA comment on #7 - REJECT Final Report that doesn't put safety first**

1 message

**Scott Feeney** <scott@oceanbase.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 3:39 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org, rpdinfo@sfgov.org

SFCTA directors,

I am writing about Item #7 on your agenda. I urge you to REJECT the Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework. This report fails to center safe enjoyment of the park by children and all park users, and reflects deeply flawed priorities.

The report makes no mention of the need for a car-free space to safely enjoy Golden Gate Park. Kids and people of all ages have enjoyed newly created car-free space on JFK Drive as a destination in itself, a destination which is wildly popular with San Franciscans and visitors. But you would not know that from this report that treats JFK Drive merely as a way to get from Point A to Point B.

Instead of safe recreation, the report's priorities include, "Define a clear path for traffic through the park which doesn't impede goods, services, customers or employees" (p. 28). But why should traffic be going *through* the park at all? It is a park, not a highway. Presuming that streets like JFK Drive should provide a through route for car and truck traffic is antithetical to San Francisco's climate, Vision Zero, and mode-shift goals, and would only lead towards outcomes that reverse recent progress and eliminate the great joy Car-Free JFK (along with other newly created car-free spaces) has enabled.

I have been a San Francisco resident for 7 years. Until last year when Car-Free JFK was created, I rarely spent much time in Golden Gate Park because there was so much car traffic coursing through every section of it that it made many parts of the park loud, dangerous, and unpleasant. Car-free space has finally created the potential in the park to really relax. But it isn't just about me. My friends who are parents have been increasing their visits even more; it's finally safe to take the kids and let them run wild, not worrying about a vehicular tragedy. I've also convinced adult friends who were long scared of bicycling to finally try it with me in the safety of Car-Free JFK (and Middle, Overlook and MLK Jr Drives).

These kinds of experiences are why Car-Free JFK has been overwhelmingly popular with San Franciscans and visitors. As of January, the Recreation and Parks Department had received social media feedback totaling 279 comments in favor and 13 opposed, by email 1,413 to 10 in favor, and 311 calls 2 to 1 in favor (<https://www.sfcta.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/RecPark%20Web%20Based%20Outreach.pdf>). Yet the report before you today ignores this overwhelming popularity in favor of several parochial and special-interest concerns that can in no way be compared to the importance of safety or the recreational experiences for which the park exists in the first place.

Golden Gate Park deserves better. Again, I urge you to reject this report before you today and demand a process centered around safe enjoyment of the park by kids and all San Franciscans and visitors.

Sincerely,  
Scott Feeney  
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## Public comment on item #7 on tomorrow's agenda

1 message

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**Dan Tasse** <dan.tasse@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 3:49 PM

Dear SFCTA Clerk,

I'm writing to offer public comment about the Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group for tomorrow's board meeting.

Please reject the final report! It prioritizes a "clear path for traffic", but fails to prioritize the safety of children and all city residents to enjoy the park. If we prioritize traffic over people, the park will continue to be used as a cut through for commuting, endangering park users and destroying one of the only good side effects of the last year.

We have an opportunity to make a real progressive change here by making the park for the people, not for cars; it could be a worldwide landmark, like Central Park. Or we could continue to have cars racing through there and causing accidents. Please choose the former.

Thank you,  
Dan Tasse  
94110



Britney Milton <[britney.milton@sfcta.org](mailto:britney.milton@sfcta.org)>

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## Reject the GGP Working Group and Action Framework

1 message

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**Phil Crone** <[philip.crone@gmail.com](mailto:philip.crone@gmail.com)>  
To: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 3:54 PM

Hello,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to urge you to reject the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework. Safety for San Francisco residents, particularly children, should be our top priority. Making JFK car free has greatly enhanced the safety of GGP, while the proposed framework would return us to the status quo of deadly streets.

Reject this framework that excludes the safety, health & joy of San Francisco's children. Demand that kids and families be represented going forward. Approve Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of Kid Safe JFK, and work towards addressing the accessibility and equity needs while keeping this space Kid Safe and open to all people.

Many thanks,  
Phil Crone  
San Francisco District 10 resident



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## Public comment item 7: please reject "working group" report

1 message

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**Cliff Bargar** <cliff.bargar@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:02 PM

Dear Commissioners of the SFCTA,

I write urging you to reject this working group's report unless substantial changes are made. It is clear that the report is lacking crucial stakeholder viewpoints representing the interests of vulnerable park users of all ages. Before last April JFK Drive was on the City's high injury network. This report does not address the needs of safe park space both for children to learn and play and for San Franciscans of all ages (from adolescents through retirees) to have a crucial east-west connection to safely travel through the City on foot, by bike, or in other forms of active transportation.

I applaud the efforts to improve park access for all, including those who don't have viable active transportation routes or public transportation connections for reaching the park from far corners of the City. But returning to the pre-pandemic status quo in which JFK Drive provided free parking for museum employees in-lieu of an adequate TDM plan and functioned as a cut-through route for drivers looking for an alternative to Fulton or Geary would fall far short of our City's Vision Zero goals, climate goals, and equitable access goals. I urge you to extend the current road "opening" for another year and include stakeholders representing these crucial needs in conversations going forward.

Thank you,  
Cliff Bargar  
Potrero Hill

Britney Milton <[britney.milton@sfcta.org](mailto:britney.milton@sfcta.org)>

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## Comment on Golden Gate Park Stakeholder Working Group and Action Framework

1 message

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Sara Barz <[skbarz@gmail.com](mailto:skbarz@gmail.com)>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:16 PM

To: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)Cc: [hello@kidsafeggpp.com](mailto:hello@kidsafeggpp.com)

Hi,

I am concerned about three main **significant** issues that I see with the proposed the framework:

1. The part of Supervisor Walton's argument against KidSafe GGP for which I have the most sympathy is that the residents of SFMTA's equity neighborhoods have been left out of the decision making process in favor of those who live closer to Golden Gate Park. For that reason, you should also do "Neighborhood Area Meetings" in the SFMTA Equity neighborhoods and not just in the neighborhoods that border Golden Gate Park.
2. Methodologically speaking, it is not sufficient to interview only to the neighbors of Golden Gate Park. I strongly encourage you to do a Golden Gate Park Visitor Intercept study (similar to the [Shopper Access study I led on Telegraph Avenue in 2014/2015](#)) to understand where many Park visitors live and how they access Golden Gate Park.
3. "*Table 1. Park access needs articulated by working group members*" seems to entirely miss the point of what makes Kid Safe JFK so wonderful to the thousands of people who frequent that space every week. There is a huge demand -- i.e. a Need -- for a big open right of way (protected from motor vehicles) where kids (and adults) can safely play on bikes, skates, scooters, etc. The needs expressed do not capture the very essence of how tens of thousands of people have been using the park since the start of the Pandemic.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to add representatives from the Equity neighborhoods and Kid Safe GGP groups as working group stakeholders. It doesn't make sense that both those groups are missing from this process.

Thank you,  
Sara Barz, MCP '15, UC Berkeley  
Sunnyside resident (D7)  
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## REJECT GoldenGatePark Working Group Framework: STOP trashing assaulting & killing us

1 message

fennel &lt;fennel@emcaso.com&gt;

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:18 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: "dean.preston@sfgov.org" &lt;dean.preston@sfgov.org&gt;, Greg Gaar &lt;dunetansy@yahoo.com&gt;

SFCTA,

I am writing to urge you to **REJECT** the Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework.

1. Actions that suggest signage at children's eye-level and language to warn motorists of "children present" point to an out-of-touch working group, who has not included working families or youth themselves.

We, among other SF based family groups, emailed Rachel Hiat about our concerns on November 23, 2020. Our hope was to nominate a D1 mom or guardian to the CTA work group, who would represent all families especially underrepresented families who identify as a POC.

2. we DEMAND PEACE. STOP murder & assault with a vehicle from happening in our park . When you restrict representation from the very group that is disproportionately affected by traffic violence, the end result is poor governance and deliberately skewed towards a predisposed conclusion. One preschool director on the working group is NOT representation.

3. We MUST #1 guiding principle - be a place of healing to living beings. we need REGENERATIVE energy in the park to be protected. It is a LIFE or DEATH matter. Local native species are going extinct NOW. STOP prioritizing the folks who choose to TRASH our natural park wildlife.

Greg Gaar is a LONG TIME expert native plant gardener/librarian who works in Golden Gate Park. His land use methodology should be the #1 design consideration to ensure the home to so many wild endemic species can be a thriving sanctuary where we co-exist kindly for years to come. Carbon sequestration MUST begin NOW.

#### 4. FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION

Having the park be carfree is 40 years PAST DUE. We need ACTION. NOT more talk.

David Miles (Godfather of Skate with the Church of 8 is an international icon, and living legend) has been fighting for an END to environmental racism for way too long. We MUST have public health safety in our local park.we MUST OPEN PARK ROAD for ALL active mobile users. ADA is easy to resolve.

5. SF is wayyy behind the times. The year 2021, and your excessive analysis equates to degenerates in redtape, with 2 masks on unable to breathe the ocean air since it is PURPLE, and toxic.

You are literally killing us with each day of a delay. #solarpunk is a global movement that is happening on our planet. We need proven solutions to be implemented NOW, here. This is essential, and NON-NEGOTIABLE. The soil can save us!

For example: Central Park in NYC went carfree 100% 3 years ago. Prospect Park in Brooklyn went carfree 100% 3 years ago. 2018! Urban people need parks to be carfree!

6 Jesai Andrews, is a 12 year old boy who was KILLED by #trafficviolence in SF this year.

My family is furious with your inability to act on behalf of the well being of local public school families, in particular. The city has become a hostile, violent, scary place that enables pollution at an alarming rate. We need to keep the happiest spot in town (Golden Gate Park) FREE for all, and INCLUSIVE, safe and eco-kind. We are EXAHAUSTED, ANGRY and SUFFERING.

Our family has logged over 1000 miles since March 2020 going to park and beach from Divis to get centered and feel good. #RxRolligion NOW. We run, walk, skate board, roller skate, ride, dance, and surf.

I have been taking a crew of kids on bikes from FILLMORE #BlackLivesMatter mural < > #OceanBeach to get centered, energized, and free. The road is car free, so we GO. It is a NO GO if cars are allowed in GGP. It is a NO GO option if deadly cars are present. The kids need time to burn pent up energy in nature, and to be unplugged. #VisionZero NOW

Again, we urge you to REJECT the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework.

There is power in the flower and it is called peace.

Thank you,  
Fennel Doyle  
#D5 Weather Reporters  
15 year D5 resident



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## Item 7: please reject the GGP draft report

1 message

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**Michael Chen** <cheninator@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:33 PM

Dear members of the CTA:

I am writing to urge you to reject the Golden Gate Park working group draft report because it neglects . The needs highlighted on Page 12 do not sufficiently prioritize the safety, enjoyment and public health of its users. The working group should also think about how to make Golden Gate Park a place that attracts more users so that we have a better use of public land.

Please reject this report and advise the working group to focus on keeping users safe, providing attractive activities, and improving the quality of life.

Thank you,  
Michael Chen



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## SFCTA comment re: Draft Golden Gate Park Stakeholder Framework

1 message

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**Heidi Petersen** <heidipetersen@gmail.com>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:42 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: dean.preston@sfgov.org, MTABoard@sfmta.com, recpark.commission@sfgov.org

### **I would like the board to reject the proposed framework.**

The Golden Gate Park Stakeholder Draft specifically neglects groups they claim to prioritize, directly undermines city priorities such as Vision Zero, Transit First, the climate emergency and using parks for recreation. This framework accepts the injury and death of people using Golden Gate Park, specifically prioritizing traffic impacts in other parts of the city over recreational users and safe active transportation. It further dedicates more work to promoting non-resident tourism to museums and improvements to driver experiences over any form of safety improvements on existing roads, despite the injuries and deaths that occur due to vehicle traffic in the park.

Recreational activities and active transport such as walking, biking, roller skating, and running are not protected or prioritized in this framework. There appear to be no efforts to address the fact that three of the streets bordering the park and the largest street in the park are part of the High Injury Network, virtually guaranteeing more people will die on these streets if this framework is adopted. This increased danger will also presumably lead to decrease in recreational use of the park.

Suggestions arising from this framework appear to be primarily traffic mitigation studies and parking, including paving additional parts of the park to turn into additional parking lots. This framework fails to provide any meaningful attempts to address the safety of park users, discussing disability access while failing to address that wheelchair users are three times more likely to be hit by cars than the average pedestrian. The needs of the museums again appear to be prioritized over park users as freight access for their very specialized needs gets more time than all than all transit access, local and regional. This seems a particular failure when you see that shuttles to parking lots and monitoring garage occupancy are called out as part of "Transit Access". Why are there no action items to monitor bicycle use as transportation to the park? What about monitoring the number of riders using transit to get to the park? Similarly this framework discusses discouraging pass-through traffic but does not address implementation of such a goal in either the short or long term actions. Again, this feels like accepting that people will die so others can drive in the park and counter to San Francisco's adopted goals and specifically undermine the highest and best uses of a city park.

### **I have specific concerns relating to how this framework fails to address many of the exact communities it claims to prioritize.**

For example addressing youth access with parking, while the reliance on cars to get to parks is a significant barrier for youth park access in itself. Biking, jogging and running is the second largest category of youth outdoor activity, yet providing a space for people to run or bike safely, particularly for a new rider is completely neglected. The safety of the children biking and playing in the park is clearly negatively impacted by cars in the park - and yet completely ignored in this framework.

In Appendix A several specific groups needs are called out including youth, seniors, people with disabilities, communities of color and park volunteers. However the solutions appear to all involve parking, while youth, seniors, people with disabilities and communities of color are all among the groups least likely to have access to reliable private transportation and thus least likely to need parking. I have summarized the data regarding these issues below.

#### **Disabled Access:**

"About 65 percent of people with disabilities drive a car or other motor vehicle compared with 88 percent of nondisabled persons. On average, disabled drivers drive 5 days per week compared with 6 days per week for nondisabled drivers (see appendix table 32 and table 33)." [https://www.bts.gov/archive/publications/freedom\\_to\\_travel/data\\_analysis](https://www.bts.gov/archive/publications/freedom_to_travel/data_analysis)

#### **Youth Access:**

"many CA youth express transportation is a major barrier preventing them from visiting natural areas and participating in outdoor recreation[33]. Much like other park visitors[37], under-resourced youth primarily rely on cars to get to parks and open spaces. This reliance on private automobiles may be an issue, since many under-resourced youth may not have

access to a car. More generally, youth in the Bay Area Open Space Council, et al.[33] study indicated transportation was an issue because they "did not know how to get to the parks", "it was too expensive", and "it took too much time get there"."

[http://online.sfsu.edu/nroberts/documents/research/Youth%20and%20Nature%20LitReview\\_April2012\\_Roberts\\_final.pdf](http://online.sfsu.edu/nroberts/documents/research/Youth%20and%20Nature%20LitReview_April2012_Roberts_final.pdf)  
 "Neighborhood access to outdoor recreation locations(27.7%), lack of transportation(20.7%) and safety concerns(12.9%) were less common but significant reasons that children did not spend time outdoors."

Children's Time Outdoors: Results and Implications of the National Kids Survey. Lincoln R. Larson, Gary T. Green, H.K. Cordell Journal of Park and Recreation Administration Summer 2011. [https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/ja/2011/ja\\_2011\\_larson\\_001.pdf](https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/ja/2011/ja_2011_larson_001.pdf)

### Communities of Color:

Another concern is that the map of "Muni Equity Strategy Neighborhoods" was included and yet seemingly ignored, as many of the findings under park access needs neglected the 15% or more of households that don't have a car in those neighborhoods. I have attached a map by zipcode of the percentages of people without a car in the southern part of the city. This document appears to claim that communities of color in the southern part of the city are advantaged by parking, while the community with the highest percentage of car ownership in the southern half of the city is St. Francis Wood. The lowest is Bayview/Hunters Point. Neglecting 15% of a community in favor of a more resourced 85% mirrors the way Black communities are routinely disadvantaged by theoretically race-blind policies. We need to promote additional and better safe public transit for these communities, not neglect them, turning these neighborhoods into islands of traffic violence where they must pay for an expensive vehicle to get to the parks.

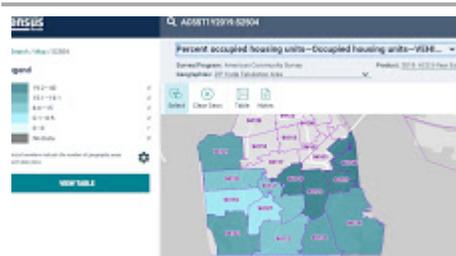
Thank you,

Heidi Petersen

- D5 resident and frequent user of Golden Gate Park
- great granddaughter of a woman killed while crossing the street
- friend of a child killed sitting in her living room when a car drove through the wall
- bicyclist hit by a truck on a San Francisco street in a bike lane while going straight forward

PS here's the link to the census data pictured in the attached graphic if you wish to explore it in more detail.

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Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## Reject the Golden Gate Park Working Group Framework and demand kids and families be represented going forward

1 message

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**Zack Rosen** <zack@pantheon.io>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:45 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org, Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org, Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfmta.com, recpark.commission@sfgov.org, MTABoard@sfmta.com, Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, ChanStaff@sfgov.org, Catherine Stefani &lt;catherine.stefani@sfgov.org&gt;, Aaron Peskin &lt;aaron.peskin@sfgov.org&gt;, Gordon Mar &lt;gordon.mar@sfgov.org&gt;, Dean.Preston@sfgov.org, Matt Haney &lt;matt.haney@sfgov.org&gt;, MelgarStaff@sfgov.org, MandelmanStaff@sfgov.org, Hillary Ronen &lt;hillary.ronen@sfgov.org&gt;, Shamann Walton &lt;shamann.walton@sfgov.org&gt;, Ahsha &lt;ahsha.safai@sfgov.org&gt;, hello@kidsafesf.com

Supervisors (and SFCTA Commissioners),

I am writing as the father of a 4 year old (Pax) and a 1 year old (Vera). Cars are the #1 killer of kids in the US. The last place we should be turning into a death trap is the main pedestrian walkway in our cities most important park.

The Golden Gate Park Working Group lacked dedicated representation for the kids and families of San Francisco, resulting in a process that framework that excluded and neglected the needs of kids (and their families).

The working group's framework is the status quo for deadly streets — our kids' lives come first, especially in our park where kids should be free to be kids. I urge you to experience the joy and freedom of kids on JFK to understand what you have given to the kids of San Francisco (and what you're considering taking away).

Please reject this framework, demand that kids and families be directly represented going forward, and approve Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of Kid Safe JFK, while working towards addressing the accessibility and equity needs and keeping this space Kid Safe and open to all San Franciscans.

Thank you,

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**Zack Rosen**  
D7 San Francisco



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## Public comment for item #7 at tomorrow's board meeting

1 message

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**Jesse Gortarez** <jgortarez@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:48 PM

Hello,

I'm writing in regard to agenda item #7: Accept the Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework [NTIP Planning]

**I urge the board to reject this report.** This city has made commitments to its citizens that are reflections of our stated values. That our lives are worth protecting, that climate change is real and we need to take action to turn the tide.

This report fulfills neither of those commitments. Vision Zero is 3 years away from completion and deaths have risen. About 30 people die every year and hundreds more are injured because prioritizing the ability of 3 ton metal boxes to zip around, mere feet away from fragile human bodies, all so the driver can get somewhere slightly faster, turns out to be a bad idea. And because of the individualism and selfishness that permeates our society... Should anyone be surprised that the convenience of a person driving from one part of our city to another, or even better, just driving through it, should garner more support and fire than the death of a child, a hundred children, thousands — in a country that watches children die in mass shootings and does nothing to curtail gun violence? Maybe not...but we're San Francisco, we're supposed to be better. We're supposed to be visionaries, leaders, progressives.

This report keeps alive the regressive thinking that got us into our climate crisis. The same flawed thinking paid for and pushed by the auto and fossil fuel industries that the city of the future is one built around the car. Look around. Does it feel like this is the city of the future, like we're even headed in the right direction? We're about to once again be buried in ash and red-tier air in a couple months. Whole populations of people are cut off from the rest of the city unless they have a car or a couple hours to kill on our wheezing public transit system. The city of the future sure looks backwards.

"But what about people with disabilities?" There are some people who, given our current lack of alternative infrastructure, genuinely need a car and we should do everything in our power to make this a livable city for them too. But no reasonable solution to the problems of disabled members of our city should necessitate multi-lane roads through residential neighborhoods, or through-roads in every section of a park. Finding genuinely good solutions that factor in those needs and the greater pressing needs of our climate should be our goal.

Rejecting this report is a start. Let me be clear: this decision and the work that will need to be done isn't so someone in their 60's today can live to see that better world. No, things are going to get worse over the coming decades, certainly in regards to the climate — even if we do everything right. We'll do it so that there's something left to preserve when the children of today and tomorrow get to their midlives. And hopefully they'll exercise the strength and compassion their parents and grandparents didn't, to see that saving the environment, saving lives is more important than saving someone 10 minutes of travel time in their world-destroying metal box.

Time to really think outside the box. Do the right thing, reject this report and urge the group to put people first, put the environment first, and lay a foundation for a better city.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Gortarez



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## Public comment - Accepting the final report for the GGP Working Group and Action Framework

1 message

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**Drew McDaniel** <damcdaniel@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:49 PM

Hello SFCTA board,

I'm getting in touch concerning the GGP working group and action framework final report. I urge you to reject this report for the following reasons:

1. I don't believe the stakeholders most impacted by changes to the current car-free section of JFK have been adequately represented in the working group. Namely children, families, people with disabilities or anyone else who access JFK drive without a car.
2. The very narrow needs of two private organizations (the DeYoung museum and the Academy of Sciences) have been elevated to a level of importance that is not warranted or appropriate. Free parking for their employees should not take priority over the safety of children in a park.
3. "Defining a clear path through the park that doesn't impede goods, services, customers or employees," should not be a goal of this working group and should definitely not trump the safety of people who use the park for it's intended purpose. The city and the SFCTA should be doing everything it can to divert traffic away from the park, not making it as easy and fast as possible to pass through it.

Golden Gate Park, and the car-free road segments inside it, has been an oasis over the past year. My wife and I live in the Tenderloin, far from open green space. We ride our bikes to Golden Gate Park nearly every weekend to enjoy the reclaimed space opened up by eliminating car traffic from JFK.

I don't feel that our needs, or the needs of tens-of-thousands of other city residents who want a safe and quiet place to be outside and exercise, have been adequately represented in this report, and I urge you to reject it.

Thank you very much!

Drew McDaniel  
Vice Chair, Lower Polk Neighbors  
Vice President, Tenderloin Merchants Association  
Secretary, 719 Larkin Homeowners Association



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Britney Milton <britney.milton@sfcta.org>

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## Please reject the working group framework for JFK Drive

1 message

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**Robin Pam** <rsvprobin@gmail.com>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:49 PM

Reply-To: rsvprobin@gmail.com

To: "MelgarStaff@sfgov.org" <MelgarStaff@sfgov.org>, "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

Hi SFCTA,

I live in Sunnyside (district 7) with my family. KidSafe SF alerted me that the framework being used to decide the future of JFK Drive has left children's safety completely out of the picture.

My 5 year old recently rode his bike from the music concourse all the way to the zoo on safe roads. I panicked every time we crossed an intersection with cars, but thankfully there were only 2 on our entire ride. I wish you could have seen the look of pride and joy on his face when we reached the end.

Without safe spaces like JFK and the great highway, the only places for him to ride are outside of the city, meaning we have to get in the car and drive to them. If these roads go away, the best place we have for kids to bike in San Francisco is literally the balboa reservoir parking lot.

Please, cars and museums have had priority for decades. Don't leave children's safety out of the conversation about the future of public space in SF.

Thanks,  
Robin Pam

D7 resident



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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**Public Comment, Agenda Item #7 on Accept Final Report for GGP Working Group**1 message

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**Julio Buendia** <jbuendia829@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:52 PM

To whom it may concern,

Supervisors, reject this Working Group Framework. It's status quo for deadly streets. Our kids' lives come first, second, and third. Especially in our park, where kids should be free to be kids. I beg you to come experience the joy and freedom of children on Kid Safe JFK.

Reject this framework that excludes the safety, health & joy of San Francisco's children. Demand that kids and families be represented going forward. Approve Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of Kid Safe JFK, and work towards addressing the accessibility and equity needs while keeping this space Kid Safe and open to all people.

Best,  
Julio Buendia  
94109



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## Reject Golden Gate Park Working Group Framework

1 message

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**Cora Shaw** <cora.shaw@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:57 PM

Supervisors,

I am a senior living in SF District 8 and have grandchildren. We want to enjoy GGP without the danger of fast moving traffic on JFK. We want a KidSafe JFK.

Please **reject** the Golden Gate Working Group Framework. It does not take into account our children's safety, freedom and joy.

We demand that kids and families be represented going forward. **Approve** Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of Kid Safe JFK, and work towards addressing the accessibility and equity needs while keeping this space Kid Safe and open to all people.

Thank you,

Cora Shaw



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## Public comment - item #7

1 message

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**Jerry Reiva** <jerry.reiva@gmail.com>  
To: "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:59 PM

I am reaching out to offer comment on tomorrow's board meeting (May 11th, 2021) in regards to item #7 (Final Report For The Golden Gate Park Working Group).

I urge the board to REJECT the final report as it's incredibly inaccurate. The report fails to mention the need for people to be able to recreate in a car-free environment, which was the initial reason it was closed to cars at the beginning of the pandemic. In a city of our size and population, car-free spaces are indispensable and the amount of people from all walks of life who enjoyed it during the covid-19 pandemic proves this. The report instead focuses on drivers getting from A to B through the park. Golden Gate Park is the easily one of the best things about San Francisco and it should be the destination not just a scenic view from behind the windshield of a car as you sit in traffic along JFK Drive. Parks are for people and not places to simply drive through or store your car. The planet is in a climate crisis and we should be actively incentivizing visitors and museum employees to arrive and enjoy our park in ways that are more environmentally-friendly. San Francisco has another opportunity to lead the nation in this regard and we shouldn't fail younger generations yet again. JFK, as it is now, is more open to people than it ever has been!

Kind regards,

Jerry R.  
Resident of District 1.



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Britney Milton <britney.milton@sfcta.org>

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## Please reject SFCTA's GGP "action framework".

1 message

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**Kenneth Russell** <krlist@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 5:01 PM

Hello,

Please reject SFCTA's GGP "action framework".

We need to handle this with the Climate Emergency and Vision Zero as top priorities.

Thanks,  
Kenneth



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## Reject the GGP Action Framework final report

1 message

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**Charles Whitfield** <whitfield.cw@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 5:08 PM

Supervisors,

My name is Charles Whitfield, a San Francisco resident and voter. I'm writing to urge you to reject the GGP Action Framework final report. The framework excludes considerations of safety for non-car users of the park, the city's climate goals, and wrongly equates "access" to the park with car access, when transit, pedestrian, and bike access deserve equal or greater consideration.

Instead please approve Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of Car-Free JFK. Or better yet, make Car-Free JFK permanent today. Car-Free JFK is aligned with San Francisco's climate goals and safety values. It should be permanent. We don't need a study to know this.

The only study that is needed is one to determine how best to ensure GGP's plentiful parking is available to visitors to the museums, by enacting time limits, pricing, or some other mechanism.

Sincerely,  
Charles Whitfield



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Britney Milton <[britney.milton@sfcta.org](mailto:britney.milton@sfcta.org)>

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## keeping JFK closed

1 message

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**John R Manning** <[johnrmanning@gmail.com](mailto:johnrmanning@gmail.com)>  
To: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 6:16 PM

Supervisors, **reject** the Working Group Framework. It's status quo for deadly streets. Our kids' lives come first, second, and third. Especially in our park, where kids should be free to be kids. I beg you to come experience the joy and freedom of children on Kid Safe JFK.

Reject this framework that excludes the safety, health & joy of San Francisco's children. Demand that kids and families be represented going forward. **Approve** Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of Kid Safe JFK, and work towards addressing the accessibility and equity needs while keeping this space Kid Safe and open to all people.

John R. Manning  
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## 10:00 JFK safety

1 message

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**David Tejada** <[dtrepairs@gmail.com](mailto:dtrepairs@gmail.com)>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:27 PM

To: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)

Hello,

Reject Golden Gate Park Working Group Framework”

I'm a 70YO person with a perminate lower extremity handicap,

From My personal experience, I have found the elimination of cars on JFK in

GGP to be very beneficial for me to use the park. Much safer for me and many others who use the park.

Please continue to keep cars off of that area of the park.

Sincerely,

David Tejada

[Dtrepairs@gmail.com](mailto:Dtrepairs@gmail.com)

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Britney Milton <[britney.milton@sfcta.org](mailto:britney.milton@sfcta.org)>

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## Reject working group final report for JFK Drive

1 message

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**Kevin Burke** <[kevin@burke.dev](mailto:kevin@burke.dev)>  
To: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:40 PM

I don't understand why free parking on JFK Drive should be considered an important objective for the city, or how allowing cars back onto JFK Drive improves access to the park.

There are lots of ways we could improve access to the park that don't involve allowing private autos back onto it - for example, we could run the bus more often, or run shuttles from downtown/BART, or any number of other initiatives.

Kevin



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## Support for Kid Safe GGP & JFK // Reject GGP Working Group Framework

1 message

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**Aaron Harms** <aaron.harms@gmail.com>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 3:10 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: Charlotte Taylor &lt;charlotte.taylor@gmail.com&gt;, prestonstaff@sfgov.org

Hello,

We are unable to join the meeting on May 11th, so will write instead.

**We write to offer our full support for a permanent kid-safe and car-free JFK.** It is the only place in San Francisco where kids can experience the freedom of mobility while being safe. We should have more promenades like this in our city, not fewer -- they bring vibrancy, creativity, civic engagement, and joy.

We can do that while adding ADA spot capacity and investing in transit to yield much-needed strengthening of equitable access to green spaces including GGP. Adding more free parking is not an instrument of equity. Providing commuters with a cut-through in a park is inconsistent with the very purpose of a park.

In addition, we urge the Supervisors to **reject the Golden Gate Park Working Group Framework.** The draft report is missing several obvious needs. There is also some favoritism articulated in the report, and some incorrect data:

- **Missing Need:** Provide kids with safe places to explore, be mobile, and be kids. The only articulated need in the report related to children was about tactical signage details and one specific road crossing. This is an enormous omission for a document about a park.
- **Missing Need:** Eliminate high injury corridor roads in the park. It's good that SFCTA included a map of all of the injuries and death in the park caused by unsafe road conditions, but the summary table of needs on page 12 contains no reference to safety for vulnerable road users within the park. Another enormous omission.
- **Missing Need:** Additional ADA capacity inside the concourse garage. This was in one of the drafts of the report -- why was it taken out?
- **Favoritism:** Under Values on page 25 the report cites "Maintain employee parking for those who can't afford the garage." Why is the SFCTA endorsing free parking for certain employers but not others? Most SF employers don't enjoy anywhere nearly as much free parking as the museums do. Sounds like favoritism to us.
- **Incorrect Data:** On page 30: JFK does not have 18% of total parking east of Transverse Drive. It looks like SFCTA is using the total number of spots on JFK and adjacent spur roads in the numerator, which is misleading. The correct number for JFK is between 10-12%.

Finally, we urge the SFCTA to start bringing new voices to the table on this issue. Please reflect on how many of the needs that were articulated came from the museums and how much of the conversation they dominated. They have been fighting the battle over JFK for decades, and the amount of effort and expenditure they have poured into those fights is bizarrely inconsistent with the modest impact on their operations caused by a 1.4 mile stretch of asphalt in a park being closed to cars. The museums are tenants in the park, not owners of it.

Thank you,

Aaron Harms & Charlotte Taylor  
District 5



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

## Fwd: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting.

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**SFCTA Info** <info@sfcta.org>  
To: Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:03 PM

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From: **Sarah Gates** <[sgates@famsf.org](mailto:sgates@famsf.org)>

Date: Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Subject: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting.

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Cc: <[office@famsf.org](mailto:office@famsf.org)>

TO:  
S.F. Co. Transportation Agency

I am writing to add my voice to those urging a comprehensive study and redesign of the traffic within Golden Gate Park in order to determine how best to serve pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, scooters, runners, one-wheelers, dog walkers, joggers, skaters, vehicles, segways, pram-pushers, and skateboarders, as well as the visitors, employees, vendors and service providers of the Academy and De Young.

The area of the park that is under discussion is my neighborhood. I am a bay area native and have been associated with the De Young since starting my undergraduate internship there in 1979. My mother was the head librarian at Strybing Arboretum from the late 70's into the early 90's. That's over 50 years of familiarity. I have taken buses to the DY during my undergrad days in the East Bay. I have lived in the Haight and Inner Richmond from which I walked to work for over a decade. I have shopped the surrounding neighborhoods of the Inner Sunset and Clement St. And I find it unbelievably distressing that the de Young and the Academy are not being given more support in regard to what it takes to enable people of all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities to visit them easily and that these valuable cultural institutions are not being, well, valued.

Unlike many other art museums the FAMSF is not blessed with a hearty endowment. I have explained to people for years that we are much like live theatre, i.e., we are "dependent on the door". I also try to explain our eclectic collections to people by saying, "If you don't like that exhibition, try the next gallery!". We need our visitors! With Tom Campbell at the helm I believe we finally have a director who is interested in making the Museums' into places where everyone is welcome and everyone can find something of interest. . Access is everything - just look at the tremendously impressive visitor stats from the Free Saturday program. But if you don't make it simple for people to access the museum, all of the effort to make the de Young a place for everyone will be for naught.

5/10/2021

SFCTA Mail - Fwd: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting.

Please, support the Academy and the de Young as the important cultural institutions they are and undertake a fully comprehensive study that takes into account what they need to exist - visitors!

Yours truly,

Sarah Gates,  
Head Conservator, Textile Conservation  
pronouns: she/her/hers

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Britney Milton <[britney.milton@sfcta.org](mailto:britney.milton@sfcta.org)>

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**Fwd: John Kennedy drive**

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To: Clerk <[clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 5:33 PM

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From: **Janet Glessner** <[mitchtoyama@gmail.com](mailto:mitchtoyama@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, May 10, 2021 at 5:21 PM  
Subject: John Kennedy drive  
To: <[info@sfcta.org](mailto:info@sfcta.org)>

I have been a volunteer of the FAMSF since 1980 as a 30 year old. I am still a volunteer and Docent. I bring my elderly friends and relatives to the museum and my wheel chair bound family. Parking on John Kennedy allows us to see the park and the museum. The back door allows the conservation lab a place to drop off or pick up work. Having to go through the garage is unsafe for the objects when the museum is open.

After hours it might seem safer but for a now 70 year old it is scarier and costly for some of us on fixed incomes.

For Access by our more vulnerable visitors and for work we do please don't close the road to vehicles. Can't the closure begin past the crossover drive. Won't that be enough?

An annoyed citizen of SF who pays taxes,

Janet Glessner

## JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: [REDACTED]	DATE: APRIL 23, 2021
DEPARTMENT: SECURITY	
JOB TITLE: MUSEUM GUARD	

Please use the space below to provide your comments. If you need more room, please use the other side of this page.

COMMENTS: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I WORKED GRAVESHIFT AT DE YOUNG MUSEUM AND I'M TAKING UBER / LYFT AS MY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IN COMING TO WORK. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSED ROAD SIGN LOCATED AT ACADEMY OF SCIENCE SIDE GOING TO JFK ROAD ALL THE WAY TO DE YOUNG LOADING DOCK, (THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO GET IN THE BUILDING AT NIGHT), THE DRIVER IS JUST DROPPING ME OFF IN FRONT OF DE YOUNG MUSEUM AT TEA GARDEN DRIVE AND/OR AT 10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SO I NEED TO WALKED ALONE IN THE DARK, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITH ALL THIS ANIMALS WALKING EVERYWHERE ON THE STREET AND PARK. IT'S EVEN WORST WALKING A DISTANCE WHEN IT IS RAINING HARD, WINDY AND DURING COLD SEASON. IT IS ALSO BECOMING UNHEALTHY BECAUSE OF THE JOGGERS BODY FLUID DROPLETS AND SPITTING EVERYWHERE, NOT WEARING MASK WHILE ON JFK ROAD AND PARK.

IS THERE ANY WAY OR CONSIDERATION TO REMOVED THOSE CLOSED ROAD SIGNS SPECIALLY DURING NIGHT TIME WHERE NO ONE IS AROUND JFK ROAD AND PARK. SO MY RIDE COULD GET THROUGH AND DROPPED ME OFF SAFE AND STRESS FREE AT THE LOADING DOCK? PLEASE  
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# JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: <u>Erica Cotton</u>	DATE: <u>04-17-2021</u>
DEPARTMENT: <u>01</u>	
JOB TITLE: <u>Security at FAMSF (DeYoung Museum)</u>	

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## COMMENTS:

It is a major concern, that I have to get up 1 hour early to make sure I have a parking space. The anxiety getting a parking space is at an all time high. Please City Department. Arrange for either spaces in the Garage just for Museum employees only, or discount rate at the garage either on a Monthly or quarterly basis.

Please Re-open JFK. Please re-open JFK, is way too accessible for people who have bikes only and that's not fair.

Please Re-open JFK. It's completely unfair to Museum ~~staff~~ employees, like myself, it's so convenient to Handicap employees and visitors.

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## JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: LARRY TOON	DATE: April 14, 2021
DEPARTMENT: Security	
JOB TITLE: Museum Public Services Officer	

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COMMENTS: I work at the deYoung and because I start at 10:00am the parking on Fulton street are taken so I have parked as far away as 16th ave and Fulton. Also when I do get a good location it is only a 1 hour limit so I have to use my break time to find another spot. I wish they had made at the beginning from the Transverse bridge to 8th ave parking for cars.

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## JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: Rebecca Rozewicz	DATE: 4/16/2021
DEPARTMENT: SECURITY	
JOB TITLE: #8226 Museum Public Safety Officer (20+ yrs. civil service)	

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### COMMENTS:

Regarding the extended closure of JFK, I would respectfully ask those who favor a permanent closure some questions:

Is there an alternative plan for (deYoung) museum workers' access needs? If not, why deprive essential workers of their 1.5 mile parking area?

Security and Engineering personnel complied for more than a year, working every single day during the lockdown mandated by Mayor Breed, because the most important safety and security work cannot be done remotely.

Now that the deYoung has re-opened to welcome the public back to their art galleries, additional staff are affected on a daily basis, including Conservators, Custodial, Registrars, Techs etc,....

There are exceptions to the current "no vehicles on JFK" policy. U.S. Postal, food service, P&E trucks etc... deliver and pick-up from the museum's loading dock located off of JFK. These vehicles provide essential services but often provoke pedestrians who have been allowed to think and act as if JFK is SOLELY for their leisure usage and become a bit radical upon encountering a vehicle. Reports of aggressive behavior are increasing. This closure policy is provoking safety issues by sending mixed messages to the public. It may have worked successfully last year, it does not now.

I remember when the compromise was agreed upon during Mayor Newsom's administration which acknowledged the wants & wishes from those on "both sides of the aisle". All Sundays and 6 months of Saturdays were closed to vehicles, Monday through Friday were open to vehicles (during which time sidewalks & bike lanes remain open for usage). This plan of operation was workable and satisfied the majority of concerned parties for many years.

Please consider returning to this Compromise Solution.  
Thank you for listening to this essential worker.

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## JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: Ken Sitou	DATE: 4/14/21
DEPARTMENT: FAMSF	
JOB TITLE: Security officer	8207

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### COMMENTS:

I drive my wife and my son to daycare everyday. It is painful and stressful to not be able to find parking at work. After parking a mile away from work, I have to walk and rush to work to dock in.

I paid registration to drive the car and hope I can park my vehicle closer to work. And yet, JFK block off and makes it hard for me to get to work.

Even I parked in MLK drive, I have to worry to not get parking ticket. Last time, I got a parking ticket because I don't have the assistance from the management to relieve me to move my car! thus, I got a \$90 ticket while I am working for the city.

I believe it is not fair to museum workers. The bikers get more privilege of riding the road, but a museum worker who paid for license registration don't get any assistance to park closer to the museum to get to work.

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## JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: ROBERT MARSHALL	DATE: 4/14/21
DEPARTMENT: SECURITY	
JOB TITLE: SECURITY OFFICER	

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### COMMENTS:

JOHN F KENNEDY DR. SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PARKING TO MUSEUM EMPLOYEES FOR THE REASONS THAT FOLLOW;  
WE PAY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR USE OF THE STREETS.  
FREE PARKING IS FAR AWAY, VERY LIMITED.

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# JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME:	DATE: 4-16-2021
DEPARTMENT: SECURITY DEPT.	
JOB TITLE: MUSEUM GUARD	

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## COMMENTS:

If the city government of San Francisco and its Fine Arts Museums are truly committed to the inclusion of people of all races, creeds, colors, religions, ages, socio-economic backgrounds, sexual preferences, genders etc. then all barriers which stand in the way of this social progress must be removed.

It is my sincere belief that the closing of JFK Drive near and around the area of the De Young Museum is a road block which literally and figuratively stands in the way of reaching people who may have suffered exclusion in the past. Making it more difficult and more expensive to acquire parking is not a sensible method to fulfill a genuine commitment to serve the public. A world renowned city such as San Francisco, known for its cultural and educational institutions, must strive for better and additional access, not subtraction of access.

Simply professing to be committed to a noble endeavor is not enough. True dedication must be demonstrated through positive action that make it a reality.

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## JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: Carol Murphy	DATE: 4/23/2021
DEPARTMENT: FAM	
JOB TITLE: Admissions Attendant	

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**COMMENTS:** I applaud the city's commitment to creating safe streets for bicycle riders, however the closure of JFK near the deYoung Museum has created overwhelming issues due to the loss of the handicap parking just outside the education entrance in the Garden of Enchantment. On Thursday, April 22 an elderly couple could not find parking near the museum, and ~~we~~ ended up in the garage under the Academy. This elderly man pushed his wife across the Music Concourse and into the museum, totally out of breath. He inquired about accessing that garage from the lower level of the museum, and I informed him that pedestrian access was not possible. He was going to push his wife, in her wheelchair, back across the concourse when their visit was over. I suggested she wait with me at the front entrance, inside and out of the ~~the~~ cold while her husband retrieved the car and

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drove around to the curb to pick her up. Many visitors with mobility issues have had similar frustrating experiences, and end up not being able to visit as frequently as they would like.

You MUST create a viable solution to the loss of handicapped parking if you are going to continue the closure of JFK. Helping one group should not completely disregard the needs of another.

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## Re: Park reopen?

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Malcolm Cathey-Barber <mcatheybarber@famsf.org>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 2:27 PM

Hi there! So, since it looks like we're trying to open around the 22nd, by any chance have we gotten word of the park reopening? I ask because I have a physical disability, and I remember being told that when we do reopen, that we should use the staff only entrance on the north side of the de Young, and not one of the visitor entrances so that we can avoid cross contamination. If you could please get back to me with the answer at your earliest convenience I would appreciate it very much. Thank you.

-Malcolm R. Cathey-Barber

P.S.: If anyone from the city can't think of a good reason to reopen the park, please feel free to show them my email.

# JOHN F KENNEDY DRIVE COMMENT FORM

NAME: [REDACTED]	DATE: MAY 09, 2021
DEPARTMENT: SECURITY	
JOB TITLE: 8226 - MUSEUM GUARD	

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COMMENTS: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,  
THIS JFK CLOSED ROAD IS BECOMING DANGEROUS TO US WORKERS AT DE YOUNG MUSEUM SPECIALLY AT NIGHT TIME ON OUR GRAVE SHIFT.  
ON MY WAY TO WORK AROUND 12:15 AM ON MAY 09, 2021, A BIKER STOPPED MY RIDE AT JFK AND YELLING, "THIS IS A PARK".

I THOUGHT HE IS A PARK RANGER ON A BIKE SO I SHOWED HIM MY ID AND I SAID, "I WORKED AT DE YOUNG MUSEUM." HE IGNORED ME AND HE SAID AGAIN, "THIS IS A PARK," AND HE LEFT MAD. THEN I NOTICED, HE IS NOT EVEN AUTHORIZED TO STOP US ON USING JFK ROAD.

ALL I NEED IS TO BE AT WORK SAFE BUT BECAUSE OF THIS CLOSED ROAD SIGN EVEN AT MID NIGHT WHEN NOBODY'S DOING EXERCISE, PEOPLE ARE NOW STARTING TO CREATE TROUBLE WITH US BY USING JFK ROAD TO GET THROUGH DE YOUNG MUSEUM LOADING DOCK (THE ONLY ENTRANCE) AFTER THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS CAN ALSO CAUSED A DELAY FOR US IN REPORTING TO WORK ON TIME BECAUSE WE NEED TO EXPLAINED TO THIS PEOPLE WHY WE ARE USING JFK ROAD.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE THIS CLOSED ROAD SIGN ALL THE WAY UP TO ROSE GARDEN INSTEAD, SO WE COULD HAVE FREE ACCESS AT DE YOUNG MUSEUM LOADING DOCK?

THANK YOU.

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San Francisco, August 20, 2020

Dear CCSF Leaders Reviewing the Possible JFK Road Closure:

I am writing to you to express my concern about this possible measure, as a de Young Museum staff member with permanent mobility disabilities. The elimination of many ADA spots in JFK will greatly affect staff members with mobility issues, as well as many senior, sick, and disabled visitors. The ADA spots in front of the staff entrance, and very close to the Education door, both located in JFK, provide a huge service to many, many of us.

I have been a cancer patient for many years, and have gone through chemotherapy and radiation on-and-off during all this time. My most recent treatment ended three months ago, and I will most likely continue with this regimen in the near future.

While doing treatment, I develop blisters on the soles of my feet, which make walking long distances very painful, even though I use special shoes. I can still walk, but I do it slowly, and sometimes need breaks. Parking very close to the de Young door has helped me avoid unnecessary pain, and a time-consuming walk from my car to my desk -given my slow pace.

At other times, when I don't have blisters on my feet, I feel very tired -especially when carrying a heavy bag with my laptop and files, as I work often from home, and also travel between the two museums. Cancer is exhausting. Nevertheless, I feel passionate about my job and working is very important to me, emotionally and financially. Having to walk for long distances, while in pain or exhausted, significantly diminishes my quality of life, my vigor, and enjoyment to start my workday. I feel very grateful that my City accommodates my disability in most parts of San Francisco, but I feel puzzled about why my City would not accommodate my disability in my place of work, especially when The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco is a City department.

I am also worried that a lack of significant amount of ADA parking spots near the doors of the de Young Museum would deter people with disabilities from applying to jobs at FAMSF, while we (as an institution) are working so hard to foster minorities within our staff, and make them feel as welcome and comfortable as possible. As you know, the underground parking is very expensive, and not a daily option to me, and most staff members.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above when discussing a possible permanent JFK traffic closure.

Best Regards,

**Lucia Coronel**  
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## Your Voice

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Thu, Oct 8, 2020 at 2:48 PM

**From:** Ethel Lowe <[elowe@famsf.org](mailto:elowe@famsf.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** Sheila Pressley <[spressley@famsf.org](mailto:spressley@famsf.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Your Voice

Hi Sheila,

Just want t say that, some City Security Officers have already received 2 or more parking tickets. Most of us don't have enough time to go back and find a other parking space. Where should we direct this information?

Ethel Lowe

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Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 12:27 PM

Thank you for advocating for JFK to reopen. Please add this to the list of request.

Because I work for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco I find it very stressfully having to take half hour looking for street parking. At one point it brought me to tears. Not to mention the citations I've gotten.

I realize that folks want to have JFK closed but attendance is minimal during the week.

The City constructed bike lanes for cyclists that are not being used which is a huge waste of city monies.

My concern is also to encourage the equity of visitors to Golden Gate Park, it should be accessible to all. Many people cannot afford to park in the garage at the prices they charge, plus with reduced public transportation families have to drive, again a challenge for those of limited means.

I suggest that the park open JFK during the week and close it in Sunday's as it had before and allow for EVERYONE to come to the park and not a chosen few.

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## JFK Drive Closure

1 message

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**Ethel Lowe** <elowe@famsf.org>

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:52 PM

To: "cchan@sf" <cchan@sf>, "cchanstaff@s" <cchanstaff@s>, Executive Office <executiveoffice@famsf.org>, "Gordan.Mar@sf" <Gordan.Mar@sf>, "Dean.Preston@s" <Dean.Preston@s>, "mod@sf" <mod@sf>, "slowstreets@sfm" <slowstreets@sfm>, "rpdinfo@sf" <rpdinfo@sf>

Good afternoon all, I hope this email finds you all in good health and spirit. This pandemic has been a very trying time for us all to date. My name is Ethel Lowe DSW #62455, I have worked at the Fine Arts Museums for the past 10 years. I do enjoy working in the Security Department and hope to continue. Today I am writing because of the continued closure of the JFK Drive in the area of the museum. I am well aware of the special interest groups wanting to maintain the closure of JFK Drive.

Millions of dollar were spent to install miles of bike lanes. This was done to accommodate the very groups that wish to continue the closure of JFK Drive. I believe that, this is a time to share. I have worked through the entire pandemic to date as a DSW worker. I believe it is time to open up JFK, this would help those families who can't afford to pay for more then one thing at a time. And for those families who can't afford to pay for anything right now, they can just bring their children to the park.

Golden Gate Park, the Gardens within in it, the Museums and all the things that keep people coming here, was designed to be shared. This park became home to some and a place to go to get away form home for other. This area was created to be shared with the world, please don't let a select few take it away. Keeping the streets closed at this point is selfish, this park does not belong to a select few. The people who see it everyday because they can afford to live across the street. This park is for everyone, and it is past time to treat this area the right way. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this and all other matters.

Ethel Lowe

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## Access Concerns for Golden Gate Park

1 message

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**Sheila Pressley** <spressley@famsf.org>  
To: mod@sfgov.org  
Cc: executiveoffice@famsf.org

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 5:50 PM

March 5, 2021

Dear Mayor's Office on Disability Staff,

Thank you for your leadership advocating for San Franciscans with disabilities. I am impressed with the active role you have taken in exploring the appalling loss of access for PWD as a result of the current JFK Drive closure in Golden Gate Park. I applaud and support your efforts. I wanted to explain why this issue is so important to me. I came to the city to work at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in 1986; my first jobs at the de Young were scheduling tours for people with disabilities and supervising a program that provided museum jobs to SF youth living below the poverty level. (Both programs are still in place!) Since that time I have expanded my duties to oversee K-12 school, family, public, and access programs. The Fine Arts Museums provide free programs to over 250,000 people each year, including programs for people with disabilities, free Saturday art making and sketching in the galleries, free school tours, curricula, and art making, the de Youngsters Studio for children 3 to 8 and their caregivers, to name a few. The Fine Arts Museums are the City's museum and we take our responsibility to serve our city seriously.

I am distressed that JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered. You know over 30 ADA parking spots will be lost to visitors, not to mention the number of free parking spaces on JFK for visitors and students who are not wealthy enough to live close by, able bodied enough to ride into the park, or able to afford the Music Concourse Parking Garage, which is prohibitively expensive and not under the Museums' control. I am also confused as to why in a large park like Golden Gate Park, with many acres of unoccupied land, a permanent bike path is suggested in front of the de Young's loading dock. When the de Young decided to rebuild in 2000, we explored locations close to convenient public transportation. There was an outcry from the residents who wanted to keep the de Young in Golden Gate Park. Over 80% of those polled desired the de Young to remain a park feature.

To support museum visitation for the many San Franciscans (and those from further afield) who enjoy weekends in the park we have provided free admission on Saturdays. Providing free access as well as breaking down barriers to attendance for new audiences is critical. We are actively reaching out to BIPOC communities to invite them to visit and enjoy our new diverse and inclusive stories of art. As you know closing off free and accessible parking to the City's museum in favor of petitions from predominately white and upper income bike riders is able-ist and elitist. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way to help advocate for access to JFK Drive. Thank you.

3/8/2021

Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Mail - Access Concerns for Golden Gate Park

Sincerely,

Sheila Pressley

Director of Education

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## reopening JFK

1 message

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**Emma Acker** <eacker@famsf.org>

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 10:35 AM

To: Connie.Chan@sfgov.org

Cc: executiveoffice@famsf.org

Dear Ms. Chan,

I'm writing to express my support for the efforts to reopen JFK Drive, since its closure has adversely impacted many residents of the Bay Area and beyond who wish to access the park and its museums without paying exorbitant fees at the parking garage located under the Music Concourse. The elimination of a large number of free ADA parking spots along JFK negatively impacts accessibility for the disabled to the park and museums, and the lack of free parking in general poses a significant problem for staff at the museums, and visitors who are unable to travel to this part of Golden Gate park on foot, bike, or public transit due to their location or mobility issues.

While I firmly support efforts to encourage more environmentally conscious commuting, I also believe we must create affordable and equitable access to our parks, and eliminating free, ADA parking spots in a highly trafficked part of Golden Gate Park is not the answer.

All the best,

Emma Acker

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## JFK Closure/Slow Streets is Institutional Racism at it's worst

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Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 4:12 PM

From: **Randy Dodson** <[rdodson@famsf.org](mailto:rdodson@famsf.org)>  
Date: Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 3:46 PM  
Subject: JFK Closure/Slow Streets is Institutional Racism at it's worst  
To: Miriam Newcomer <[MNewcomer@famsf.org](mailto:MNewcomer@famsf.org)>

Regarding JFK Closure:

The verbal attacks on workers attempting to get to work via JFK appear to be on the rise. I have been yelled at at least once every day over the last week for driving down JFK to get to work. Before I would experience this once or twice a week. I shared this experience with the guards and they are experiencing the same thing. Beyond my personal negative experiences with the JFK street closure and slow streets in general there is a larger issue that is being ignored.

The JFK street closure and Slow Streets is a product of institutional racism within Rec & Park, MUNI & The Bicycle Coalition. Because of the closure we have all had to walk great distances through the park sometimes late at night, unescorted. We have had to pay \$100's of dollars each for parking tickets because we can't move our cars every two hours (most parking outside of the park near the deYoung is 2 hours) and we have had our cars broken into. For people commuting from outside of the city their commute has been lengthened by congestion caused by too many routes being closed and the long walk from parking. People have been attacked and robbed at Stowe Lake, which is also one of the few places for onsite staff to park, luckily, I don't know of any staff that has been attacked or robbed here yet. All of this creates a disparity in access between those that work onsite and those that work from home and recreate on these closed streets. When you travel down JFK you will see that the vast majority of the people using the closed street are white, while the majority of staff working onsite are POC. The City and County of SF has allowed/encouraged Rec & Park, MUNI & The Bicycle Coalition to continue this practice in spite of its obvious racist underpinnings. They are literally putting up physical barricades and verbally attacking POC who have no choice but to work onsite, all so that white people can play in the street.

What this comes down to is the majority of people who WFH are given this opportunity due to their white privilege and they are also the ones who have the time/resources to play in the streets. Meanwhile the majority of people who must work onsite are people of color and not only must navigate an increasingly difficult and hostile commute through the maze of closed streets but they're also being verbally attacked by middle aged white people for driving down JFK, which we are allowed to do. This is blatant racism.

Randy Dodson  
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## Regarding Reopening JFK Boulevard

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**Chelsea Boone** <cthompson@famsf.org>

Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Reply-To: cboone@famsf.org

To: slowstreets@sfmta.com

Cc: executiveoffice@famsf.org

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing regarding the continued closure of JFK BLVD near the de Young Museum. It should be reopened to traffic and parking for the staff and visitors of the museum. I have been employed at the de Young museum for the last four years and have been, until the recent pandemic, commuting in from Oakland.

If it were easy to use public transportation to commute in, I would, but there are barriers. There are no direct bart stops anywhere near the museums and buses are not reliable to get me to work on time and factoring in the bus's unreliability, it has sometimes taken up to 2 hours to make the commute, as opposed to driving which takes 45 minutes to an hour reliably. I drive exclusively to work as it is the most reliable way to ensure I arrive on time.

When the museums reopened in October, it was very challenging finding parking in the nearby neighborhoods as many have 2 hour parking limits and I have received many parking tickets due to my inability to move my car every two hours. I shudder to think how the parking situation will further devolve when the museum is allowed 100% occupancy. I imagine the people living in the nearby neighborhoods do not look forward to people descending upon them to take up their parking space and the parking garage is extremely expensive to park in.

Additionally, when leaving work for the day I have to walk out into the neighborhood and it makes me feel exposed and unsafe as it's usually after dark. I respect the fact that many people enjoy using JFK recreationally, but I need it to do my job reliably and to ensure my own safety. In the past, when JFK was closed on Saturdays and Sundays, it was a great compromise as it allowed people the recreational use of the street while preserving it for the people who need access to parking during the weekdays. I suggest we go back to how it was previously. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chelsea

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Chelsea Boone  
Retail & eCommerce Assistant  
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From: Victoria Bruckner

Dear Editors:

People with disabilities don't all love or use cars, and some of us even enjoy increased pedestrian and wheelchair freedom due to street closures. However, for a great many of us of all ages living with disabilities, these street closures can impose countless unjust barriers. The proposed year-round closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park is one egregious example.

As a senior who has had a lifelong mobility disability, I was deeply offended reading the [article](#) published by the *San Francisco Chronicle* from Peter Hartlaub. Despite the feel-good nature of Mr. Hartlaub's column, the sad reality is that ableist perspectives like this disenfranchise the disabled community. On one hand, Mr. Hartlaub amplifies our voices in his [conversation with Howard Chabner](#), local disability rights advocate, yet on another he completely ignores what life is really like for those living with disabilities in San Francisco.

When I first came to San Francisco at age 26, I could, and did, ride the 5 Fulton bus to Golden Gate Park nearly every Sunday. Today, I cannot just hop on the 5 Fulton to get to Golden Gate Park, and walk to the de Young Museum or the Academy of Sciences. I can no longer ride Muni alone, because I will fall if I'm not seated when the bus or train starts moving, and I have great difficulty getting up from my seat. I walk very slowly and tenuously, and have very poor balance. I cannot walk more than a couple of blocks without getting exhausted. Even for those people with disabilities who can use Muni, services have been significantly decreased due to Covid-19 related budget cuts. SFMTA has cut service hours by 40% and expects it will permanently shut down 40 of its 68 bus lines across the City.

I now depend on others to drive me to the de Young and Cal Academy. The proposed alternatives to these parking spaces are inadequate. The closure eliminated 17 fully ADA accessible parking spaces within manageable walking distance to these institutions. My husband, who also has a disability, cannot walk very far from his parking place to join me at the museums. The City-set rates for the parking garage are very expensive, particularly for seniors and those with disabilities with limited incomes. Often, simply being

dropped off won't work, because the person will need their driver to assist them once they arrive. The Park shuttles are problematic for a variety of reasons, including: infrequent scheduling, limited signage, long distances between stops, lack of seats/accessible seats at stops, fully accessible seating on the shuttles, and insufficient wheelchair lift training and usage by shuttle drivers.

According to 2009 estimates cited by the Mayor's Office on Disability, 19% of San Franciscans live with disabilities. It is ableist and elitist to assume that using Muni or taking paratransit, or using a shuttle, will allow us equivalent access to public institutions that a non-disabled person, riding a bicycle or easily walking to a variety of bus stops, will enjoy. Golden Gate Park offers a myriad of other areas to walk and bike, with other opportunities available to create similar, even

safer walking and biking paths. Closing this specific area of the park along JFK Drive directly takes away the ability of myself and others with disabilities to equitably enjoy the park and the museums located there. There is no equivalent replacement. Planners must adopt broader, more creative and inclusive thinking. Adequate parking and access along JFK Drive for those with disabilities must be preserved.

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 11:40 AM janis oatham [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Meghan,

My husband and I have been members of the SF Fine Arts Museums for many years and before Covid were visiting several times a year. We live in Santa Rosa and are re-restricted but being a day out, so to speak, it takes some planning to do so, especially at our ages. My husband has walking issues thus he has a disabled placard. We have always been lucky to find a disabled parking place on John F. Kennedy Drive near the side entrance to the de Young Museum which is close enough for him to walk in albeit slowly.

I recently made a reservation to view the Frida Kahlo exhibit which will be our first visit to San Francisco in over a year! However, I noticed that John F. Kennedy Drive is now closed to automobile traffic. Upon looking into this and reviewing our options, I find I have to cancel our booked reservations for next Tuesday April 20th. This is quite a disappointment for us both but we really need the easier access to the de Young Museum that those disabled parking spots on John F. Kennedy Drive give us.

We do hope that this parking situation can be rectified so we are able to visit the museum together again.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm Regards, Janis Oatham

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 2:20 PM  
Subject: JFK Drive and membership renewal  
To: membership@famsf.org <membership@famsf.org>

Greetings,

Now that the DeYoung has opened I'm interested in what's being done, if anything, to resume weekday vehicular traffic and on-street parking on JFK Drive.

As a Marin resident the \$7.00+ GG bridge toll plus garage parking will force a reconsideration of membership renewal as too expensive and inconvenient.

Thank you for your e-response.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Senior Member [REDACTED]

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**From:** Sherry Finer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** JFK Drive

Hi Anne,

As it happened I couldn't call into the public meeting on Friday but I did send the following to it:

My name is Sherry Finer, and I am a docent at the de Young Museum.

I give tours to the general public and also to visitors with challenges. I love being able to share the wonderful art in the museum with our visitors. Viewing art can make an ordinary day into one so special, but for many just getting to the museum is difficult, but being able to park near the museum entrance on JFK Drive makes it easier.

Sometimes we give tours specifically for people with disabilities on Mondays when the museum is closed and it is not crowded. When I come to the museum on those days I hear laughter and see smiles. There are many vehicles bringing people using wheel chairs, groups of mentally challenged people, groups of hearing and sight challenged people, all coming to the de Young. They are on an adventure. They use the Disabled parking places on JFK Drive. Fortunately the City opens up more Disabled parking places on those days for which we are grateful.

Equally important is the necessity for parking on JFK Drive on days the museum is open to the general public.. Those days we also give some tours to people with challenges.

There are numerous Disabled parking spots near the entrance to the de Young. I wish there were more spots but what we have has made the museum available to many people who otherwise would not have been able to see our exhibits. For example, people who use wheel chairs and often can't find a parking place near the entrance and aren't able to manage a long journey in their wheelchairs from a distant parking place.

So I need to say that JFK Drive is an INDISPENSABLE RESOURCE for museum visitors. JFK Drive allows so many people with challenges to visit our museum and see all the treasures. More and more we learn of the value of art, how it enriches us personally, how it enriches our society. However, without available parking, many would never be able to get to the museum. Please don't let that happen. Please continue to make it possible for us to share our art with everyone in the community.

Please keep JFK Drive open to parking!

Sherry Finer

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## closing JFK Drive in GGP

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Thu, Oct 8, 2020 at 12:00 PM

**From:** Victoria Kirby  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** [recpark.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:recpark.commission@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Re: closing JFK Drive in GGP

I cannot believe you are even contemplating closing JFK Drive permanently when it is one of the main arteries giving access to two major SF museums as well as the Tea Garden and Botanical Garden!! This would badly effect all people, but especially the elderly and those with a disability.

Although I am 80, I can still drive and walk a short distance. I visit the de Young Museum several times a month and always park on JFK Drive and walk the short distance to the museum. If JFK is closed, where do I park? If the only available parking is blocks away, can I walk far enough to reach the museum and still have energy to walk in the galleries? I cannot afford the expensive garage. Friends say never park on Fulton as cars are broken into all the time. If there are less roads open in the Park, parking will be harder to find. The GG Park should be for all people - those who drive, take the public bus, ride a bike, walk, use scooters, etc. DO NOT limit access to the public park. We need to expand accessibility everywhere, including in parks and cultural institutions.

Now that the de Young Museum is open, open JFK Drive and reinstate the accessible parking.

A shuttle is NOT the answer. People with vision disabilities, learning differences, and other cognitive issues would have a great deal of difficulty locating Shuttle stops, and might not be able to read or process written information about riding the Shuttle, or locating any of the stops. People with mobility disabilities, or those dealing with chronic pain, would not be able to stand and wait for the shuttle, and might have great difficulty getting on and off the Shuttle. Drivers would have to be consistently trained in how to safely, appropriately and courteously operate the Shuttle's lift. Shuttle frequency would have to be dramatically increased to accommodate the greatly increased demand from Museum goers with disabilities.

One final note about giving priority to bicyclists. I have nearly been hit by several while walking in a GGP crosswalk. Many bicyclists do not obey traffic laws: they ride through stop signs, red lights, do not signal. Put some effort into educating bicyclists and giving them tickets when they disobey traffic laws rather than letting them run wild in SF!

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Victoria Kirby

**To: SFMTA Citation Review Center  
11 South Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94103-1226**

**CC: FMSF de Young Museum  
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
Attn: Karen Berniker**

**This letter is a Request to both dismiss parking violation PD 34395841 issued on March 23 2021 at 11:21 am. by Ranger badge number 19 (cannot read his signature) and have Access parking returned to sites that should be used and improve access information. We visited the de Young on that date. My wife and I have been living in CA for more than 60 years. We are both in early 80's. We have been and are members of de Young, Fine Arts Museums, Legion of Honor plus that of local museums and State Universities. We tried to cautiously visit.**

**We both, as many others have been confined due to Covids. We completed our second vaccine shots and waited 15 days, as recommended by our Dr's, to travel and visit open facilities. We contacted de Young to renew membership and obtain tickets to view the Frieda Kahlo Exhibit. It was great. Thank you de Young.**

**Before going we had contacted the museum, by phone, to both renew membership and obtain tickets plus request information regarding handicap parking. They provided us with a web site [access@famsf.org](mailto:access@famsf.org) which we downloaded. We also printed a map of handicap parking. See attachments.**

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**When arriving off of Martin Luther King there were none of the 6 open Handicap/Access parking spaces at Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive which is one way down = Do not enter. Next street up is Concourse Drive which leads to 21 spaces. Stopped when we saw Ranger 19 and asked if he knew current info of open Access parking spaces. He did not know and said maybe garage. We were advised earlier that if any they were not free and were limited plus limited/no transit to de Young. I would not be able to walk from garage to museum. We drove up to park as shown on the access Parking Map attached with a circle of where I believe we parked. THE**

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SPACES WERE NOT HOODED AS NON OP. THERE WERE NO SIGNS NOT TO USE OR WHERE TO GO. We did not have to turn right, left or make a U turn but simply drove straight through to spaces. Made sure we were in lines marked on pavement. Exited car and looked for any signs saying closed/road under repair/skate boards only /special event etc. We saw several skate boards with one electric. Did we park in a Skate board only zone? Walked slowly and rested along way.

Upon exiting de Young we found the attached ticket. Officer 19 came over to tell us that this part of drive and parking has been temporarily closed for over a year. Sounds like the word temporarily should be changed to INDEFINATE. Why is it closed? Why so long? Why are the posts not hooded and signs posted "Closed" and where to go? Why is it not used for Access parking? How many other handicap people have been ticketed here? How is this area of the park, and all of the park, going to be able to provide legal Federal and State mandated handicap access to parking? Why are your web sites not up to date with maps and info? Why do Rangers not know where nearby free access parking is? Lots more Whys?

#### Request and Suggestions

- Please dismiss this ticket and all others sent to people like myself with Placards.
- Please answer all the "WHYS".
- Open and expand that area to Access parking until you have a plan that accommodates the legal numbers of Access parking spaces required by the State. Looks like 60% plus spaces are no longer available.
- If area cannot be used for Access Parking find equal nearby area till whatever is causing closure is resolved.
- Update and maintain info on web site.
- Strongly consider free Valet parking for all members including handicapped. We have that at all of our local Kaiser Hospitals. We are an aging population and numbers will increase.
- Provide your Rangers with better advise.

As shown above will also send this to FAMSF. They may have answers and solutions.

I am open to offer help to resolve/suggest issues regarding handicapped.

Best Ed and Suzanne Ford

EA Ford

Suzanne E. Ford



Sorry for Messy Letter Address; hands do not work = need 2 to write.

On Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 6:22 AM Diana Anderson [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor Breed, Director Ginsburg, and Director Tumlin, Rec and Park Commissioners, Board of Supervisors, and representatives from the de Young Museum and California Academy of Sciences,

San Francisco needs safe, inclusive, joyous public spaces for everyone, now more than ever. Golden Gate Park has been INACCESSIBLE for myself, my family and my 16 yr old dog!!! My husband and I are now in our seventies with severe arthritis

( probably exacerbated from many years of jogging in park) and other issues. My dog is 16 and we are all disabled. We are unable to access the Conservatory and the walkways. I cannot take my young Grandchildren to the tree fern grove, fuschia dell , the quiet meadows or any of the places in the eastern area of the park. We have been paying our taxes, contributing money, volunteering for over 50 years and now cannot access our park!! We live on upper Masonic Ave-which has become either a raceway or a bumper to bumper traffic jam- a big hill- and cannot walk or bike to the park at our age. We cannot take the 3 year old twins and their 7 yr old brother, nor the dogs! The park is supposed to be our green space- but we cannot access with JFK closed. You have turned the Haight into a nightmare of traffic with all the "slow streets"- Page St, lack of parking, lack of loading zones, and bus stops that flare out instead of in. We NEED to be able to be in Nature in the park.

**GIVE US BACK OUR CITY AND OUR PARK!!!**

Sincerely,

Dr & Mrs Scott Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

I would love to renew my membership however without being able to park inside the park I am unable to visit the museum. I am physically unable to walk more than one or two blocks without sitting for a rest due to my knee disability. Paying for parking is not an option for me. My hope is that JFK Drive will be opened for cars and parking again so that I am able to renew my membership and visit the museum and the park.

Best,  
Felicia Valmonte

Hi - As an SF resident and member of both the de Young museum and Academy of Sciences I want to make you aware of the consequences of your possible permanent closure of JFK Drive from Stanyon to 10th Street in Golden Gate Park. My husband and I are in our early 80s and my husband has COPD. We had previously enjoyed visiting the House of Flowers, the de Young museum, and the Academy of Sciences. However, with the closing of JFK Drive, we can no longer easily visit these SF amenities. I understand the value of closing JFK Drive; however, it would be helpful and more equitable for SF seniors if JFK Blvd were open a couple of week days so that seniors like us could easily visit these places. By the way, my husband feels it's silly to build a road with all the reasons for building it and then close it.

Joanne Stack

I appreciate the information of people to contact to express my displeasure of the closure of JFK Drive.

I am handicapped and always knew I could find a handicap parking space within a block of the museum. That let me know I could visit the museum on week days and park on the street. I also could park near and visit the Conservancy, Dahlia Garden and Rose Garden when I wanted. I did not mind sharing the Drive with a bike lane and found that the bikers were few in number and respectful. I never went to the park on a weekend when I thought there would be more bikers and people in general.

I am aware of the garage with access to the museum but it is very expensive which also limits my visits.

What I wish is JFK Drive would be open on week days and if necessary closed on weekends. Seems to me that would satisfy most people.

Museum Member

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## Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting.

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Sheila Pressley <spressley@famsf.org>

Sun, May 9, 2021 at 11:32 AM

To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, info@sfcta.org, chanstaff@sfgov.org, Connie.Chan@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org, marstaff@sfgov.org, Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org, prestonstaff@sfgov.org, Dean.Preston@sfgov.org, Matt.Haney@sfgov.org, Myrna.Melgar@sfgov.org, Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org, Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org, MTABoard@sfmta.com, slowstreets@sfmta.com, recpark.commission@sfgov.org, rpdinfo@sfgov.org  
Cc: executiveoffice@famsf.org

Dear Supervisors,

The Fine Arts Museums provide free programs for people with disabilities, free Saturday art making and sketching in the galleries, free school tours, curricula, and art making, the de Youngsters Studio for children 3 to 8 and their caregivers, to name a few. The Fine Arts Museums are the City's museum and we take our responsibility to serve our city seriously.

I am distressed as a resident and as a FAMSF employee that JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered by San Francisco government. I am sure you know that necessary and equitable ADA parking spots are currently lost to visitors with disabilities, not to mention the number of free parking spaces on JFK for visitors and students who are not wealthy enough to live close by, able bodied enough to ride into the park, or able to afford the Music Concourse Parking Garage, which is prohibitively expensive and not under the Museums' control. I am also confused as to why in a large park like Golden Gate Park, with many acres of unoccupied land, a permanent bike path is suggested in front of the de Young's loading dock.

To support museum visitation for the many San Franciscans (and those from further afield) who enjoy weekends in the park we have provided free admission on Saturdays. Providing free access as well as breaking down barriers to attendance for new audiences is critical. We are actively reaching out to BIPOC communities to invite them to visit and enjoy our new diverse and inclusive stories of art. With my most sincere respect I would like to suggest that closing off free and accessible parking to the City's museum in favor of petitions from predominately white and upper income bike riders is ableist and elitist.

I truly believe we can all work together. I am passionately advocating for a partial reopening of JFK Drive to ensure San Franciscans from every neighborhood can access the de Young Museum. Specifically, I am calling for the reopening of JFK Drive between Transverse Drive and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This partial reopening will resolve some of the logistical complications associated with the operation of the museum's loading dock, full compliance with ADA requirements, and access for low income visitors from other parts of the city and Bay Area.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Sheila Pressley

Director of Education

Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

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## Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting

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Rebecca Burton [REDACTED]

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 10:52 AM

To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, info@sfcta.org, chanstaff@sfgov.org, Connie.Chan@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org, marstaff@sfgov.org, Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org, prestonstaff@sfgov.org, Dean.Preston@sfgov.org, Matt.Haney@sfgov.org, Myrna.Melgar@sfgov.org, Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org, Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org, MTABoard@sfmta.com, slowstreets@sfmta.com, recpark.commission@sfgov.org, rpdinfo@sfgov.org  
Cc: executiveoffice@famsf.org

Dear SFCTA, Board of Supervisors, and Other Stakeholders.

I'm writing to address the proposed closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park. I am currently an employee of the de Young Museum. I treasure stewarding the collections at the de Young for our diverse audiences, both present and future. Our audience is made up of people with all levels of physical and mental abilities, all income levels, and coming from all over the Bay Area. Our location is challenging for parts of our audience to access, and would be more challenging if JFK drive was permanently closed to traffic. While we are fortunate to have the Music Concourse drive for pick ups and drop offs, losing handicap spaces as well as more accessible parking behind the building is a major blow for our audiences. I encourage you to leave at least one lane of traffic and parking open on JFK drive for continued access to our museum.

On a personal level, I am a new mother living in the Bayview District. I cannot afford nor desire to have a nanny in the house, so I need to pick up and drop off my child at daycare every day. I used to ride the bus to work or ride my bike before the baby arrived, but now I must drive to be able to have childcare while I work. The competition for spaces to park near the de Young is already difficult, and we have not even returned to full capacity yet. I am worried about my ability to park throughout the day (needing to move my car at least once to avoid tickets as well). The parking garage is prohibitively expensive to me, and I imagine it would be prohibitively expensive for many of my neighbors in this district as well.

I urge you to reopen at least one lane of traffic and parking open on JFK drive for their continued access to our museum. I am a cyclist and understand the desire for safe streets, but our museum and it's collection is a treasure for the city and the region, and should be accessible for all.

Thank you,

Becky Burton

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## Fwd: Please do not close JFK drive to cars or parking

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Fri, May 7, 2021 at 2:36 PM

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From: **Shannon Anandasakaran** <sanandasakaran@famsf.org>

Date: Wed, May 5, 2021 at 5:31 PM

Subject: Please do not close JFK drive to cars or parking

To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>, <info@sfcta.org>, <chanstaff@sfgov.org>, <Connie.Chan@sfgov.org>, <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>, <Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org>, <marstaff@sfgov.org>, <Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org>, <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>, <Dean.Preston@sfgov.org>, <Matt.Haney@sfgov.org>, <Myrna.Melgar@sfgov.org>, <Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org>, <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, <Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org>, <Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org>, <MTABoard@sfmta.com>, <slowstreets@sfmta.com>, <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>, <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

Cc: <office@famsf.org>

Hello,

I strongly request that JFK Drive return to being open to vehicular traffic and parking.

I am a lifelong biker and bike advocate, have used my bike to commute from my home in Alameda to my job in Golden Gate park, and have enjoyed some of the changes that have happened as a result of the pandemic to encourage people to slow down. However, shutting off JFK to cars is short-sighted, will hurt the de Young museum and their efforts to reach more diverse and disadvantaged audiences, and ignores the problem that many bikers who have started using JFK are more reckless and careless around pedestrians than any cars have ever been on that road. I have personally experienced this and do not appreciate that many bikers on that route are cavalier and actually appear irritated with pedestrians.

For 8 years I used public transportation and my bike for transportation in Seattle; for ten years I used my bike as my primary means of transportation in Boston/Cambridge/Somerville; I was part of Critical Mass rides in San Francisco and Boston; and I continue to support efforts across the Bay Area to make conditions for bikers safer and more integrated into the fabric of the city.

However, I do not think the conversion of JFK to a bike-centric thoroughfare makes sense from a planning perspective--it is an abrupt and disjointed afterthought, that will harm the museums and people driving from the greater Bay Area to visit the museum, who may not want or be able to pay the extra fees to park in the underground garage, in addition to anyone with disability access (my father, for example, only ever parks in the disabled spots on JFK--some people prefer those spots to the garage).

Additionally, the temporary closure has caused great confusion to both pedestrians and vendors who need to access the museum through the only method possible, 8th Avenue, as pedestrians yell at the truck drivers that they are not allowed on that street, and the truck drivers are then confused as to whether they should be going that way (there is no other way to access our loading dock--so there is no other option).

There are obviously other options that can include both bikes and cars; if absolutely necessary, JFK could be made into a one-way street, going from the east to the west or vice versa, so that bikers could gain more clearance on the sides, but parking (on both sides) could also be retained. This seems like it could be a win-win option.

I am an employee of the Fine Arts Museums, and obviously this is coming from my work account, and my intention is that I present it as full disclosure--but these are my personal opinions, and if I did not work at the museums I would feel the same, perhaps moreso.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Shannon

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**Shannon Stecher Anandasakaran**  
Exhibitions Manager

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## Fwd: JFK Closure

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 2:43 PM

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 8:29 AM  
Subject: JFK Closure  
To: Megan Bourne <[mbourne@famsf.org](mailto:mbourne@famsf.org)>  
Cc: Meghan McCauley <[mmccauley@famsf.org](mailto:mmccauley@famsf.org)>

Good morning Megan,

I hope you're well.

I wanted to take the time to send you my experience of the JFK closure as a Visitor Experience Associate and Member Services Associate. I stand with the museum and our disabled and elderly coworkers and guests. Everyone deserves equitable and easeful access to the park and all it has to offer.

1. Parking at Stowe is unsafe. As a Visitor Experience Associate, I am often positioned outside in the front of the museum. I'm very visible, and have been stalked and followed to and from this position. After such instances, I haven't felt safe walking all the way to Stowe in the dark, and have had to ask coworkers to accompany me. This was not an issue when I was able to park on JFK all day, as I was able to park close to the museum and thus had a shorter, safer walk.
2. Parking was already tremendously difficult before the closure of JFK. I am unable to afford the cost of living in San Francisco, and live at home with my parents in Walnut Creek. Before the pandemic, I needed to leave 2.5 hours prior to my shift in order to secure a parking spot (again, before the closure of JFK). Once JFK and MLK became limited to four hours, I had to start parking at Stowe. An already challenging situation became substantially more stressful, as the amount of sleep I was able to get a night heavily decreased. This has been a tremendous source of stress and hurdle for me ever since. As a Visitor Experience Associate, it is my responsibility to warmly welcome guests to the museum with a calm and positive attitude, and it has been a challenge not letting the current situation impact my work.
3. The closure is impacting guests. On Sunday, March 21st, I was welcoming guests at the front of the museum. All of our tickets are timed right now, and we have been strictly enforcing that visitors cannot be more than 15 minutes late to their appointment. From 1:30-2:30, nearly every single visitor was 20 minutes to over an hour late to their appointment, nearly all of which citing parking and access as the reason. Many told me that the parking garage was so backed up, they had to wait up to an hour to find a spot inside. This forces Visitor Experience to either turn away guests and members who have paid for tickets in support of the museum, or exceed our capacity, putting ourselves and our guests at risk.
4. People using the park to walk, run, and bike rarely wear their masks. I am at the museum five days a week and walk down MLK from Stowe every day. There are always walkers, runners, and bikers with no mask at all, masks around their chin, etc, most of whom do not put their mask on when I walk past them. This endangers me and my fellow workers who walk from Stowe daily. I am not the only employee of FAMSF who has noted this as a tremendous source of stress. I am already endangered as a front line worker who interacts with 2,000 people daily who isn't eligible for the vaccine. If walkers, runners, and bikers are insisting they takeover the park, who is enforcing that they follow mandated mask laws?
5. Everyone deserves access to the park. By preventing people with disabilities, including elderly people, from being able to park, you are preventing them from accessing art at the deYoung, science at the Academy, beauty at the Botanical Gardens and Conservatory, and fresh air at the park. Beyond this impacting business and our individual lives, this is, *most importantly*, an issue of ableism and accessibility.

Thank you, Megan, for your diligence on this issue. Please let me know if there's anything more I can offer.

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Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Mail - Fwd: JFK Closure

Very best,



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## Fwd: Catalytic converter theft

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 2:39 PM

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From: **Arnoldo Lacayo** <[alacayo@famsf.org](mailto:alacayo@famsf.org)>

Date: Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 8:41 PM

Subject: Catalytic converter theft

To: <[mbourne@famsf.org](mailto:mbourne@famsf.org)>

Hi Megan

On 04/07/2021 at approximately 8:10 pm

after I Security Officer A Lacayo completed my work at the deYoung Museum went to my vehicle a 2004 Honda Accord sedan parked on Fulton avenue near 10th Ave and turned on the ignition key a loud rumble came on with the check engine light. I called my mechanic who told me to drive slowly and take the vehicle to his shop in SSF the next day I live in San Mateo

I was told that the catalytic converter was sawed off along with the CO2 sensors

The total cost of the repairs came to \$2,166.17. Parking on Fulton Ave has become a hazard for City employees like myself who cannot take public transportation due to the fact that I commute 21 miles each way to my home in San Mateo

Sincerely  
Arnoldo Lacayo

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From: Laura Camerlengo <lcamerlengo@famsf.org>

Date: Fri, May 7, 2021 at 9:25 AM

Subject: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting

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Cc: <office@famsf.org>

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (FAMSF) with regard to the long-standing closure of John F. Kennedy Drive. As a FAMSF staff member as well as a resident of the Richmond neighborhood, I am concerned about the impact of this closure on individuals who work in Golden Gate Park as well as those who live in neighborhoods that surround it.

As is well known, public transportation in the Richmond neighborhood is limited and, where available, inefficient. Prior to the closure of FAMSF this past spring in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, I chose to walk to and from my home ( [REDACTED] ) to work at the de Young museum. Despite my home being located near a major intersection and several bus stops, I found that the commute by foot took the same amount of time (25 minutes) as it would take me to reach the de Young via two buses – my only method of reaching the museum via public transportation. By further comparison, walking proved the more affordable commuting option as well, saving my family \$200/month in Muni fees.

For comparison, if I were to travel by car, it would be a five-minute drive between my home and the de Young museum. Travel by car was sometimes an option when there was access to John F. Kennedy Boulevard and its free parking; however, without this area available for parking, it is infeasible. As is widely known, the parking garage in Golden Gate Park is not affordable to park visitors nor to FAMSF staff, and is certainly not a viable option for those with a daily commute. (For reference, parking in the garage daily could cost nearly \$600/month.)

As the parent of a toddler, I would prefer to drive to work, as it would help me more efficiently balance the pressing commitments of both childcare and my job. I am sure this is an experience and concern applicable to many, if not all, working parents and caregivers. But without the option of free parking on John F. Kennedy Boulevard, this is not possible. Furthermore, parking in the surrounding Inner Richmond neighborhood is not practicable, as there is a significant overflow of cars from Golden Gate Park to this neighborhood in the wake closure.

As both a resident and especially as a mother, I deeply appreciate the need for safe, open spaces for members of all Bay Area communities to enjoy, particularly in these difficult times. But the necessity for such spaces must be considered in a comprehensive manner with concern for the myriad needs of Golden Gate Park's diverse users and the space's multitudinal functions.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

With kind regards,  
Laura Camerlengo

Laura L. Camerlengo  
Associate Curator of Costume and Textile Arts,  
The Caroline and H. McCoy Jones Department of Textile Arts

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From: John Burket [REDACTED]  
Date: Tue, Mar 9, 2021 at 3:15 PM  
Subject: Continued Closure of JFK Drive/Golden Gate Park  
To: <letters@sfexaminer.com>

Hello ~

I am writing in response to the op-ed published by the SF Examiner on February 23rd written by Marcel Moran, a PhD student at UC Berkeley, advocating for the permanent closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park.

Now that we're slowly reopening park attractions there is a need to provide adequate parking within Golden Gate Park for both visitors and institutional staff, especially on weekends, and the continued closure of JFK Drive severely handicaps this situation.

I have worked at the DeYoung Museum in admissions and membership as part of front line staff for the past six years. Myself, along with fellow staff members working in security, engineering and maintenance, custodial, curatorial, our museum cafe and stores, are all considered essential workers, so we don't have the ability to work from home. Additionally, with the cost of housing in San Francisco, many of us live outside the City, and thus do not have the option of using public transit for getting to and from work. For myself, even though I live here, because of service cuts, my own neighborhood, Forest Knolls/Midtown Terrace, is without any bus service at all since the middle of last year, so I don't have the option of not using my car to travel to work.

Safety is also a concern for staff, as many of our employees work during late hours and are now forced to walk in the dark to their cars that are parked far away from the museum. This is especially a concern for our female employees. The City has an obligation to make sure our employees can safely access their cars at night.

The DeYoung Museum serves 1.3 million visitors annually. Many travel to the museum from the nine Bay Area counties and beyond, making the majority of them unable to access the DeYoung by foot or bicycle. A recent poll showed that 80% of visitors used a private vehicle to get to the museum. We have families, and many times extended families, a good number of whom are from minority communities, who find it difficult financially to pay for parking in the Music Concourse garage, who's rates run from \$5.25-\$6.25 per hour, \$29-\$33 daily maximum (weekdays/weekends respectively). For years, both the DeYoung and the Academy of Sciences have received complaints from our visitors regarding the cost of garage parking, which is particularly frustrating as we do not have any ownership or control, as it relates to the parking garage and it's fees. Do know that neither institution has been able to get the parking garage authority to allow parking validation and/or discount to either the general public or staff.

I know that the management of the DeYoung Museum has proposed reopening a portion of JFK Drive, between 8th Avenue and Transverse Drive, allowing access to much needed vehicle parking, especially ADA designated spaces lost in the closure. This still would allow the majority of JFK Drive, from 8th Avenue to Stanyan Street/The Panhandle, and from Transverse Drive to the Great Highway, to remain car-free and open to the enjoyment of both pedestrians and bicyclists.

What is needed is safe and easy accessibility for all visitors and museum staff, which will also help the DeYoung on the road to financial recovery, having been closed due to the ongoing pandemic for 80% of last year, to which the street closures create a substantial barrier. Thank you for taking time to listen to my concerns.

John Burket

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## Fwd: Closure of JFK Drive

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 1:06 PM

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From: **Monique A** [REDACTED]  
Date: Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:07 AM  
Subject: Closure of JFK Drive  
To: <info@sfcta.org>  
Cc: <executiveoffice@famsf.org>, <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>, <chanstaff@sfgov.org>, <Connie.Chan@sfgov.org>, <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>, <Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org>, <marstaff@sfgov.org>, <Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org>, <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>, <Dean.Preston@sfgov.org>, <Matt.Haney@sfgov.org>, <Myrna.Melgar@sfgov.org>, <Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org>, <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, <Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org>, <Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org>, <MTABoard@sfmta.com>, <slowstreets@sfmta.com>, <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>, <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

To whom it may concern:

(The below is an email I sent to my Supervisor who advised to share with a few edits)

I recently moved back to the Bayview after 10 years in Los Angeles to join the staff at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. As a 3rd generation native of the Bayview, it was a joy to be able to come home and work for a museum I visited as a child.

Now that we are in the red tier (at the time of sending the email), I want to address the re-evaluation for the need for JFK Drive to remain closed past our shelter in place order.

I understand the need to green open spaces, but it feels like those of us in District 10 are more impacted but this closure if it becomes a full time closure. Those who live closer to the park of course reap the benefits of the closed spaces but those of use who work or want to visit the area from D10 are shafted by the close. The garage is too expensive, there are less handicap spaces and the overall hardship of accessing the park is unfair to non-District 1 residents. This is not even taking into consideration visitors from outside of San Francisco or families or people who have disabilities who have no choice but to travel in cars.

In addition, as a woman, having to walk much further to my car in a very poorly light park once the sun goes down, is a safety issue. And something I do not feel comfortable with. Will the Park Service be offering escorts? Will much more lighting be added to the park for safety?

I also want to mention that even if JFK Dr is closed to normal traffic, there are still vehicles driving through - including large tractor trailers. I've noticed since the closure that pedestrians and bikers completely ignore the vehicles that HAVE to drive in the park in a very unsafe manner. Unless you truly block traffic (which is impossible for the economic wealthfare of the park), the area will remain unsafe for those who claim eliminating cars from JFK will make it safer. It won't - it will put more people in jeopardy as they no longer pay attention to their surroundings.

I greatly thank you for your attention to this matter and hope you will consider the impact this will have on non-D1 residents.

Best,

Monique Abadilla  
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## Fwd: JFK road closure

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 1:05 PM

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From: **NEIL RANSICK** [REDACTED]  
Date: Sat, May 8, 2021 at 12:23 PM  
Subject: JFK road closure  
To: [info@sfcta.org](mailto:info@sfcta.org) <[info@sfcta.org](mailto:info@sfcta.org)>  
Cc: [executiveoffice@famsf.org](mailto:executiveoffice@famsf.org) <[executiveoffice@famsf.org](mailto:executiveoffice@famsf.org)>

As a museum volunteer, I am very concerned about the JFK road closure for our patrons. I have a handicapped plaque and without the road reopening so I can park on JFK, I am not sure I'll be able to continue as a volunteer. The garage is too expensive and the closure will affect the deYoung's attendance along with that of the Academy of Sciences, and the Conservatory. There is a protected bike lane on JFK between parked cars and the sidewalk. And surely bicyclists have lots of other places to bike. Their rights cannot be allowed to supercede the rights of people who need their cars.

Lynn Norris

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## Fwd: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 1:06 PM

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From: **Patricia Yerian** [REDACTED]  
Date: Sun, May 9, 2021 at 4:20 PM  
Subject: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting  
To: <[Info@sfcta.org](mailto:Info@sfcta.org)>  
Cc: <[chanstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chanstaff@sfgov.org)>, <[executiveoffice@famsf.org](mailto:executiveoffice@famsf.org)>

GG Park should be for everyone. We have been expressing our concerns over further restrictions on access for over a year. We are Seniors and long time residents of the Inner Richmond. We would normally be able to enter the park at the Arguello Gate, we have been forced to go around the park and enter on 9th Avenue for over a year. The JFK closure was supposed to be temporary but here we are with another deception on the part of SFMTA to now permanently close JFK Drive preventing full access to the park.

We very much wanted to see the Entwined exhibit in the park. We were not able to do so since it would require us to walk from another area in the dark since we couldn't park on JFK Drive. Our frustration will only grow as other night time events start to open at the deYoung and the Academy of Science. We support both of these institutions but will not be able to take full advantage of our memberships. I am also a volunteer at the deYoung but I cannot afford the parking garage fees which I am sure is the case for many of the volunteers.

We tried doing our morning walk along JFK Drive. Unfortunately, pedestrians appear to be fair game with joggers and bicyclists coming up right behind you with no warning.

It seems that seniors and persons with disabilities are now routinely not taken into consideration. MLK Drive and the Great Highway are the latest examples of what seems to be an all or nothing approach to planning. I saw in your report that one of your solutions was to add some ADA parking spaces. A pitiful attempt on your part to placate many of us.

Pat & Dick Yerian

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## Fwd: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting

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From: **sharon bell** [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, May 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM

Subject: Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting

To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>, <info@sfcta.org>, <chanstaff@sfgov.org>, <Connie.Chan@sfgov.org>, <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>, <Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org>, <marstaff@sfgov.org>, <Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org>, <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>, <Dean.Preston@sfgov.org>, <Matt.Haney@sfgov.org>, <Myrna.Melgar@sfgov.org>, <Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org>, <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, <Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org>, <Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org>, <MTABoard@sfmta.com>, <slowstreets@sfmta.com>, <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>, <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

Dear Policy Makers – I do NOT support JFK closure. Please consider ALL San Franciscans before closing off free and accessible parking to the de Young (the City's museum) in favor of petitions from predominately white and upper-income bike riders and walkers. I am a native San Franciscan and a distressed as a city resident that JFK Drive's permanent closure is being considered by the San Francisco government. Necessary and equitable ADA parking spots are currently lost to visitors with disabilities, not to mention free parking spaces on JFK for visitors and students who are not wealthy enough to live close by, able-bodied enough to walk or ride into the park, or able to afford the Music Concourse Parking Garage, which is prohibitively expensive and not under the Museums' control.

According to the CDC the most common disability is mobility and affects 1 in 7 adults, and 2 in 5 adults over the age of 65. **Please remember that cities should plan for the most vulnerable, not the most able-bodied.**

There needs to be a comprehensive study to study and redesign the traffic flow within the park. This would allow for fully protected pathways and at the same time find a solution for all San Franciscans to enjoy the park at the level they are able.

Thank you for considering all sides to this issue.

Sharon Bell

A San Franciscan Who is Committed to a Solution for Equity and Inclusivity

**From:** Victoria Kirby [REDACTED]

**Subject:** DO NOT close JFK to cars

**Date:** May 7, 2021 at 4:05:38 PM PDT

**To:** [info@sfcta.org](mailto:info@sfcta.org), [MOD@sfgov.org](mailto:MOD@sfgov.org), [racialequity@sfgov.org](mailto:racialequity@sfgov.org), [Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org), [recpark.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:recpark.commission@sfgov.org), [rpinfo@sfgov.org](mailto:rpinfo@sfgov.org), "[MTABoard@sfmta.com](mailto:MTABoard@sfmta.com)" <[MTABoard@SFMTA.com](mailto:MTABoard@SFMTA.com)>

**Cc:** [executiveoffice@famsf.org](mailto:executiveoffice@famsf.org)

I am a volunteer docent at the FAMSF and a long-standing member. I also have a bad knee which means I must park near the museums as I can't walk a long distance, nor can I afford the very expensive parking garage fees. If you close JFK, I can no longer volunteer as a docent at the de Young Museum nor will I be able to visit unless a friend drops me off and picks me up.

To close JFK East to all vehicle traffic will negatively impact parents with strollers and young children who can walk; the elderly; people who prefer to use a car because they find public transportation inaccessible, dangerous, and the routes of no use to them; and people with disabilities - especially with mobility issues. Closing JFK near the de Young museum will adversely affect many potential visitors as well as staff and volunteers. It is dangerous to walk in the Park or wait for a bus when it is dark and staff and volunteers often work until after dark and need to park close by.

The FAMSF offers 5-6 Access Days for Special Exhibitions a year (partially subsidized by the City of SF) for visitors with disabilities. If JFK East is closed they cannot have ADA parking close by and so will be unable to come to Access Days. This is NOT inclusive or equitable and goes against ADA's effort to make all public spaces accessible!!

There is an alternative that will serve EVERYONE who wants to be in Golden Gate Park and attend the de Young Museum, Academy of Sciences, Botanical Garden etc. - pedestrians, bicyclists, and those needing cars or vans. JFK is wide enough to have designated paths for all three plus parking spots for both regular vehicles and those with ADA placards. There is already a large, paved area bordering JFK and near 8th Ave entrance for roller skaters and plenty of paths for pedestrians throughout the GG Park.

Victoria Kirby

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## Fwd: Keep JFK Drive Open

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Subject: Keep JFK Drive Open

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Cc: Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco <[contact@famsf.org](mailto:contact@famsf.org)>

May 7,2021

Golden Gate Transportation Authority

Dear Directors:

As a child growing up in Bridgeport, Connecticut, one of the family delights we looked forward to was a Sunday drive through Beardsley Park following church. Riding through the park was a special treat, a time to enjoy the beauty of the green grass, the leaves and trees, and nature; a time to appreciate life.

5/10/2021

Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Mail - Fwd: Keep JFK Drive Open

When I came to San Francisco about 50 years ago that childhood treat became an adult treat. Riding through GoldenGate Park on a Sunday afternoon refreshed my soul as well as my spirit.

When, occasionally, the park visit was enhanced by a visit to the park museums, life was really good.

I am now a ninety-six year old senior, living in an assisted-living facility. While the facility provides group trips around San Francisco it no longer can take us on a Sunday afternoon drive through GoldenGate Park followed by a visit to the deYoung Museum. This treat is now impossible because Golden Gate Drive is closed to cars on Sunday afternoon.

Granted youth need a place to roller skate. Can that be done somewhere else(perhaps Kezar Stadium be paved).

Seniors also need a place to relax and absorb nature. A Sunday drive through Golden Gate Park including a drop-off and pick-up visit to the deYoung Museum would help "golden" our senior years. Please make this possible.

Very truly yours,

Frankie Jacobs Gillette

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Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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**de Young Public Comment - SFCTA Meeting 5/11/21 Re: JFK Drive**

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**Paria Dea** <pdea@famsf.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 7:12 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org, info@sfcta.org

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Dear Commissioners and Clerk of the Transportation Authority:

The attached document includes public comment from de Young Museum staff, volunteers, docents, members, and visitors, regarding John F. Kennedy Drive East's ongoing closure. These comments are being submitted for the May 11th Transportation Authority Board meeting. Personal information has been redacted where necessary and where requested.

Thank you,

**Paria Dea**

Senior Records and Executive Administrator

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## JFK Drive East closure

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 8:00 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the differently-abled community I am sending this email to express my concern that JFK Drive East has been completely closed to vehicles. The closure negatively impacts accessibility for individuals with disabilities to visit the de Young Museum and much of the east end of the park. The closure significantly decreases the number of ADA and free parking spaces inside Golden Gate Park, including 30 which are accessible to the de Young. This also limits access for frail elderly and under served members of the community and students who travel in parent-driven carpools for field trips who may be burdened by the costs of paid parking. I hope that you will consider showing your support for restoring JFK Drive access for the differently-abled, frail elderly, student and under served communities, helping more people access the park and the City's museum.

Thank you,

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## Fwd: Public Comment for 5-11-21 meeting

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Dear Policy Makers –

We do NOT support continuing the JFK closure.

Please consider ALL San Franciscans before closing off free and accessible parking to the de Young (the City's museum) in favor of petitions from predominately white and upper income bike riders and walkers. I am distressed as a city resident that JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered by San Francisco government. Necessary and equitable ADA parking spots are currently lost to visitors with disabilities, not to mention free parking spaces on JFK for visitors and students who are not wealthy enough to live close by, able bodied enough to ride into the park, or able to afford the Music Concourse Parking Garage, which is prohibitively expensive and not under the Museums' control. Thank you for considering all sides to this issue.

Yours, Frances Homan Jue and Gerry Jue  
[1111 Douglass Street, San Francisco 94131](#)



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**Fwd: I support JFK being car free**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to let you know I support the closing of the JFK. I have been so grateful to live within walking distance of Golden Gate Park during the shutdown.

It has enabled me to find ways to have fitness and peace of mind during this very difficult time. While I acknowledge that it is a privilege that folks in the Sunset have access to this public park, I have enjoyed the park with friends that live across the city to gather and exercise together. I also want to encourage you and the rest of the city leadership to think about how to implement a no-car zone in Maclaren Park and other public spaces in the city.

Best,

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