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JFK Drive meeting

1 message

James Webb <j.e.c.webb@gmail.com>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:08 PM

To: "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

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.

James



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Comment for 5/11/21 meeting

1 message

'Nicolette Collins MD' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>

Tue, May 11, 2021 at 7:45 AM

Reply-To: Nicolette Collins MD <docdnc1@me.com>

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Dear Board Commissioners – I am a disabled museum member. I have enjoyed going to the access days for many years. I am able to do so because of the extra handicap parking. I strongly disagree with and do not support the ongoing JFK closure because it takes handicap or disabled parking away from those of us who desperately need it. Also, I want to speak out on behalf of those who are more disabled than me and are not able to communicate to you how much these Access days and the ability to go to the museum means to them. I have always been impressed that the San Francisco museums value and provide access and services for the disabled community.

I do NOT support the ongoing JFK closure.

Please consider ALL San Franciscans before closing off free and accessible parking to the de Young (the City's museum). I am distressed that the JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered. I understand that a compromise was already made, with Sunday and 6 month Saturday closures of the street. Necessary and hard fought 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. Not everyone is able bodied enough to ride into the park, or able to afford the Music Concourse Parking Garage, which is prohibitively expensive. As a person of color, I have observed very few people of color enjoying the museums. This closure will also negatively impact people of color in higher percentages than your white museum goers. Having this specific area along JFK Drive closed directly takes away the ability of myself and others with disabilities to equitably enjoy the park and the museums located there, and there is no equivalent replacement.

Nicolette Collins MD
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Closure of JFK

1 message

Melanie Grossman <melanie.d.grossman@gmail.com>
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:17 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make a comment for the SFCTA meeting about the closure of JFK.

Although I believe it is a good idea to close the road for the enjoyment of children and families, it is also important to remember our older citizens and the disabled who cannot ride bikes, roller skate or sometimes even walk. There should be a compromise so that all people continue to have access to the park's facilities.

If we are concerned for young people and their being out in the fresh air, efforts should go to providing opportunities for biking, skating and strolling by closing streets in every neighborhood rather than one central location such as the park.

Melanie Grossman
Older Women's League



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2 messages

'Dee' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 10:37 PM

Reply-To: Dee <phoenixmom@aol.com>

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Dear Board Commissioners:

I do NOT support the ongoing JFK closure. Please consider ALL San Franciscans and visitors from neighboring cities (me, my family and many, many Deaf friends from Fremont, Pleasanton and Livermore) before closing off free and accessible parking to the de Young (the City's museum which is also the museum for those of us who do not live in San Francisco). I am deeply distressed as a resident of the Bay Area that the JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered. A compromise was already made, with annual Sunday and 6 month Saturday closures of the street. 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. Having this specific area along JFK Drive closed directly takes away the ability of myself and others with disabilities to equitably enjoy the park and the museums located there, and there is no equivalent replacement.

PLEASE, please make the Museums fully accessible to each and every visitor and that means keeping the JFK Drive open. Certainly in this day and age we CAN figure out a solution to meet the needs of our visitors with disabilities AND at the same time provide our bicyclists with another route that will work for everybody.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Kennedy

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Tue, May 11, 2021 at 8:36 AM

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A personal note before requesting to please safe access to the arts for people with mobility challenges

4 messages

E. Dayna de Coppet <EDECOPPET@msn.com>
To: "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:37 PM

Dear Board Commissioners –

I grew up in Bay Area in the 60s and was introduced to art from my step grandfather George Hopper Fitch, American modernist art collector, benefactor and former chairman of acquisitions for the San Francisco fine arts museums. If anybody remembers working with George, they will know that he was very dedicated to the museums.

Fitchie as we called him was always busy with museum business, however my grandmother Murial made sure he had plenty of time to celebrate family. And that we did! It was a privilege to have them as my grandparents. I was be exposed to much art in their pacific heights home.

Honestly, because of Access Mondays and the descent tours, I have developed an interest in art now more than when I was a little girl, listening to George's colorful interpretations. He had a master eye for sure and was very passionate! I was just too young to understand the subtleties he was pointing out. Fortunately, it is never too late to cultivate a love of art.

The challenging part is that I live with rheumatoid arthritis now and sometimes have trouble walking distances. I have enjoyed the Access Mondays so much! I hope there is a way to save some spaces and a thoroughfare for people like me to park close in order to come into the de Young and enjoy the art.

Sincerely,
Emily Dayna de Coppet

I do NOT support the ongoing JFK closure. Please consider ALL San Franciscans before closing off free and accessible parking to the de Young (the City's museum). I am distressed as a city resident that the JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered. A compromise was already made, with annual Sunday and 6 month Saturday closures of the street. 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. Having this specific area along JFK Drive closed directly takes away the ability of myself and others with disabilities to equitably enjoy the park and the museums located there, and there is no equivalent replacement.

Sincerely,

Dayna de Coppet

'Janis Olson' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>
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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:52 PM

Hi Dayna -

Wonderful and beautifully impassioned letter.

I also wrote on behalf of the disabled community.

Until you are disabled, you don't realize how significant these decisions are to those of us with mobility challenges.

Let's hope that they make a decision that protects our ability to attend the museum.

Love, Janis 🍷

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2021, at 9:37 PM, E. Dayna de Coppet <EDECOPPET@msn.com> wrote:

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'Janis Olson' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>
Reply-To: Janis Olson <janisjolson@aol.com>
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Cc: Gallant Sonia <sgallant@famsf.org>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 10:45 PM

Dear Board Commissioners –

I grew up spending my childhood visiting museums. When I became a mother, I continued the tradition of exposing my family to the beauty of the world of art.

As a disabled senior, I have thoroughly enjoyed the access days, which have afforded members with mobility challenges the ability to view art exhibits and secure accessible handicapped parking.

Until you are disabled or incapacitated, you cannot fully appreciate how important having accessible access is.

Please consider those of us who have mobility challenges when voting tomorrow.

Thank you so very much!

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Sincerely,
Janis Olson

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Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:37 PM

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Public Comment for 5/11/21 Meeting [JFK Drive]

1 message

pfaeffle, karen (DPH) <karen.pfaeffle@sfdph.org>

Tue, May 11, 2021 at 12:08 AM

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Cc: "executiveoffice@famsf.org" <executiveoffice@famsf.org>

Dear Board Commissioners – I do NOT support the ongoing JFK closure.

Personally, I'm able to walk w/o assistance & enjoy walking so the closure would not impact my own life dramatically. However, Golden Gate Park is a national treasure to be shared with everyone, visitors & residents alike. Accessibility is important for those who have limited mobility, and/or no resources for personal transportation such as taxi, Uber, etc. or pay to park in the parking garage.

I've taken Laguna Honda residents to many parts of Golden Gate Park including the Botanical gardens and the DeYoung museum. They always love it & for many people, it is a new experience. We encourage & support residents to gain independence, engage in new interests, as well as return to former passions that they sometimes have lost or feel that their limitations prevent them from living a full life.

It is vitally important that all people have access to the beauty & wonder of the Golden Gate Park. People w/ disabilities especially need access to the healing power of nature & the arts. It's difficult enough to live with disability, however, exclusion makes it that more difficult.

Please consider those who may be less fortunate & would be unable to access the park if JFK is closed to vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration.



Karen Pfaeffle, MA ATR

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On Mon, May 10, 2021 at 6:05 PM Tina Wiley <cwiley1990@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Policymakers,

I do not support the closure of JFK in Golden Gate Park as it is a form of recreation redlining. As a parent, creative, grantmaker for the arts, and former FAMSF staff member this closure limits accessibility for folks living in San Francisco and local tourists that reside outside of the city. It already costs a bare minimum of \$20-30 in gas/toll/BART/SFMTA to get into the city, then you add garage fees of \$50+ for a 3hr visit and a trip for one person to visit the park becomes a near \$100 expense.

That being said, families that were forced out due to the extremely high cost of living in SF and bordering countries are moving further out and cannot return to these institutions or to visit the park literally because it's costs too much and it's too cumbersome to find parking. If you have ever lived with a small child, you know parking is EVERYTHING when it comes to those family experiences. And the way crime is in Civic Center, I would strongly not recommend any family, friend, senior, etc to take public transit out to the park. It's simply not safe.

Moreover, this closure trickles up to school classes visiting the museums on buses from around the state. Those buses are too big to fit in a garage and JFK was the only solution. When JFK is closed down, it will drastically reduce access for schools that take day trips as far out as Fresno county just to see art and science, thus limiting crucial access to the arts and sciences institutions that are not present in predominantly black and brown communities.

I sincerely hope this policy is reviewed for equity and access for people of color, families, seniors, folks with disabilities, and anyone else dealing with the crippling effects of inflation and gentrification regardless of their SF residency status. It is truly a "privilege" to afford San Francisco.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Tina Wiley

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To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>, <info@sfcta.org>
Cc: <executiveoffices@famsf.org>, Karen Berniker <KBERNIKER@famsf.org>

Dear Board Commissioners -

My name is Karen Berniker and I am a person with a dual disability (Deaf/Blind) who works as the Access Manager at the deYoung Museum. PLEASE NOTE, I do NOT support the ongoing JFK closure because it does not consider ALL San Franciscans before closing off free and accessible parking to the de Young (the City's museum). This is very concerning as my job is to ensure the museum is ADA compliant, and that there is equal access for people with disabilities to the museum. I am affected by this decision both personally and professionally because the necessary and equitable ADA parking spots are currently lost thereby making it extremely inaccessible 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. Having this specific area along JFK Drive closed directly takes away the ability of myself and others with disabilities to equitably enjoy the park and the museums located there, and there is no equivalent replacement. Meaning other ADA parking spaces in the area are not the closest parking spaces to the museum and are considered inaccessible for people with mobility conditions or people who are blind a use a white cane as the pavement is not smooth. Please consider the needs of ALL San Franciscans and do not allow those who are privileged to take advantage of the situation.

Thank you,
Karen Berniker



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Britney Milton <britney.milton@sfcta.org>

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Dear County Transportation Authority Commissioners,

Please DO NOT close JFK Drive permanently! It would be a disastrous move to do so! At this time of severely reduced Muni Service and fears about Covid-19, more and more San Franciscans are driving than ever before. While this is a far from ideal situation, it points up the reality of the problems all of us will face if JFK Drive is closed to cars. All of the beloved facilities along JFK Drive that San Franciscans from more distant neighborhoods--like the Mission, Excelsior, OMI, Portola, Visitacion Valley and Hunter's Point--enjoy visiting will be largely inaccessible to them. This will be an especially difficult state of affairs for low income working families, particularly families of color.

And, San Franciscans with disabilities and seniors will have an even harder time accessing the Conservatory of Flowers, the Rhododendron Dell, The de Young Museum, the Academy of Sciences, the Japanese Tea Garden and Stow Lake than they have already if they cannot reach these wonderful facilities by road, and have nearby free or low-cost parking available to them. As you know, seniors and people with disabilities often live on fixed incomes, and prohibitively expensive garage parking that is not close enough to these facilities is not a workable alternative for them. I know, because I am one of them!

The traffic problems caused by the closure of JFK Drive will extend far beyond Golden Gate Park, and on busy weekends, may even cause congestion on the Golden Gate Bridge to the north and 19th Avenue to the south. This would not be a desirable situation for anyone.

Please DO take the time and effort to think creatively and design a roadway that will be safe for both bicyclists and motorists. As someone who has recently witnessed the tragedy of a bicyclist being hit by a car, I take bicyclists' safety seriously. I strongly believe that it will be very possible to have separate, safe pathways for both cars and bicyclists that are wide enough, and separate enough, to be safe for all who use them. The principle of full inclusion is basic to civil

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rights in this country. The movement for Universal Design offers valuable methods by which safe pathways and roadways can be created for all of us.

Respectfully yours,
Victoria Bruckner



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Britney Milton <britney.milton@sfcta.org>

Fwd: Input / Advocacy for 5/11/21 SFCTA Meeting

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are advocating the reopening of JFK Drive to automobile traffic.

As long time volunteers at the DeYoung, we have invested many hours over more than forty years in supporting the museum and its collection. We hope to continue our work when conditions permit. However, without auto access and parking it will not be possible.

Even though we are reasonably fit for seniors, access without JFK is difficult, either a long walk from available parking or two buses from our home in the Parkside. The parking garage is not an option for us retirees on a fixed income.

If the closure of JFK is made permanent it will end our involvement with the DeYoung, not only depriving the museum of what we have to offer, but also depriving us of a community. As the pandemic has made abundantly clear, people need social contact and the DeYoung has been part of our social life for many years.

Without auto access on JFK senior and disabled citizens are being disenfranchised not only from the Fine Arts museum but the Rose Garden, the Conservatory and a large section of the park we have enjoyed and supported with our tax money for many, many years.

Thank you for your attention.

Kathleen Murphy
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Fwd: Public Comment for SFCTA 5/11/2021 mtg

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Dear SFCTA Board Commissioners,

I am a four decades long resident of San Francisco, and I vigorously OPPOSE the closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park! I, my wife, and tens of thousands of people will be negatively impacted by such an egregious decision. This include: seniors, people with disabilities, families, out of town visitors, and residents from any neighborhood that is not near the Park, including the Mission, Bayview, Excelsior, OMI, Visitation Valley, and Portola Districts.

As someone who used to love bicycling, I recognize the needs and interests of bicyclists. However, it is very short-sided and indefensible to even consider making this "temporary" measure a permanent reality.

More than a decade ago, a compromise was reached with the bicycling community that allowed for annual Sunday and 6 month Saturday closures of JFK Drive. As someone who participated in the discussions about JFK at the time, I can attest that even this compromise was a major concession on the part of all the rest if us who require using cars or vans to enjoy all the facilities, events and programs that are reached via JFK Drive.

It amazes me that when engineers are capable of landing people on the moon, San Francisco planners and politicians do not appear to have sufficient skill and imagination to create and maintain safe bicycle and pedestrian pathways that run ADJACENT to JFK Drive, while still allowing the rest of us to utilize JFK Drive. I would like to believe that human beings are skilled and imaginative enough to create such a win-win environment for ALL.

Sincerely,
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I'm an elderly San Francisco resident. I was shocked to hear that San Francisco is considering closing the eastern branch of JFK Drive to auto traffic and parking. I have been a volunteer at the De Young for 42 years and need a special parking card and a parking space close by to continue volunteering there. Stow Lake is far too distant for me to use and street parking is not available. I will not be able to continue volunteering at the museum or even visiting the museum without the JFK street parking. I believe bicycle lanes and pedestrian lanes can be provided in that area without eliminating the limited parking that is provided now. Consideration should also be given to those that may need parking spaces for not only the museum but the other popular attractions in the area, like the Tea Garden, the Arboretum, the Academy of Sciences and the music concourse. There is an underground parking garage at the music concourse, but the prices there are prohibitive for most families and middle and low income people.

Please keep JFK Drive open for the use of all residents.

Thank you.

J. Scardina



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Dear Policy Makers

I do NOT support the Golden Gate Park JFK Drive 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 life long city resident that JFK Drive permanent closure is being considered by this body of San Francisco Government Officials.

Necessary and equitable ADA parking spots are currently lost to visitors with disabilities, free parking spaces on JFK Drive for visitors and students who are not wealthy enough to live nearby, able to ride into the park, or able to afford the Music Concourse Parking Garage, that is prohibitively expensive and not under the Museums' control.

According to the CDC the most common disability is mobility and affects one of seven (1 in 7) adults and two of five (2 in 5) adults over the age of sixty-five (65). Please consider that cities should plan for the most vulnerable as well as the most able bodied.

I implore this city and county governing body to conduct a comprehensive study and redesign of the traffic flow within Golden Gate Park that will allow for fully protected, non-intersecting pathways for pedestrians, cyclist and

vehicles. Our city is committed to equity and inclusivity. Let us take this opportunity to act on our commitment to these essential values and find a solution that actually serves all of the constituents of Golden Gate Park. Mr. John McLaren would want this too.

Thank you for considering all sides to this issue.

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Fwd: The closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park

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San Francisco is known for many things and one of them is its world class museums one of which is located in Golden Gate Park. The DeYoung Museum has attracted San Franciscans across many age groups but one of its most faithful groups is retirees. Once the work of a lifetime is completed many seek the solace and the beauty found in art. They do this by becoming members of the museum and visiting on a regular basis. Many also become volunteers believing it is time to give back some of what San Francisco has offered them. Of the volunteer group many are traveling from outside the city to work at the museum. The City recently has a strange way to thank them for their patronage and their service by closing JFK Drive completely every day. JFK has provided free parking close by the museum both for volunteers and regular visitors as well as for the handicapped. Many volunteers have said they will no longer be able to work their shifts if they cannot park. The garage is too expensive for people on a fixed income and during popular exhibitions there are not enough parking spaces. For evening events you really cannot expect elderly people and unaccompanied women to walk safely through a dark park back and forth to the museum. Taking public transportation is not a reliable choice especially on the weekends. Many older patrons do not feel safe on San Francisco public transportation. I have attempted to take the bus from Noe Valley to the museum for my volunteer shifts on several occasions. The bus never followed the schedule, on the weekend it didn't start early enough. To go from my house in Noe Valley by car takes 15 minutes while by bus the few times I tried almost an hour. My time is a valuable as a fully employed person. I don't like wasting it. On two occasions when the bus never appeared I was able to walk the distance in 40 minutes. I am not your average 76 year old and this is not a viable solution.

If you thought the closure of JFK impacts only seniors you would be wrong. As a former private school teacher I know that parents drove my kids to the museum when we visited. Parking in the garage would be an expense shouldered by the school which would make visits impossible. Private schools that come from outside the City would be unable to park and thus unable to come. Your plan to have bikers and walkers would exclude many others including school children denying them the cultural experience the museum offers.

The museum loading dock are located off JFK. The closure would make bringing in and taking out exhibits problematic. The evening and daytime functions that the museum has for openings and other meetings and gettogethers would also become difficult with the loading and unloading of supplies. This closure would severely impact the operation of the museum.

If there is no place to park on JFK patrons, museum staff, volunteers, and school groups would be forced to park in the surrounding neighborhoods. This would increase traffic in the neighborhoods and disappear all their parking. Parking meters would not solve the problem but rather turn more people away.

If staff and volunteers are forced to park only on Martin Luther Drive moving cars would be very difficult every 4 hours to prevent getting a parking ticket. We would be forced to disrupt our work for longer periods to move cars. Parking tickets in the park are very expensive for those unlucky enough to not move their car in time.

The pandemic has placed a huge financial burden on the museum leaving it millions of dollars in debt. There would be no way to recoup the losses with the planned JFK closure.

We are only asking to keep open JFK from Transverse Drive to 8th Avenue. That still leaves a considerable stretch of JFK closed to traffic for bikers and walkers. Once we are all back to work and back to school in September there will be very little traffic on JFK during the week so to close it would not make sense. Only the weekends will there be crowds and JFK will be closed, I am assuming, as it was last year, pre-pandemic, on Sunday. This was hard and we suffered with a lack of Sunday volunteers but it is a positive trade off. The museum is closed except for staff, museum work and special events on Mondays and there is really little traffic in the park then. So also no need to close JFK.

The plan to close JFK is both exclusionary and shortsighted. I hope you reconsider.



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Comment Regarding JFK Closure

1 message

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Tue, May 11, 2021 at 7:58 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

It feels as if this is a done deal and the meetings and surveys regarding making the road closure of JFK Drive permanent are just a theater performance. That being said, since this process is going forward, please accept the survey with a couple of caveats: before final approval please include in the graph on how many parking spaces there are in nearby amenities, please include how many parking spaces there are all along JFK Drive. Also, in the graph which describes collisions East of Transverse Drive, it says a total of 91, pedestrian 20 (21%), bicycles 40 (43.9%), leaving the assumption that 31 involved vehicles which would mean that more bicycles were involved in collisions than were cars. Please clarify. Does this mean that 20 pedestrians collided with other pedestrians?

As a lifelong San Franciscan, I remember Golden Gate Park fondly for the drives our family took every evening along what is now called JFK Drive. The evening drive was the highlight of our day as a family together. Rabbits and squirrels would line up along the road, and we would throw them bread and peanuts.

Then for decades, JFK Drive was closed every Sunday and every holiday of the year. The bicyclists and roller skaters had the road every day that folk were off and available to picnic, but at least the working class had access on Saturdays. Then in 2007 after the rollerbladers and the bicyclists demanded more road closure, partly in revenge because the deYoung Museum and the California Academy of Sciences had rebuilt their museums for the people in Golden Gate Park, JFK Drive was closed from April 1 - October 1 each year. This denied those of us who cannot walk distances access. But at least we had October 1 - April 1 to enjoy the Conservatory of Flowers and the other park amenities.

Now that the entire road was closed this past year, those of us with limited mobility were denied the pleasure of enjoying the light show at the Conservatory of Flowers and the lighted sculpture exhibit in the evenings. It is unrealistic to say "Let them take the shuttle". Many of us cannot take even one step, so we cannot step up into a shuttle. Do not expect us to stand in the cold darkness waiting for a shuttle. That is just cruel.

This is not fair. Everyone deserves access to all of the amenities in Golden Gate Park. Please reopen JFK Drive to everyone.

Then there is the economic discrimination. Those of you who are attorneys or who are married to one can earn \$400 per hour. There is no way that you can truly understand what it is to be the head of a family trying to provide some happiness to your children and needing to drive to Golden Gate Park to enjoy it, maybe take the family to see the wonders made by the people of Africa, Oceania, and the Native Americas when the deYoung Museum is free admission to all Bay Area residents every Saturday, (A new policy initiated by the new director Thomas Campbell) when you earn minimum wage and yearn to drive along the road, then simply pull up and park, then take your family walking through the park to the deYoung Museum.

If you claim to not have a car but you take Uber, Lyft, or other such services, you not only have a car, but you have a driver, who is underpaid and without benefits and pays for their own insurance and car maintenance. In other words, you have a car and a driver who is exploited.

There is an alternative site, perfect for a road closure; Middle Drive right on the western side of Transverse Drive. It is quiet, sylvan, with a little lake, with a flat, smooth, newly paved pavement.

Those who are demanding the permanent road closure of JFK Drive seem to have a bullying, smirking presence. They do not care how much hardship they are causing those who need to drive to Golden Gate Park to access its amenities. This feels very wrong and unfair. Please reopen JFK Drive to everyone now that we are in the yellow tier.

Tomasita Medál



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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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SFCTA Commissioners,

I, along with my two-year-old daughter and almost 5,000 supporters of the Kid Safe JFK petition, am urging you to reject the working group's framework and extend the JFK closure while enabling TA, MTA, and Rec and Park staff to address remaining access and equity needs identified in the report.

San Francisco needs more — not less — Kid Safe spaces for the more than 135,000 kids living in our city, and you have an opportunity to send a clear and uplifting message that those kids are valued and Kid Safe spaces belong in our city.

The access and equity needs identified in the report can, and must, be addressed. But — make no mistake — the calls to delay this decision for months — or years — for countless studies, outreach efforts, and stakeholder working groups to occur is a loosely veiled attempt to tie this up in bureaucracy that will result in Kid Safe JFK turning back into a high-injury corridor where kids playing, laughing, and learning to ride scooters and bikes is replaced with speeding cars, honking horns, and harmful fumes for the benefit of cut-through traffic and free parking.

For those of you who have experienced Kid Safe JFK, you know that the space is full of life, joy, and human connection, and that turning that space back into a dangerous thoroughfare would be a grave mistake that generations of San Franciscans to come will look back on with disappointment.

Today, you have an opportunity to preserve one of the only Kid Safe spaces in our city, and send a clear message to the more than 135,000 kids of our city — and their families — that they are valued and their safety means something to you.

I, along with my two-year-old daughter and almost 5,000 supporters, urge you to take action today to save Kid Safe JFK and move us towards a better future for our city.

Thank you,

Luke Bornheimer

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Reject the JFK Working Group Framework

1 message

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Tue, May 11, 2021 at 12:05 AM

To the Supervisors:

I'm writing to urge you all to REJECT the Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework. The framework as such DOES NOT adequately valorize and prioritize safety, particularly that of children and other vulnerable pedestrians.

An approach that suggests that children's safety is well-served by putting up signs to remind motorists not to hit them centers the interests of drivers above the safety of children. This is simply unacceptable, in any time or place, but especially when we are speaking of a park. In a place where the safety of children should come first, second and third, it's being treated as an afterthought.

I will additionally note that the fact that this framework does not acknowledge the safety and well-being of children as a primary guiding principle for their efforts is not an accident. It is a clear result of the fact that the working group representation was very heavily based in existing, powerful institutions and did not have representation from families raising children in the Richmond, despite many requests for our voices to be included. For families living close by, especially those with smaller living spaces and/or no yard, Golden Gate Park serves as our backyard. It has been demeaning to see the monied interests of institutions being given precedence over the safety of local families.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject the framework as such and to approve Director Tumlin's request for a one-year extension of JFK Drive as it is now so that this conversation can be adequately re-framed to prioritize and valorize the safety of children.

Sincerely,

Olivia Gamboa MD



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JFK Drive - Open or Closed?

2 messages

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:09 PM

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As you decide whether or not to accept the Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework, I want to offer my thoughts. I'm sorry I was not aware of the meeting in time to submit my email in time to be included in the public comments.

Most of the attention on this issue in the media has been focused on those who wish JFK to remain closed permanently. I feel that those of us who wish it to be reopened are in the "silent majority." There are many reasons why I believe it should be reopened with the schedule as it was prior to the pandemic, i.e., closed on Sundays year-round and closed partially on Saturdays for six months of the year.

Disability Access

Many of the suggested parking spaces recommended as replacements for those currently on JFK are not that easy for disabled people to navigate to their desired destination. This is especially true of the spots behind the bandshell where the footing is very uneven. Others are too far for disabled people to easily walk to the points of interest around the Music Concourse. Additionally, it's not only those who are legally disabled who have mobility issues. Some individuals cannot qualify for a handicapped placard but they still have difficulty walking significant distances.

Parking Garage

The parking garage, which I supported when it was proposed and still do, is expensive and not everyone can afford to park there. Even for those who can afford it, when there are major shows at the de Young or other special attractions, the garage fills up and cars are stuck on MLK Drive coming from both the east and the west, waiting for a spot to open. The garage is helpful but it's not a panacea.

Muni Access

The pandemic has decimated our public transportation. To use one of the Muni routes that accesses the Park, one must be able to access the Muni line. The three lines closest to the Park, the 5, 7 and 44 are not necessarily close to those who want to visit the Park. I live in Golden Gate Heights where there is no longer any Muni option so it's not feasible to take the bus.

With the limit on the number of passengers there's no guarantee that people will be allowed to board. Taking the bus is particularly difficult not only for the disabled and those with mobility issues, but families with diaper bags, strollers and picnic baskets face significant obstacles in trying to use the buses. And the walk from the bus stop at 9th and Lincoln to e.g., the de Young, is pretty far for anyone not physically fit.

Attractions for All

I object to the characterization of those advocating for opening JFK as elitist. Whatever you think of the trustees and boards of the organizations in the east end of the Park, remember that their financial contributions helped both build and maintain the attractions. But more importantly remember that there are thousands of members of the California Academy of Sciences, the de Young Museum, and the Conservatory of Flowers, who are everyday citizens. These cultural and educational institutions offer free and/or discounted programs to many of our citizens. Although located closer to MLK Drive, the Japanese Tea Garden and the Botanical Garden are

also nearby. These attract visitors not only from the surrounding neighborhoods but the entire City, the Bay Area, and visitors from all over the country and around the world. And now there's the SkyStar Ferris Wheel for the next four years.

I don't understand why the Close-JFK faction is so adamant about closing the road at the area of the Park that is home to all these urban attractions. When they talk about all the parking available in other areas of the Park, it may make sense to look at closing other roads that are not adjacent to these attractions.

Need for Open Space

Prior to the pandemic friends and I walked regularly in Golden Gate Park. We carpoled and never parked on JFK Drive but we walked along JFK on the sidewalk. There were bikers (JFK has bike lanes in both directions) and joggers and other walkers, but never so many that we couldn't easily walk on the sidewalk no matter which direction we were going nor which side of the road we walked on (always on the sidewalk). As people return to work and children return to school, I question whether there will be a need for the space in the street. Certainly I didn't see any need previously. If people are driving too fast, I'm completely in favor of additional stop signs where it makes sense and more speed humps as were added to other roads in the park, and I think to JFK as well further west.

Respectfully I ask that you reject the report and reopen JFK Drive.

Jeanne Dorward

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:09 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

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"It helps with climate change." "It's a fun place to play and ride bikes."

These were the answers when I asked my kids, 8 and 5, what they want the people deciding about cars on JFK Dr to think about.

The Final Report for the Golden Gate Park Working Group and Action Framework misses the mark. The framework reads like a plan to add more cars to Golden Gate Park. In the midst of a climate crisis, in a "Transit-First City", this is a failure.

The Framework rightfully should focus on facilitating access for all people, regardless of physical ability, as well as expanding access for residents of all SF neighborhoods, but WITHOUT encouraging private car traffic. A decision framework for a major recreation area must also raise the importance of providing safe space for children and seniors to walk, bike, roll, and play away from dangerous car traffic.

It must be possible to meet these accessibility needs without abandoning the City's climate and transit priorities and ignoring our most vulnerable residents' need for a safe place for recreation. The right framework would be a roadmap to meeting those need together.

The Framework before you today will bring cars into the park in force and literally drive children and seniors out of Golden Gate Park.

I am asking you to vote "no" and allow this framework to be improved.

Thank you.

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"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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GGP Framework/Carfree JFK

1 message

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Mon, May 10, 2021 at 9:44 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to you as a 14-year District 1 resident, and before that a 9-year District 4 resident. During my 23 years living in San Francisco, I have always lived within one block of Golden Gate Park. I have always enjoyed the peace and serenity when walking, biking, strolling with my dog, and now skating in the park. But ever since a portion of JFK Drive was closed to cars, I can honestly say that this is the first time that I have ever felt safe at any hour of the day because there are no cars driving or parked on JFK.

The park is supposed to be a place for SF residents to enjoy life and relieve stress. But as a vulnerable road user, I often felt stress and anxiety as people driving cars would cut me off or open doors in the bike lane. On top of that, I can now stroll down JFK at night. There are always people enjoying the park at any hour and I feel much safer than I ever have. It is truly a miraculous feeling to be able to enjoy a park as it is supposed to be enjoyed, and not fear for my life.

I remember when Heather Miller was killed while riding her bike on JFK by a speeding driver in 2016. Since the eastern portion of JFK has been closed to car traffic, there have been no deaths and no injuries due to collisions between vulnerable road users and cars.

Additionally, there is no commuter traffic during rush hours through the park. I can go for a morning or evening walk and not breathe emissions or hear car horns and engines. Instead I hear birds chirping, owls hoo-hoo-ing, and even once a coyote howling! Every afternoon and on weekends, I see small children learning to ride bikes and scooters up and down JFK. We should never return back to a time when cars clogged JFK Drive and made the park a high injury corridor.

This doesn't need to be a zero sum game. 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. It is not an either/or situation. It's a yes/and situation. We can envision a Golden Gate Park that is at once equitable, accessible, sustainable, safe for everyone, climate-friendly and carfree.

Now is the time to create a new version of Golden Gate Park that will be a model for cities across the United States. I'm ready to help make it happen!

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As a D1 resident I support keeping jfk car free. GGP has gotten steady use by residents from all around the city for the last year in large part because of the jfk and mlk car free routes.

When we have a park getting this much community use because it is car free why would we consider converting it back to a VZ high injury network road?

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