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Subject : Adopt the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report - 6.22.21 CTA Meeting

Hi CTA Clerk and Staff,

I strongly urge Supervisors Chan, Mar and Melgar, et al. to **adopt the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report.**

Thank you!

Dave "Alex" Alexander, MPA

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Subject : Car-free space Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in *Miraloma Park*, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day. Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities. As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars."

Sincerely,

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Subject : Closure of the Great Highway

To the Clerk of the Transportation Authority and Mayor of San Francisco

I'm writing to ask that the Great Highway be reopened to traffic due to the negative impacts of the closure on myself and many others. For residents of the San Mateo Coast and peninsula, the Great Highway is our main route to get into the western portion of the city as well as Marin County and other destinations to the north. Closure has forced us to drive through nearby neighborhoods adding traffic to residential streets with dangerous intersections. Many of the intersections lack four way stop signs and residents park right up to the corners, hindering visibility and making crossings dangerous. Driving through the neighborhoods necessitates dodging cars pulling out of driveways and double parked vehicles. And it is not uncommon to see other vehicles speeding and rolling into intersections. The irony is that the highway is right next to a beautiful beach, a coastal paved walking and biking path, and also adjacent to Golden Gate Park—possibly the greatest collection of recreational opportunities in the city. The Great Highway was one of the first highways in America and should be a gateway and show place for the western part of the city. Please reopen the highway for the sake of the safety and wellbeing of the neighborhood residents and those trying to travel to and through the city.

Marc Strohlein

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Subject : COMMENTS FOR JUNE 21, 10 am SFCTA MEETING
REGARDING PILOT FOR GREAT HIGHWAY**

I am a member of The Open the Great Highway group.

Please do NOT allow the "pilot program" of the Great Highway to become a reality. This "pilot program" is an underhanded way to achieve their goal, without due process! Nothing about this attempt has been above board and fair. Hardly anyone knows that there is an attempt to close the Great Highway for good. Most people still believe that this closure is TEMPORARY (like we were falsely told). I have spoken to many people regarding the closure and a number of them believe it is closed for sand removal. SFMTA and Rec and Park have done a good job of NOT informing the public of their intentions.

With the Great Highway closed it is now dangerous to drive in the outer Sunset District. The attempts by SFMTA to alleviate the congestion created by the Great Highway closure has only created more issues and more problems for everyone who has to drive there. It is apparent that they don't think much before they decide to make their changes. They just do it and we all have to suffer with their poor choices and mistakes.

It is apparent that the closure of the Great Highway has negatively affected the livability of the Sunset District. It is obvious that the "affluent neighborhoods" were not burdened with a "pilot program". The once quiet residential streets have been transformed into busy thoroughfares. One Sunset resident counted 350 cars passing by his house in one hour! Instead of "go eat cake" we are told to "go ride a bike". This has become a class issue! We are resisting the gentrification of the

Sunset District. Special interest group (bike coalition) should not be allowed to destroy the Great Highway. Both special interest groups Kids Safe and the Great Highway Park are headed by tech multi millionaires, who can throw heaps of money at their "pet projects". These groups are made up of affluent parents who are using their children to get their **own** way. It's never a good idea to teach a child to play on the road ever!

The Great Highway is an intricate part of the S.F. transportation system and its removal will be detrimental to the traffic flow in the City. There was zero outreach to our neighbors to the North and the South regarding the permanent closure of the Great Highway. They depend on the Great Highway to get to their jobs and businesses in the City. People in the Richmond District used that roadway to go South as well. We are just coming out of a Pandemic, and instead of making things easier for the working class people, they are placing yet another burden on them! Everything that SFMTA has done has created a bigger mess. It seems that all they are doing is destroying our transportation system.

This whole thing seems to be a selfish attempt to accommodate the FEW at the expense of the MANY. This road does not need to be closed for cyclists or pedestrians. We were always able to SHARE the Great Highway with all! We should be allowed to continue that. Please do NOT allow this selfish misguided pilot program to close the Great Highway for two years. We ALL need the Great Highway opened NOW. Please do not be responsible for destroying the western part of the city.

Kathy Regan

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Subject : Comments for June 22 10 am SFCTA Meeting Regarding Pilot
Program for Great Highway**

I am a member of the Open Great Highway group and have a few bullet points regarding this pilot program for the Great Highway. I am adamantly opposed to approving this program. Here are just a few of the reason why.

1. The removal of the great highway eliminates one of three south bound evacuation routes. The great highway is designated a primary evacuation route by the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management.
2. Both agencies have failed in their duties to reach out to the people most affected by this continued closure resulting in a lack of transparency. It seems like these two agencies are doing this behind closed doors.
3. The Great Highway is one of the safest roads with no accidents since vision zero started tracking and before.
4. The money SFMTA has spent to mitigate the traffic has done nothing but move traffic from one street to another and is making driving, bicycling and walking more dangerous, increasing the liability for the city.
5. I wish you could really understand what a burden you are placing on the working class people in this area
6. I have read the D4 mobility study along with their slide show and find them to be flawed. They are full of half truths, inaccuracies and misinformation.

7. There is only one hospital in the southern part of the city and the Great Highway is crucial to obtaining medical services.
8. Please be concerned with the working people (essential workers) that need to use this road to get to and from their places of employment. Increasing commute times for workers is unfair.
9. This “emergency” closure was supposed to be TEMPORARY! It was done with no input from the public or people who lived there and now you want to make it permanent. How can anyone trust you again?
10. Prior to the pandemic 19th avenue could not handle the existing traffic.
11. There are over 220 Parks in SF providing ample opportunities for recreation.
12. Sunset Blvd is not a through street; it ends at the park and is not capable of handling the increased traffic burden. The traffic at Chain of Lakes Dr. with MLK drive being closed is creating a huge bottle neck. The Golden Park Dissects the city and leaves very few routes to cross it.
13. These two city agencies have colluded to remove this road way from the people for their own gains
14. SFMTA and Park & (Wreck) are not concerned with the people of SF they are working for special interest groups.
15. The Great Highway is part of San Francisco’s history along with the 49 mile scenic drive
16. Is this the way our department heads are representing the city? Speaking about Octavia St. “We screwed this one up,” Tumlin told Wired. “The island is too narrow, so the outside lanes are too wide.” As Tumlin traverses the narrow exterior street on a bicycle, a sedan starts tailgating the SFMTA director, then eventually speeds past. (Tumlin flips him off and yells a profanity.) .
17. You didn’t shut down Portola drive or St. Clara Ave and reroute cars into St. Francis Woods or close down Lincoln Blvd and have cars rerouted into the Sea Cliff neighborhood, I wonder why?
18. In summer 2020, Commissioner Gordon Mar requested that the Transportation Authority conduct an evaluation of the long-term future of the Upper Great Highway from Sloat Blvd to Lincoln Way. His request followed the Recreation and Park’s conversion of the roadway to a promenade **TEMPORARILY** under the COVID-19 emergency order in April 2020. Now Commissioner Mar is back pedaling because of the damage it is doing to his constituents.
20. The statement on SFMTA web site says the “**SFMTA** works **together** to plan, build, operate, regulate and maintain the transportation network, with our partners, to connect communities. This includes the San Francisco Municipal Railway (*Muni*), automobiles and trucks, taxis, bicycling and walking.” His true objective is

to remove cars from the streets. This along with his affiliation with the bike coalition clouds Tumlin's judgment.

19. The Great Highway has always been shared with bicyclist and pedestrians. There has never been a need to close it. They have taken advantage of the pandemic to further their personnel agenda supporting bicycling. We were told this was going to be a temporary closure and now these people want to make it permanent.

Please do not support the pilot program that SFMTA along with SF Rec and Park are proposing.

Supporting the continued closure of the Great Highway will cost you votes with the working class people. This vote is being watched very closely

Thank you

Mike Regan

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Subject : Comments for June 22 10 am SFCTA Meeting Regarding Pilot
Program for Great Highway

Greetings,

I am a San Francisco native and have lived in the Richmond District for more than 60 years. I am a member of the groups Open The Great Highway and Concerned Residents of the Sunset. I strongly believe that the Great Highway should immediately be opened fully and that there should be no 2 year pilot study.

For any of you that haven't taken the time to thoroughly visit the Great Highway, walk its entirety, evaluate the nearby streets and do so at various times and days of the week and weekend, I encourage you to do so. I think you will be surprised by what you find. A picture speaks a thousand words and is especially telling if you see it in person.

Especially on weekdays, the Great Highway is very lightly used and those that are using it can be easily accommodated on the existing pathway. On weekends, there is gridlock on many intersections and alternative streets e.g. Chain of Lakes and Stanyan. Why do you want to subject your constituents to that?

Prior to the Great Highway's closure, the dunes and beach along that stretch were pristine and healthy. Now, because of the overuse and misuse, the dunes are being destroyed and litter is common. Many if not most of the people coming to the Great Highway are not biking or walking there, they are driving, adding to the traffic, gridlock and ignoring the traffic mitigation measures, for which there is virtually no enforcement. They then traipse through the dunes and after their fun and games, they dump their garbage.

As a Richmond District resident, I feel trapped. The drive time south of the neighborhood has greatly increased because my regular thoroughfare, the Great Highway, is closed. This requires me to drive further, under unfavorable conditions. Emergency response crews must add time when on rescue calls because they can't easily access the ocean due to the closure. The Great Highway is a designated Emergency Escape Route, and it is now unusable. A street that was a very safe thoroughfare, for walkers and drivers, is now unsafe. Aggressive bike riders add to the safety issues. Drivers are diverted to neighborhood streets, with intersections, thereby creating a situation where the odds of a vehicle and/or pedestrian collision are much increased. Prior to the closure, there were rarely if any accidents on the thoroughfare, consistent with the mission of Vision Zero. It seems so odd that you are deliberately creating a situation at odds with Vision Zero.

Driving is not illegal yet in San Francisco, it is the policy to get people out of their cars and making them suffer if they need or choose to drive. Drivers represent a significant number of SF residents, as do visitors, tourists, etc. Not everyone has the ability or luxury of being able to walk or ride bikes, esp in that part of the City. By keeping the Great Highway closed, you are catering to a few people while ignoring the rest. How is that fair? How is that right?

Please be mindful of EVERYONE as you navigate this issue and most importantly, OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY!

Jamie Kendall

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**Subject : Comments for June 22 10 am SFCTA Meeting Regarding Pilot
Program for Great Highway**

Commissioners,

I'm Mike I live in district 7 and a member of Open The Great Highway Group.

Please reopen the Great Highway as soon as possible because this is turning into a class issue.

Be concerned with the working people (essential workers) that need to use this road to get to and from their work. They have been forced to suffer additional commute times because of the emergency closure of the Great Highway. The majority of the people who desire the continued closure are predominately rich white people who have free time to "enjoy" the Great Highway while the workers who provided essential services to the community are being discriminated against.

Please do not support the pilot program that SFMTA and Rec and Park are proposing. Supporting the continued closure of the Great Highway will cost you votes with the working class people. This vote is being watched very closely. These two biased city agencies are attempting to remove a safe and designated emergency evacuation route from the city. There are only three southern exit routes and the removal of one is a disaster waiting to happen. There is only one hospital in the southern part of the city and the Great Highway is crucial to obtaining medical services.

J. Tumlin, is a long time supporter of the Bike Coalition. Who does he work for them or all of San Franciscans? The money his department has spent to mitigate

the traffic has done nothing but move traffic around. The traffic isn't going away; it will get worse. He has taken one the safest roads in SF and forced those people onto streets causing dangerous situations for drivers, bicyclist and pedestrians.

This "emergency" closure was supposed to be TEMPORARY! It was done with no input from the public or people who lived there and now you want to make it permanent. How can anyone trust you again?

You need to stand up for the working class people who continue to provide essential services for all of us instead of the rich, white, elitists bicycle riders who drive their cars to the Great Highway and then tout their greenness. Bicycle people who want to use the great highway only do it on a whim. While other people need to use that road to go work

If the traffic, additional carbon emission, dangerous streets, the cost of traffic mitigation, loss of evacuation route, unavailable hospitals and workers time are not enough reason to reopen the Great Highway what is?

Please support the working people and vote to reopen the Great Highway and reject the pilot program.

Thank you

Mike Regan

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Subject : Comments for SFCTA Meeting on June 22 at 10 Regarding Pilot
Program on Great Highway

Dear Supervisors, Commissioners, and Mayor Breed,

I am 100% against a 2 year pilot program closure for the Great Highway. The closure was *temporary* and we need the Highway open and functioning to accommodate all people, as intended. As it exists today, a major thoroughfare to our city is literally cut off, blocked. The issues created by this closure could be resolved by simply opening the roadway. Sunset streets are not safe. Traffic is at an all time high, and so is frustration regarding this closure.

- Those 18-20K cars still exist. People need vehicles - families, grocery trips, works, seniors, people with disabilities. Suggesting that people bike or take public transportation works only for a small percentage of the population.
- The Great Highway is SAFE. There were no vehicles involved in collisions on the highway pre-closure in all of 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- There are now 570,000 vehicles per month in our residential neighborhood, including big rigs taking down phone and power lines.
- We have large numbers of dirt bikes and motorcycles race through the neighborhood setting off car alarms close to our front doors.

- Traffic mitigation costing nearly \$500,000 has not relieved the residential neighborhood from the traffic diversion from the highway, only moved it to different north/south avenues in the neighborhoods and to Chain of Lakes.
- The L Taraval Police Department lacks the staff to adequately provide traffic enforcement to implement the traffic mitigation efforts regarding no left or right turns into the neighborhood or adherence to stop signs.
- 220 other beautiful parks exist, several close to and some bordering each side of this 2-mile scenic highway.
- The extra foot traffic and garbage from unrestricted public access to the sand dunes over the past 14 months has killed landscaping and damaged this fragile protected wildlife sanctuary.
- Emergency responders are slowed down and delayed by lack of access to the Great Highway. This inhibits rescue for those in trouble in the neighborhood, on the beach, or in the ocean.
- The Highway was used by vehicles including big rigs throughout the nights and during rain, high winds and low temperatures, but it is now empty of everyone during those times while traffic fills our neighborhood streets 24/7.
- The usage of the Great Highway by pedestrians needing space for social distancing is in the past, as is the use of the center lanes of highway which are practically empty during weekdays.

I am requesting that you **do not go forward** with a 2-year pilot to close this necessary, safe divided highway to the thousands of vehicles who use it. For 14 months it has been closed with devastating effects on our neighborhood. The claim that more data is needed is simply not true.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Van Koughnett

SF Resident

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Subject : Comments for SFCTA Meeting on June 22 at 10 Regarding Pilot
Program on Great Highway

Dear Supervisors, Commissioners, and Mayor Breed,

I am 100% **against** a 2-year pilot program closure for the Great Highway. The closure was *temporary* and we need the Highway open and functioning to accommodate all people, as intended. As it exists today, a major thoroughfare to our city is literally cut off, blocked, and regardless of the speed bumps, Sunset streets are not safe. Local traffic congestion is now at an all-time high, and so is frustration regarding this closure from residents and motorists.

18-20K cars that are in use and still exist. People need vehicles - families, grocery trips, work, seniors, people with disabilities. Suggesting that people bike or take public transportation works only for a small percentage of the population, is ableist, and discriminates against those whose lifestyle and physical capabilities don't permit them to.

The Great Highway is SAFE and the data says so. There were no vehicles involved in collisions on the highway pre-closure in all of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

There are now 570,000 vehicles per month in our residential neighborhood. Most of them are irritated commuters that are confused by the new detours and random traffic stops and their rushed and reckless driving reflects this. This includes large

commercial box trucks, and big rigs that take down phone and power lines.

Traffic mitigation costing nearly \$500,000 has not relieved the residential neighborhood from the traffic diversion from the highway, only moved it to different north/south avenues in the neighborhoods and to Chain of Lakes.

The L Taraval Police Department lacks the staff to adequately provide traffic enforcement to implement the traffic mitigation efforts regarding no left or right turns into the neighborhood or adherence to stop signs.

220 other beautiful parks exist, several close to and some bordering each side of this 2-mile scenic highway.

The extra foot traffic and garbage from unrestricted public access to the sand dunes over the past 14 months has killed landscaping and damaged this fragile protected wildlife sanctuary.

I have personally spoken to members of the SFFD that have reported that their emergency response times are slowed down and delayed by lack of access to the Great Highway. This inhibits rescue for those in trouble in the neighborhood, on the beach, or in the ocean.

The Highway was used by vehicles including big rigs throughout the nights and during rain, high winds and low temperatures, but it is now empty of everyone during those times while traffic fills our neighborhood streets 24/7.

The usage of the Great Highway by pedestrians needing space for social distancing is in the past, as is the use of the center lanes of highway which are practically empty during weekdays.

I am requesting that you **do not go forward** with a 2-year pilot to close this necessary, safe, divided highway to the thousands of vehicles who need and use it daily. For 14 months it has been closed with devastating effects on our neighborhood. The claim that more data is needed is simply not true.

Sincerely,
Ignacio Orellana Garcia
SF Resident
Member of Open the Great Highway
Member of Concerned Residents of The Sunset

Date : 6/21/2021 10:08:41 AM

From : "Diane Garfield" diangarf@gmail.com

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

Subject : Comments for the June 22nd SFCTA Board Meeting

A two year Upper Great Highway closure for additional study is completely unnecessary. It is clear that the 19,000 vehicles who would normally use this roadway did not simply go away, they are flooding the surrounding streets. The 'street calming' measures did little more than move the vehicles to other streets. Nineteenth Ave. is under construction, which has only exacerbated the situation. I urge you to consider the majority of residents who need this roadway open. You have been hearing from a specialized vocal segment of the population that does not empathize with those outside of their own demographic. Opening up the closed streets throughout the Sunset would help as well, as literally no one uses them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Diane Garfield
Resident, 45th Ave.
San Francisco, Ca

Date : 6/21/2021 3:26:57 PM

From : "Margery Knyper" mknyper@gmail.com

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

Subject : Comments on the Greaat Highway

I don't have time to go to the meeting but want to urgently request that the Great Highway be opened again. It was but for cars, there are plenty of place for pedestrians and bikes to go on the otherwise constructed means. I am not in favor of another two year "study". We all know now what it is like, and drivers deserve to get back to normal.

Margery and Len Knyper

Senior citizens having lived in San Francisco since 1970 and are both walkers and bikers, but driving is simpirtant as well and we need the access to the beach Highway .

Date : 6/21/2021 4:11:41 PM
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Subject : COMMENTS: Please REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY

These comments are respectfully submitted for the SFMTA meeting on Tuesday, June 22.

My credentials: I am a longtime resident and small business owner in the Outer Richmond. I have also served on the Board of Directors for the **Planning Association for the Richmond** (sfpar.org) and was an invited member of the **Citizens' Advisory Council** on the future of Ocean Beach directed by SPUR. I am co-founder of **Friends of Lands End (FOLE.org)**, devoted to enhancing the Lands End area of San Francisco. Finally, I am co-block captain of **SAFE Seal Rock, a SF SAFE Neighborhood Watch** organization.

I urge SFMTA to REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY for the following reasons:

- **Restoring emergency safety and egress** for the Outer Richmond neighborhood. This is our **only** direct way to exit the district to the south.
- **Reducing carbon impact.** Currently, for Outer Richmond vehicular traffic to get to SF State, Stonestown, Stern Grove, Westlake and other areas south of GG Park is to make a significant detour to Sunset. This adds additional miles of vehicular emissions. Commuters who work south of GG Park or on the Peninsula also are forced to make this detour. Not everyone can bike – or Zoom – to their job in Silicon Valley.
- **Restoring pedestrian and vehicular safety** at the intersection of the Great Highway and Fulton. While there is a flashing red stop light, observation shows this is routinely ignored by drivers and not enforced by SFPD traffic patrol. I have personally witnessed a young, fit male jogger injured in the crosswalk, on the stretcher in the ambulance. While this is a single data point, any decision to maintain this dangerous traffic control should be evaluated and corrected.
- **Returning GG Park and Chain of Lakes Drive to its sylvan condition.** Because the Great Highway is closed, Chain of Lakes Drive/41st Avenue has become a traffic-clogged thoroughfare, especially in the afternoon commute hours, beginning about 3pm. Northbound traffic routinely backs up on Fulton. There is no enforced traffic control at this intersection. This is unacceptable. Park visitors must risk injury to cross from the Chain of Lakes parking area to the western area of the park. GG Park promotes Middle Chain of Lakes as a fee-based wedding and event site. Surely current traffic conditions would discourage would-be event planners.
- **Enabling universal access to Ocean Beach** for residents who live in other areas of the City, **especially families with children** and/or those with limited mobility. People from the east side of the city – let alone outside the city – bring towels, blankets, food, even tents or umbrellas to the beach. Remember: **OCEAN BEACH IS PART OF A NATIONAL PARK.** Access should be open to ALL, not just to those able to walk or bike to the beach.

Thank you. I trust SFMTA will make the correct decision to restore access to The Great Highway.

Julie Burns
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Date : 6/21/2021 9:38:13 AM

From : "Teresa Durling" tadurling@sbcglobal.net

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**Subject : Commentsfor June 22 10 am SFCTA Meeting Regarding Pilot
Program for Great Highway**

I am writing in the STRONGEST OPPOSITION to the proposed pilot program to keep the Great Highway closed to vehicular traffic. As San Francisco re-opens after the pandemic, increased traffic and gridlock are a huge burden to residents of the Sunset and Richmond districts. Gridlock and being stuck in traffic also contribute to dangerous automobile fumes in the said neighborhoods.

A great many visitors to the Great Highway drive from other parts of the city, contributing further to the traffic congestion on the west side, and negating any positive environmental effects of a car-free Great Highway.

Safety is another issue: in the event of an emergency rescue at Ocean Beach, a closed Great Highway increases response times, which could mean death in some cases. The Great Highway is also a vital HIGHWAY, and in an emergency, such as a large earthquake, it is one of the few escape routes in the event of evacuation.

There are already many places for people to walk and bike in San Francisco. On the west side, we have Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, and there are already designated paths parallel to the Great Highway, that it makes no sense to keep this highway, originally intended to vehicular traffic, closed to vehicles. It is a HIGHWAY! It is also a vital artery for those who commute to and from the Peninsula for work.

Please re-open the Great Highway!

Thank you,

Teresa Durling
26-year Richmond Resident

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Date : 6/21/2021 11:33:59 AM
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Cc : "Eugene Gregor" eugene.gregor650@gmail.com
Subject : D1 resident supports 2 year pilot Great Highway Park

Supervisors et al —

In advance of the SFCTA hearing tomorrow I write as a senior Asian American D1 resident to register support for a pilot and permanent retention (as well as further rec and park activation) of the great walkway as a 24/7 park space and promenade.

It is time for the high tide of car privilege to recede in San Francisco. This is not a close call.

Please also consider the 4 year Ferris wheel program extension which the parks alliance/rec and park leadership pushed and the BOS recently green-lighted. This banal amusement now runs empty in the evenings — including the holiday yesterday— and when juxtaposed against the new slavery memorial only serves to highlight the current confusing state of SF politics and park management.

By contrast keeping the great walkway presents a world class opportunity to keep attracting and astounding residents and visitors (would anyone support replacing crissy field, the embarcadero freeway or the hayes valley onramps at this point?) and rebuild confidence in the judgment of rec and park and BOS leadership.

Best regards.

ECG

Date : 6/21/2021 12:13:53 PM
From : "'carol lavelle' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fw: Upper Great Highway

Dear Clerk of SFCTA

Please read this entire email. I have voted in every single election since I was 21 years old, which was the legal age at that time. I now question those whom I voted for. Notices of the polls that have been taken are not going out to the residents of the Richmond or Sunset districts. And is there some reason that people from Alameda and San Mateo Counties are allowed to respond to the polls? Only two homes on my block even knew a poll was taken, they are not on Facebook or Next Door.com, and those are the only places I've seen notices.

I am a third generation native San Franciscan. My family has been in the Parkside/Sunset District since 1911. My children and grandchildren are also in the same district. There have been many changes in my lifetime, some good, some not so good.

I am very concerned about the temporary closure of the Upper Great Highway. It is one of the three emergency evacuation ways of The City. Over 15,000 automobiles used that highway daily before the temporary closure. That's approximately 20,000 to 25,000 people a day using it for commuting, getting to appointments, shopping, airport, down the Peninsula or to the Golden Gate Bridge to go North. Large delivery trucks used the highway to avoid residential streets. All of this usage was while there was a well used promenade for walkers and bikers.

Isn't it difficult for ambulances and the Fire Department to be slowed down by all of the barricades and speed pillows and speed bumps. It seems like there could be a life and death situation just waiting to happen.

It's been said that about 4,000 people a day use the temporarily closed Upper Great Highway for walking or riding bikes.

Judging from multiple pictures taken daily and various times, I don't think that is true. Perhaps people have been counted twice as they walk from their cars and back to their cars. They are all saying how fresh the air is and there are no fumes from cars. Yet there was plenty of room for them to walk or ride before the temporary closure.

Picture a major street by your house being closed down, putting over 15,000 cars on the streets surrounding your home.

So, approximately 15,000 cars have been temporarily put onto residential streets. This has caused an awful lot of fumes on the residential streets with all

of the stop and go traffic, and large trucks making deliveries that used to be on the highway. The cars are not going away, even though bikers repeatedly tell everyone to get rid of their cars and bike everywhere. Most people cannot bike.

Everyone has been told to use Sunset Boulevard. Sunset only goes to the park, and not through it. We've always had to wind our way through the park unless we've taken Upper Great Highway, 19th Avenue, or Chain of Lakes, all of which are suffering from the temporary closure of the highway.

Well, Golden Gate Park has so many closures, it's not very friendly to those trying to get from one side to the other. Chain of Lakes can take up to 45 minutes of bumper to bumper traffic to go from Fulton Street to Lincoln Way, which used to take about 5 minutes. Then they are faced immediately by a slow street, so they have to find a way around that.

The construction on 19th Avenue can be horrible, also. It's taken me over an hour to get to my doctor appointments, which used to take about 20 minutes. That is a lot more gas and fumes going into the air.

I have, many friends in Marin and Sonoma Counties that no longer come to The City. Once they're over the bridge, it's total chaos. There are signs that say "Detour, use Sunset Blvd", and signs that say "Detour, use 19th Avenue." It's taken them 45 minutes to get from the bridge to Clement Street which is in the Richmond District. The City is losing a lot of their money. No more lunches or shopping for them in The City.

I live too far to walk to the highway for exercise, and I'm too old to ride a bike, and I live in the district. Very few of the walkers and bikers live close enough to the Upper Great Highway to walk or ride their bikes to the highway for the pleasure of their exercise. That means the majority of those walkers and riders are driving there, using gas and putting more cars on the streets and fumes in the air in order to enjoy the fresh air, which they've always had access to. There are many pictures of multiple cars with two or three bicycles on the back or top of the cars, parking on the residential streets in order to use the highway. They don't even use the parking lot.

There are timed lights on the highway and a speed limit. Cars could not race because of the stop lights. I'm pretty sure there has been only one serious accident in the last three or four years.

The residents on the lower avenues now have cars speeding right in front of their homes where their children used to be able to play, but can't anymore. They have extra cars parking in front of their homes in order to ride or walk on the highway. The peaceful neighborhood is no longer peaceful.

Please make sure that the counting of the people using the temporarily closed highway are counted correctly.

It seems unbelievable that 4000 people can control what 20,000 people have used for years as an important road to travel on. By the way, aren't bicycles vehicles, and by law must follow the rules of the road? We all had to stop at stop signs and stop lights, my children had to, and my grandchildren learned that, too. Why is that not enforced? It seems like the bicyclists are controlling The City.

Please help the citizens of the Sunset District who mostly feel neglected. Put a poll out by mail to the residents of the Sunset and Richmond Districts, who are affected by this mess.

Thank you,

Carol Lavelle

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Mobility Study Final Report will be presented separately to the board in July.

If you would like a briefing on the Great Highway Evaluation Report, please reply to this email, letting us know a day and time that work for your office.

Thank you,

Britney Milton

(she/her/hers)

Clerk of the Transportation Authority

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Date : 6/21/2021 2:24:15 PM
From : "'don strauss' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: GREAT HIGHWAY-OPENIT AS BEFORE PANDEMIC

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

Subject: GREAT HIGHWAY-OPENIT AS BEFORE PANDEMIC
From: don strauss <dyogs@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021, 2:14 PM
To: "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" <MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org>
CC:

Dear Mayor and Supervisors, [and sfcta](#),

Please do not close the Great Highway to auto traffic permanently or for a two year study. Rather let it remain as it was before the Pandemic with auto, bike and pedestrian usage. Any prolonged closure will be very detrimental to the Richmond district and its citizens as the economy and traffic gets back to normal at the close of the pandemic.

The traffic outlet portion of the Great Highway needs to be preserved. Prolonged closure will negate the recent traffic, safety and Muni improvements on Geary street as many more Richmond residents /commuters will descend on the two remaining outlets south, especially Park Presidio/19th ave. Preserving more travel choices rather than closing ones is the best way to avoid problems.

Don't isolate the Richmond district. Open the Great Highway back up to how it was before with the Freedom to bike , walk or drive its length. All or nothing thinking does not create satisfaction among stake holders.

This issue is so important to me that I will not cast any vote for our present Supervisor unless I see her fight for the reopening of the Great Highway to all modes of transport.

Yours Don Strauss,
lifelong Richmond resident, 20 years racing bicycling enthusiast, frequent traveler to Daly City and destinations south for business and family., and Democrat voter.

Date : 6/21/2021 1:07:25 PM
From : "captainsquid56 via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: OPEN the upper GREAT HIGHWAY

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

From: captainsquid56@aol.com
To: recpark.commission@sfgov.org <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>;
mtaboard@sfmta.com <mtaboard@sfmta.com>
Sent: Thu, Jun 10, 2021 2:19 pm
Subject: OPEN the upper GREAT HIGHWAY

Please open up the upper Great Highway. It is such a pain to get across town that I do not go to the Richmond district to eat or get. coffee on Clement st., Balboa st. and Geary st. or to other businesses such as Gus Discount Tackle. My neighbors and I find it much easier to go to Daly City, Colma, and Pacifica to eat, shop and do business there. Easy to get too and easy parking. We got tired of getting stuck in traffic and detours that make no sense wasting gas and time. The road closures in Golden Gate Park make the traffic issues even worse. The Great Highway closure is hurting businesses in the Richmond district and parts of the Sunset district. The traffic jams and detours are creating extra pollution and wasting costly gas. San Francisco still has plenty of open space for people to recreate. Again open the upper Great Highway. Thank You , Paul Petterson

Date : 6/21/2021 3:56:41 PM
From : "Stephen J Gorski" sjgorskilaw@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: Re-open the Upper Great Highway
Attachment : image.png;

Please see below forwarded message for the public record for 6/22/2021 SFCTA meeting at 10am. Respectfully submitted, Stephen J. Gorski, 40+ year resident of the Outer Sunset and voter in all elections during those years

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stephen J Gorski <sjgorskilaw@gmail.com>
Date: June 21, 2021 at 3:28:28 PM PDT
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Subject: Re-open the Upper Great Highway

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Hi — Ted Fiedler —

We want to thank you for your support for Open the Great Highway. We've all been working diligently over the past year, sending emails, to city officials, attending meetings, protesting, handing out flyers, and many other ways. This is a day where we need your support, and it will only take a few minutes.

Tomorrow — June 22 is one the most important moments for the opening the Great Highway, and we need your help.


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We need your help! Please take the actions below today to open the Great Highway.

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Send an email in 75 seconds urging your support for re-opening the Great Highway and urging the Supervisors to support re-opening the Great Highway as soon as possible.
[Send your email](#)
- 2**
Instructions on how to call in during Public Comment along with a few suggestions on what to say during the call.
[Public Comment Action Sheet](#)
- 3**
Check out the SFCTA Agenda.
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As always, thank you for your support. This is another **REALLY** important meeting and we're really grateful for everyone showing up!

[Open the Great Highway Team](#)



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[Open the Great Highway Team](#)



Date : 6/21/2021 3:57:17 PM
From : "Dennis Holl" denholl52@gmail.com
To : "Transportation Authority" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway

Hello,

I am 100% opposed to banning cars from the Great Highway. It was fine when everything was shut down, but traffic is back to normal. Soon the schools will be open and more cars will be on the road.

This proposed pilot program is pure BS.

We have already had a pilot program and it has been a mess. I ride my bike down there and there are not that many people walking on weekdays. I had no problem riding my bike down there when the highway was full of cars.

If there is to be a pilot program it should be to open the Highway to cars on weekdays and close it for cars on Sundays or for the whole weekend.

More people use cars to get around than bicycles, many people can't ride bicycles. Why should the bike coalition dictate to everyone else? It's not fair to everyone.

Dennis Holl
District 7

Date : 6/21/2021 12:50:00 PM

From : "JS" jmsdo@sbcglobal.net

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

Subject : Great highway

I am writing in support of the Great Highway remaining closed to vehicle traffic.

It is a great space for use as a park, and I feel the traffic impacts elsewhere can be mitigated.

john springer
2319 42nd ave

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 11:48:06 AM

From : "robyn zach" romaev73@gmail.com

To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "mayorlindonbreed@sf.gov" mayorlindonbreed@sf.gov

Subject : Great highway

Good afternoon to you both.

I am taking the time to write today to address the closure of the great highway. As many adjustments have been made to the city during the city closure, and I agree with the majority of them, I do think that some readjustment should be made to accommodate the reopening of our city. One is to open the great highway as it's very evident the closure of this road is/has created major inconveniences and challenges to those navigating through the city.

I feel that Covid if anything taught us to be fluid, open, and amenable. That said as I live in the Richmond District and travel this area often I can attest that the closure is not only an inconvenience but a danger.

I am advocating for the opening of the great highway and I hope that this is something seriously considered for the benefit of not only our residence but visitors.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Robyn Zach

Date : 6/21/2021 11:08:06 AM

From : "'Sheila Koren' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

To : "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

Cc : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org

Subject : Great Highway

I'm writing as a Richmond District resident, Senior citizen, disabled person, working psychotherapist, environmentalist and

social justice activist to ask you to reopen the Great Highway to cars, at least until improved public transportation, alternative roadways, and needed special population shuttle services are in place to compensate for the loss of essential access for most of us.

Working people are the most negatively impacted by the Great Highway's closure. Veteran's Administration employees, who we claimed to honor for their self sacrificing work during Covid are now forced to add up to one half hour each way in their commutes as their cars inch across Chain of Lakes Drive, a narrow passageway, now the only western southbound artery with a circuitous route onto Sunset Boulevard. Some thanks that is! My own trip from my Richmond District home to my therapeutic swimming pool at the Pomeroy Center used to take 10 minutes. I now must leave an hour to get there. As a therapist who contracts with the SFDPH to see patients on Medi-Cal, that amounts to a good couple of fewer clients I can see each week

It feels like we are being bullied by young rich, mostly white, leisure class folk who work at home and want yet another venue for their recreation

when our neighborhood is already filled with parks and ocean beach (including two bicycle pathways near it) while Tradespeople (who cannot carry their supplies on bicycles) are being called 'entitled' for needing to get to work sites efficiently. We are hampered from doing errands, getting to medical appointments, driving kids to school -- all the while the 18 bus line that used to provide some cross park service has been out of commission since the pandemic began.

The Park and Rec department has clearly backed the optics of having SF appear greener for having closed the Great Highway as well as many Golden Gate park and neighborhood streets. But the truth for most of us is that, as Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton wrote recently, what's happening is Recreational Redlining, keeping many San Franciscans from being able to access and enjoy Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach.

Environmental concerns should include everyone's well being.

The Great Highway was closed on an emergency basis and if it's too be considered as a walkway and not a road, a lot of preparation needs to happen first!

Sheila Koren

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 10:22:49 AM
From : "BILL LAFFERTY" billlaf@comcast.net
To : "CLERK@SFCTA.ORG" CLERK@SFCTA.ORG
Subject : GREAT HIGHWAY

Please reopen the great highway to mortar vehicle traffic

Date : 6/21/2021 11:09:27 AM

From : "'Sarah Schumm' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Great Highway Closure

I am writing to voice my opposition to any further closure of The Upper Great Highway to vehicular traffic, aside from the traditional special events. I live on 48th Avenue, and while the closure is “popular” it has created a very dangerous and frustrating situation on the neighboring avenues. The noise and exhaust from the displaced traffic is unbearable, and the “mitigation” efforts have only made the situation worse. What’s more, the SFMTA’s own numbers don’t support the continued closure; prior to the pandemic 15 to 19 thousand vehicles a day used Great Highway, and the “rationale” for closing it brags a mere 4 thousand users, a number undoubtedly skewed by people who simply need to cross Great Highway to access the beach. In addition, the idea that Great Highway is now “car free” is hypocritical and misleading, as many are driving to Great Highway in their cars just to walk or bike back and forth on an empty highway, adding even more vehicles to the neighborhood streets. Every evening, there is a line of cars dropping people off at Great Highway and Sloat. There is an abundance of public open space and car free trails in the neighborhood already, destroying the walkability and safety of residents for a little more asphalt to walk on, is a hollow gesture.

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 1:11:19 PM
From : "Eric Monteiro" monteie.eric@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway Evaluation - Public Comment

Hi

I noticed this statement in the Great Highway Evaluation Report Enclosure:

"This evaluation was initially conducted as part of the District 4 Mobility Study, and was later split out as a separate report at the request of Commissioner Mar."

Since the great highway evaluation was split from the District 4 Mobility study, what does the Mobility Study assume about the state of Great Highway and all the traffic calming measures added to Sunset since the beginning of the pandemic? i.e. Does the Mobility study account for all the options being discussed around Great Highway, or does it assume one of those options? If it assumes one option, which one?

Best regards,

Eric

Date : 6/21/2021 1:21:50 PM

From : "adirondac5 via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Great Highway must be reopened to cars

"The closed Great Highway serves no purpose other than recreation for bicyclists and pedestrians since it does not run along commercial districts where people can shop or get to work and there are many alternative recreational sites nearby. The Great Highway was VERY safe for cars/bicycles and pedestrians given the median divided highway (no head on collisions), lack of cross traffic (no intersection collisions), timed lights, controlled pedestrian crossings. There were NO traffic fatalities along the Great Highway for the past several years. The Bicycle Coalition and the City should be prioritizing creating safer streets where people actually need to commute for work, school and commerce and where traffic fatalities have occurred. Closing the GH has ironically made those routes less safe and more congested, just so 4000 recreational users can have a playground while 18,000 motorists idle in traffic, generating more CO2, fuel usage, lost productive time. Closure of the Great Highway is contrary to both the Ocean Beach and SF Park and Rec Master Plans which acknowledged the importance of the Great Highway as a major traffic artery that protected true residential neighborhoods and Golden Gate Park. Many many letters, attestations, etc have been sent to the Park and Rec, MTA, supervisors on the negative impact closure has had on the adjacent neighborhoods. The touted 54% support for closure is based on a survey that had 3700 responders (ie 1988 individuals) but on closer reading the open the Great Highway support was 74% from Richmond district residents who relied on the Great Highway for transiting north south. The change.org petition has nearly 9000 signatures to reopen the Great Highway. The June 10 joint hearing by the SF Park and Rec and MTA boards was clearly biased. Note the verbiage "has brought joy to 'many'" referring to the touted 4000 users/day vs the "minimal inconvenience for a 'few' motorists" (18,000/day) which distorts the definitions of "few" = 18,000 users, "many" = 4000 users, and "minimal" which means 30-45 minute delays getting across a route that used to take 30 minutes so people can walk or ride when there are ALREADY paved paths, beaches, parks, etc for those uses. Ironically we have documentation of recreational users DRIVING to the nearby neighborhoods, parking there, then unloading their bicycles to ride on the Great Highway. Closing the Great Highway hardly promotes the decrease in car use. It just shifts it from necessary use (getting to work, medical care, schools, shopping) to recreational."

Thank you,
Maureen Tuohy
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Date : 6/21/2021 10:11:15 AM

From : "Nadine Kessler" nadinekessler@sbcglobal.net

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

Subject : Great Highway Public Comment

To the SFCTA: I am sending this email to be considered for public comment in advance of tomorrow's meeting

I am a homeowner in the Outer Sunset, living out of state currently but planning to move back soon. I have lived in many different San Francisco neighborhoods and have for decades been a bike commuter, avid runner and environmentalist committed to reducing car traffic in our wonderful city.

I have long enjoyed the multiuse path, dune trails, promenade and Ocean beach for exercise and all sorts of activity.

When the Great Highway closed at the beginning of the pandemic, it provided a needed space to get fresh air and exercise. Through the height of the pandemic, with stay-at-home orders in place, keeping it closed was both idyllic and logical since not many people were going to work or school.

Now that we are hopefully nearing the end of this awful era, keeping the Great Highway closed doesn't make sense any more. It is an excellent (and scenic) North - South route to and through the City. The timed traffic lights eliminate speeding and reduce idling / emissions and keep cars off the local streets. In addition, 19th Ave is under construction and Sunset Blvd does not go through the park, dumping the remainder of that traffic back into 19th Ave.

Plus, the recreation opportunities remain wonderful as they have pre-pandemic: multiuse path, promenade, dunes and beach.

Please reopen this necessary thoroughfare!!

Thank You

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Date : 6/21/2021 4:20:57 PM

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Subject : Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

I am 70 years old and my husband is 75 and we live in the Richmond District. I would never have dreamed it would be possible for us to manage without a car, but we now have electric bicycles and with the improved bike-safe infrastructure, including the Great Highway, we are able to navigate to run errands and keep appointments around the whole city with safety. We strongly support keeping the Great Highway closed to cars while the pilot study is underway and exploring other options for traffic management.

We know you will be getting a lot of pushback from people who want to drive there again, but please have the courage and vision to imagine things otherwise: this is an absolutely magnificent, peaceful public space that is now being enjoyed by young and old, strollers and skaters, people in wheelchairs, tiny tykes on bikes, scooters and wagons, and whole groups of people. The former Highway produced continuous noise and pollution bisecting right through the middle of this scenic place and the side paths were far too narrow to be safely shared. Done right, this will become another tourist draw and will help the small local businesses that aren't supported by cars whizzing through en route to someplace else. We recently took our visiting daughter and granddaughter there and they were just blown away at the wonder and fun of this place.

Times change. Yes, some people will always need to drive, but many of the people now driving don't really need to. We know, because we've learned it's possible. There is simply no justification in 2021 for keeping a car-centric Highway running through a scenic area and increasing the speeds of traffic in a densely populated city. We cannot car our way out of our transportation troubles.

We hope you will continue to show leadership by supporting safe places like the closed Great Highway. Those of us trying to break the car habit deserve a truly safe roads infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Ruth Malone & Terry Sayre

261 26th Ave#3

San Francisco

Date : 6/21/2021 3:29:06 PM

From : robertaaa@comcast.net

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

Subject : I am Against the closing of The Great Highway to Automobiles !!

Please do not close the Great Highway to cars at any time. This is a major artery of transportation to get from one side of the City to another.

I am a native San Franciscan and think this is awful.

People who want it to recreation need to go to the closed streets in Golden Gate Park. The park is for recreation, walking and biking--

Not The great Highway !

Thank you,

Roberta Coleman

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Date : 6/21/2021 3:59:51 PM
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Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in North Beach and frequently cycles out to Ocean Beach via Golden Gate Park, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7.

Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day. Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities.

As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people and not cars. At a time when so many San Franciscans have turned to their first car purchase during the pandemic, allowing for more walkable and bikeable infrastructure will promote more people to keep to transit, walking, and biking over giving in and owning a car in one of the densest, most walkable cities in America.

Thank you very much,
Nile Ledbetter

Date : 6/21/2021 3:56:13 PM

From : "Rishi Hora" hora2rishi@gmail.com

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Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway**

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in the Distric 2 neighborhood, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the [Great Highway 24/7](#). Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day. Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities. As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.

This space can be remimagined and remodelled as a European street with businesses and cafes. With an inclusive architecture giving preference to pedestrians, cyclists and public transportation over inefficient and polluting cars.

Thank You,
Rishi Hora

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Date : 6/21/2021 2:03:27 PM

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Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway to cars

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As a San Francisco resident and nature enthusiast, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day.

Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities.

As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to **THINK BIG** and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Kind regards,
Heidi

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Date : 6/21/2021 4:08:24 PM
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To : "Lindsay Meisel" lindsay.meisel@gmail.com
BCc : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

I live in District 4, and I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day.

Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities.

As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.

Thanks for listening,
Lindsay Meisel

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Subject : In support of a Car Free Great Highway (and JFK Drive!)

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

My husband and I (and our kids) are moving back to SF from the Peninsula where I have served as a Mayor and Councilmember (moving to Cole Valley). I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day. Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities. As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.

I know its not on the immediate agenda--but we have loved the ease of biking and walking on car-free JFK drive. Thanks so much for keeping it safe for people!

Daniel Yost

Date : 6/21/2021 9:37:49 AM

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Subject : June 22 Great Highway Concepts

Dear Deciding Members,

I am a resident of the Outer Parkside requesting you NOT approve the proposal of a 2 year Pilot Program to keep the Upper Great Highway car-free.

Please re-evaluate how the closure of the Upper Great Highway was deceitfully placed into a scheme of the parks takeover of an area that had already accommodated all forms of transportation (vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian) and recreational pleasures (walkways and beach). Please also take into consideration that the data D4 Mobility study survey is not a fair representation of true numbers as it was not widely advertised (distribution and translation for the multi ethnicity of residents in both the Sunset and Richmond districts). Many residents have been anticipating the re-opening of the Upper Great Highway as it was proposed as a TEMPORARY solution for safe social distancing - NOT a permanent closure.

For the safety of the residential streets, I feel the Upper Great Highway keeps the traffic flow off the residential streets - the less cars on residential streets, the safer it is (especially with the added stop signs and speed humps). I also feel the 'safe streets' is not needed if you keep the traffic flow on the Great Highway. I also feel closing off specific streets for residents to play on is not necessary. Let's keep local playgrounds well maintained for kids to play. All streets are for traffic. There is no explanation of why one street should be restricted when all streets should be open to all traffic and sidewalks for pedestrians. From my observation the slow streets are usually empty of bikes and people. We all pay our city taxes for the purpose of usage of public streets.

In the case of a disaster, the Upper Great Highway is an Evacuation route. Will the folks in the Richmond District be subjected to added chaos if/when they are required to evacuate their homes? Keeping the Great Highway open to traffic will avoid confusion for all citizens in the event of a catastrophe. When there is a big event in Golden Gate Park, what route are all the attendees going to use? The Upper Great Highway does get congested on those days as well as sunny days, but it is keeping a lot of unnecessary traffic off the residential streets (which are inundated with parking seekers).

For the air quality and road maintenance, it also seems practical to keep traffic off the residential streets. The stop and go for motorized vehicles (especially the big rig delivery trucks) only creates more exhaust and noise in the residential streets. Also, added fuel costs should not burden the working class who need to commute to work (which in many cases has added unnecessary time in travel).

For the well being of our beautiful Golden Gate Park, keeping the traffic from flowing through the Chain of Lakes, and MLK Drive is very important. The Richmond District residents are most impacted with their commutes. Some have said adding time to commutes should be a necessary sacrifice. The working class folks are people too, and time is important to all who work and play. Business owners who travel from San Mateo County are affected by the added time and effort to get to the Richmond District.

The two mile Upper Great Highway was renovated in the early 1980s. It creates a barrier for the homes on the lower Great Highway from sand and sea. With the free for all access to the beach, the dunes and median are being trampled. Has anyone given any consideration of the impact this will have on the protection of the snowy plover and the dunes (folks walking up and down the Oceanside dunes are certainly causing unnecessary erosion. Please also note that there are two walking paths on both sides of the Great Highway. If folks want to see the sun set, there are entrances at every light with signage to show the dangers and protections of the natural environment.

The temporary closing of the Upper Great Highway for the purpose of safe distancing was a way to allow folks to get out during the covid pandemic. It has now ended and the usage has diminished. Those who want it to remain car free have taken advantage of it's purpose. Folks want to return to normalcy. For those who are back to work would like that normalcy to include a convenient commute. For the residents, it would be nice to have unnecessary traffic off our streets.

The Upper Great Highway has been closed for well over a year. It's time to open it back up for it's intended purpose. Start data on how re-opening it is with the speed bumps and stop signs in place. Give us a plan with data after a year of back to normal (remember that we were told the closure was temporary-if seems the residents have been taken advantage of with a bait and switch). Close the Great Highway on Sundays - just as it was done along JFK for so many years.

I would also point out that it has been said that tourism is a reason to keep the UGH car free. If San Francisco is serious about tourism, please do something about the crime first. With the assaults, vandalism, car thefts, smash and grabs, home thefts, etc, no one will be visiting San Francisco until it's safe. Let's focus on cleaning up our streets of crime and homelessness. Recent news has our city's reputation as a place where no one wants to visit. I had a friend call in earlier in the year to ask me if it is true, as her sister wants to visit. I said we have always had problems, but SF is a beautiful city to visit. I don't feel it is safe to visit at this time. Please make our city's safety a top priority.

I learned to drive in the Richmond District in the early 1970s. I feel I am a considerate driver and have no problem sharing the road. There seems to be a sense that drivers are bad and should have no right to drive on our city streets. We are slowly being stripped of our freedom of driving safely and conveniently through our city. Driving is my independence. It allows me to feel safe and in control of where I go. The city has boasted it's parkland and walkability. Drivability should be taken into account also.

I hope you will not make a hasty decision. Thank you for your time.

S Garrett
Outer Sunset Resident

Sent from my iPad

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Subject : June 22 SFCTA meeting

Given that the data to be discussed was only released to the public ONE day before the hearing, here are my reactions despite the short time available to review it.

Having read the following:

https://www.sfcta.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/Item%2011%20-%20FINAL_Great_Highway_Evaluation_Report.pdf?utm_source=Transportation+Authority+Communications&utm_campaign=c464a10fd3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_06_18_11_33&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c229ffdf11-c464a10fd3-141519326

https://www.sfcta.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/Item%2011%20-%20Great%20Hwy%20Concepts-Appendices%20ENCLOSURE.pdf?utm_source=Transportation+Authority+Communications&utm_campaign=c464a10fd3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_06_18_11_33&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c229ffdf11-c464a10fd3-141519326

My reading of them highlights these important points.

Compared with the D4 mobility study there are now five options on the table with the fifth option being maintaining the north bound eastern two lanes for cars and the western two lanes as a "promenade". They mostly compare complete reopening (option 1) with complete closure (option 3) and the fifth option.

The capital and maintenance costs for a full promenade greatly exceeds the cost of fully or partially opening to cars: Full 4 lane for cars \$8.6 million, northbound only \$10.5 million, full closure \$12.4 million (Table 9 on page 39 of the summary) using the top number in the given range.

There were no significant safety issues re vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian injuries along the Upper Great Highway, Lower Great Highway and La Playa before and after the closure of the GH. Most collisions do not involve pedestrians at all. The "safety for walking" issue is a non-issue given the experience of below average pedestrian injury rates with the Great Highway fully open in the past.

They claim that the recreational use of the GH exceeds that of Crissy Field (page 10) but fail to point out that making Crissy Field a recreational site was not done by closing a major traffic artery. The more appropriate analogy would be to compare converting Crissy field to recreational use by closing Marina Blvd and Lombard to cars and having traffic spill over into Cow Hollow as that traffic gets diverted from a major traffic artery.

Traffic diverted from the GH to Sunset Blvd (70%), local streets (25%) and 19th Avenue (5%). They acknowledge the major traffic delays along Sunset, Lincoln Way, Chain of

Lakes, 36th Ave and Lincoln intersection with proposals for mitigation. There are several discussions about the continued closure of MLK with traffic signals installed at choke points, possible future closure of Chain of Lakes between Lincoln Way and MLK if MLK is reopened which would split the east/west traffic and decrease the congestion the most but may require a separate bicycle path at the MLK and Chain of Lakes intersection. They point out that traffic speeds will continue to be below the posted speed limits along 19th Ave and Sunset Blvd with worsening slowing of Muni along the north south routes as speeds decline. They also point out that there are plans to create HOV and Muni only lanes to mitigate that which of course also means less availability of lanes for cars. The various options to address the chokepoints are enlightening with intersection time delays and queueing lengths projected for complete reopening, complete closure without mitigation and GH closure with infrastructure improvements.

I continue to object to the use of the D4 mobility study to support closure and the purported 54% pro closure vote. It fails to note that 74% of Richmond district residents wanted the Great Highway open to cars. 54% of 3700 respondents is only 1988 individuals. As of June 9th, the [change.org](https://www.change.org) petitions for re-opening had 8767 signers to reopen the Great Highway compared to 4918 for closure. That's twice as many people wanting the GH reopened. 18,000 cars used the Great Highway at all hours of the day, all days of the week, during all weather. 4,000 people use it for recreation with long periods of time with nearly zero use (night time, poor weather).

Clearly now is not the time to close a major traffic artery - not with construction on 19th Avenue, no mitigation in place to handle the traffic being diverted and creating bottle necks, the violation of the both Ocean Beach and SF Park and Rec Master Plans which acknowledged the need to keep the GH open for car traffic, for very little benefit given the many other recreational options open to walkers and bicyclists.

Date : 6/21/2021 1:00:56 PM

From : "MARCIA PAULSEN ORBELIAN" marcia.orbelian@gmail.com

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

Subject : JUNE 22nd Mtg - COMMENT: Keep Great Hwy OPEN to cars

To the SFCTA meeting members,

I have lived in the Outer Richmond for 24 years.

I want the Great Hwy to stay open to cars during the week -
Monday through Friday.

The closure increases traveling time
from all of us who need to travel southward from the Richmond
District.

Keep the thoroughfares of San Francisco flowing during the work week, please!

Open the Great Hwy to walking and cycling San Franciscans on the week-ends.

Thank you for listening,

Marcia Orbelian
48th Ave, 94121

Date : 6/21/2021 4:00:52 PM

From : "George Irving" goodirving@gmail.com

To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "connie.chan@sfgov.org" connie.chan@sfgov.org, "Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org" Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, "Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org" Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org, "gordon.mar@sfgov.org" gordon.mar@sfgov.org, "dean.preston@sfgov.org" dean.preston@sfgov.org, "Matt.Haney@sfgov.org" Matt.Haney@sfgov.org, "myrna.melgar@sfgov.org" myrna.melgar@sfgov.org, "rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org" rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org, "Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org" Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, "shamann.walton@sfgov.org" shamann.walton@sfgov.org, "Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org" Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org, "kristen@sfbike.org" kristen@sfbike.org, "phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org" phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org, "jeffrey.tumlin@sfmta.org" jeffrey.tumlin@sfmta.org, "Tilly Chang" tilly.chang@sfcta.org

Subject : Keep Great Highway Car Free

Hello there,

Global warming and the stress of city living have both been reduced by the closure of the Great Highway. I would hate to see my great city backslide into car culture.

I remember the days of cars speeding by the bikes. The cars would drop trash and sometimes bottles to drive the bike people away. Granted these are probably only the few drunk joy riders, but it makes it generally nasty and unsafe. Now the Great Highway is open to all for good clean fun! It is safe. How can anyone suggest opening it to the cesspool we call car culture? Please do not backslide.

Warm regards,

George Irving

Date : 6/21/2021 1:43:24 PM
From : "Craig Straley" cstraley@hotmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Keep Great Highway open

I oppose the permanent closure of the Great Highway.

Craig Straley

Date : 6/21/2021 3:39:10 PM

From : "Stephanie Fong" sfong2@dons.usfca.edu

To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org"

MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

Subject : Keep the Great Highway Closed to Cars

Dear Mayor Breed,

I am a property owner and have lived in SF for over 25 yrs. My family and I ask for you to support us along with other families and long-time SF residents by keeping the Great Highway closed to cars and traffic.

During the pandemic, we were all able to ride, bike and walk safely. The Great Highway and JFK in GG Park are beautiful and safe open spaces for residents and tourists. Linked with the panhandle, they provide a car-free thoroughfare for bicyclists and pedestrians and greatly reduces air pollution and accidents.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Fong

(415) 640-3810 (cell)

Environmental Management (MSEM) Program

University of San Francisco

Date : 6/21/2021 3:29:57 PM

From : "Jordan Seliger" jmseliger@gmail.com

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Subject : Keep the Great Highway for pedestrians**

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

As a resident of the outer sunset neighborhood (46th and Rivera), it has been incredible to have the Upper Great Highway open for walking, running, biking, etc. Not only is this a great resource for those living in the community, it also draws in people from other areas as well. Please do your best to maintain this indefinitely.

Thank you, and please take care.

Jordan Seliger

Date : 6/21/2021 3:31:40 PM

From : "Scott Falcone" scottfalcone@sbcglobal.net

To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "connie.chan@sfgov.org"

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**Subject : Keep the Great Highway OPEN for bikers, walkers, and recreation
and CLOSED to automobiles!**

"Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who prioritizes bike, pedestrian, and public transportation and who lives in *District 7's Sunnyside neighborhood*, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7.

My family and I have been riding our bikes in this open space literally every week since April 2020. During my rides and use of this space, I have seen the Great Highway become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day.

Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities.

As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars."

Thank you,
Scott Falcone

Date : 6/21/2021 2:08:36 PM
From : "Justin Fung" jsfan882@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Keep Upper Great Highway (Great Walkway) Permanent

Hi,

I'm emailing this to confirm my support for keeping the Upper Great highway open to people and closed to cars permanently. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, Upper Great Highway has provided a safe and beautiful space for all people to walk, bike & enjoy. Parents who have kids have been given the freedom & safety to play and be kids which is a beautiful sight to behold made possible by closing it to cars and other nonessential motor vehicles. The car free kid friendly space has enhanced The Great Highway or as some would call it "The Great walkway" which acts as a great extension of the beach.

Given the current and future challenges The Upper Great Highway faces such as erosion, sea level rise and the sands that blow over, keeping The Upper Great Highway between Lincoln way & Sloat Blvd as a car road is NOT sustainable long term. The Great Highway Extension south of Sloat Blvd will cease to be a car road due to erosion. There is NO long term viability for the Upper Great Highway to continue as a car road.

With these challenges, and the potential for a much better future, I am asking to now make the most of this unique opportunity enlight of what the Covid pandemic has given us and keep The Upper Great Highway open to the people, but close to all cars and other nonessential motor vehicles permanently. This is a rare opportunity we cannot afford to miss. Let's do it for nature and let's do it for the kids.

Keep Upper Great Highway closed to cars, and open for the people to enjoy for future generations to come.

Justin

A San Francisco Resident

Date : 6/21/2021 1:07:51 PM

From : "Rosemary" rosenewton@comcast.net

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

Subject : No pilot program

Just open the highway as before!!!

You have no right to close for a pilot program while 20,000 cars are driving on the avenues !

Reopen the Highway

Rosemary Newton

94116

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 12:51:42 PM
From : "Carmen Huber" carmen_huber@hotmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : On the Upper Great Highway

I am a resident of the Sunset, 1239 22nd Avenue. Before the Upper Great Highway (UGH) was closed by the city, I used it to travel north-south. Even if I live close to 19th Avenue, the traffic on 19th is impossible. With the UGH closed, the only reasonable option to travel north-south in the western part of the city is Sunset Boulevard, which has become heavy with traffic itself.

This is to request that you consider an equitable solution to the opening of the UGH, one that not only considers the wishes of the immediate UGH neighbors who would like to turn a public road into a park - without paying the premium that living close to a park entails, but also the needs of residents in the rest of the city.

It seems to many that such an equitable solution would be to **open the UGH to traffic Monday through Friday , and close it on weekends.**

Sincerely,

Carmen Huber
1239 22nd Avenue
San Francisco 94122

Date : 6/21/2021 3:01:19 PM
From : "'antispila' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway
Attachment : Reopen the Great Highway.jpg;

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of the Outer Sunset and native San Franciscan. I have lived here for over 40 years. Ocean Beach is a magnificent place to visit and gather, but it does not require the continued closure of the Great Highway. The rerouting of traffic through neighborhood streets has caused a lot of gridlock, especially at Lincoln and the Great Highway. This absolutely unnecessary.

There is the entire beach for people to gather and enjoy the ocean, as well as the walking path itself. The highway is wide enough for a bike lane too -- and to close it permanently to traffic would be in bad faith. This is akin to closing the highways next to Yosemite so that people can enjoy nature. That is illogical.

The diversion of traffic only increases air pollution by slowing cars at stop signs and causing longer commutes. The Great Highway is also now filled with sand and not being maintained since its closure. There are so many more negatives than positives (since the positives are available without the closure of the highway). Please see attached figure.

Sincerely,
Dr. Candace Low



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Activity	Closed	Open
Recreation on beach	✓	✓
Exercising along beach	✓	✓
Walking path for jogging and running	✓	✓
Quality of life for outdoor enthusiasts	✓	✓
Better commute times through corridor between north and south on west end of city		✓
Safer streets without traffic being diverted through, causing impatient drivers		✓
Lower greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants (by reducing traffic congestion)		✓
Quality of life for drivers passing through west end of city between north and south bay	68	✓

Date : 6/21/2021 12:40:32 PM
From : "Valerie Starr" stilljustval@gmail.com
To : "mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org" mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org
Cc : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY

Its not a matter of preference, but of SAFE EGRESS in case of emergency for outer Richmond residents ! Our beautiful city already has plenty of options for walkers, runners and bikers (etc).

Lets just hope we dont face a natural disaster while TGH is closed to vehicles.

Sincerely,
Valerie Starr

Date : 6/21/2021 11:53:08 AM

From : "RITA A HOCK" rahx@pacbell.net

To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "parack@ccsf.edu" parack@ccsf.edu

Subject : open the Great Highway

Your statistics are bogus. There are not 3000 people biking and walking the Great Highway everyday. I suggest you get out of your chairs and see for yourselves. Or contact the Concerned Residents of the Sunset for daily pictures and video of the few people that are using it.

Your total concept data shows 838 for full reopening vs 2117 for full closure.

Yet you fail to take into consideration that over 8000 people have signed a petition to fully reopen the roadway.

The report talks about the danger of crossing the roadway. There are signal lights for people to safely cross the roadway. The signal lights are timed to prevent speeding. The only danger to pedestrians is to those who don't cross at the cross walks or ignore the signals.

The total report is skewed to make it seem like there is overwhelming support to close the Great Highway permanently when the opposite is true. The overwhelming support is to open the Great Highway so people can get to their jobs and schools and not sit in bottle necks and spew out noxious gasses. This is only going to get worse as more and more people return to work and schools reopen in the Fall. The citizens of the Sunset deserve better than clogged and dangerous neighborhood streets.

If children need more areas to learn to bike and skate I suggest the city reopen the school play grounds at least on the weekends. That's where I learned to ride my bike.

Open the Great Highway !!!!

Date : 6/21/2021 9:30:18 AM
From : "Mimi Kochuba" mimipi@sbcglobal.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway

Dear Board Members:

I am a resident in the Outer Richmond and commute about four days a week to San Mateo County. I understand during the pandemic the closure of the Great Highway has been well received but it is time to open it. There are plenty of alternatives that exists for families, bicyclists and walkers to utilize in the area. Since the closure, Chain Of Lakes has become a highway which is not what the park was meant to support. In addition, the intersection at Chain of Lakes and Lincoln is dangerous with so many drivers not waiting their turn at the four way stop.

Where is all the traffic going to go when there are festivals in the park, such as Outside Lands?

The two year proposal to keep the Great Highway closed is laughable. What is the purpose of it other than to bend to the Bicycle Coalition's wishes and not take into consideration other residents in the area who need to get across GGP? I vote and the closure of the Great Highway is a dominant factor in who I elect.

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Date : 6/21/2021 10:07:46 AM

From : "'Lana K.' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

**To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org"
MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org**

Subject : Open the Great Highway!

I support reopening of the Great Highway!

-Lana Kostukovsky

Date : 6/21/2021 9:12:32 AM

From : "Lou Ann Bassan" louann.bassan@gmail.com

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

Subject : Open the Great Highway!

Dear San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA),

Open the Great Highway!

I live in the Sunset District, just 6 blocks from the Great Highway. Since GH has been closed, I have noticed an incredible increase in vehicular traffic in surrounding neighborhood streets. This has resulted in a decrease in safety for all concerned: pedestrians, children, bikers, and drivers.

Those who wish to keep the GH closed have so many other options for exercising and enjoying nature. For example, there is the whole of Ocean Beach and the whole of Golden Gate Park. In addition, there are plenty of walking and biking trails immediately next to the GH: there is one on each side of the GH, and then there are sidewalks on the east side.

Closing the GH has been a mistake. It is a major North-South conduit for traffic. As it has no cross-traffic, that is the safest way for cars to travel.

Please rectify this mistake. Open the Great Highway!

Thank you.
Lou Ann Bassan
3338 Noriega Street
SF CA 94122

Date : 6/21/2021 12:55:23 PM
From : "'corinne3jr' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great HIGHWAY!

Please consider larger families, the elderly and handicapped. It is also a major route across town. We won't know how valuable the Great HIGHWAY is, until it's gone. Play at the beach or in GG Park like we did growing up. It's unfair to the majority of Sunset residents. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Corinne Charlton

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date : 6/21/2021 3:07:47 PM
From : "'Jeff Holland' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway

I urge you, please, please, please open the Upper Great Highway for its intended use. The closure made sense early in the pandemic, creating more open recreation space when people were stuck at home in isolation. It's time has now passed. People are returning to work and all other aspects of daily life, traffic is returning to pre-pandemic levels, and making this 'temporary' closure permanent represents misguided governmental mission creep. It was intended to be a major thoroughfare. There is no efficient alternative on the West side of the city for travel into and out of the city.

The mitigation efforts have only made things worse. I have observed far more reckless driving; people ignoring stop signs, ignoring new turn restrictions, and sharp accelerations between speed bumps. It is as if people are more impatient or frustrated navigating these new obstacles. This has not made our neighborhood streets safer or more efficient. We must fully reopen the UGH for the use to which it was intended.

There are many wonderful rec spaces in the park and elsewhere in the city. We've all made great sacrifices getting through these past 15 months. It's time to let our quiet, seaside neighborhood get back to normalcy, and perhaps opening the many "no through traffic" barriers in other neighborhoods as well.

Thank you.
Jeff Holland
48th Avenue
San Francisco

Date : 6/21/2021 3:00:02 PM

From : "Barbara Luzardi" foxluz117@gmail.com

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

Subject : Open the Great Highway, Tues, 6/22/21 agenda

Please open the upper great highway. It is a GREAT inconvenience for all San Franciscans. There is an existing path on the east side of the highway already and there are plenty of open spaces/parks in the city. Why inconvenience the majority of citizens for the pleasure of a few?

Barbara Luzardi

A voting Democrat & SF Resident

Date : 6/21/2021 3:48:17 PM

From : "'Chris O'Hotto' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Cc : "openthegreathighway@gmail.com" openthegreathighway@gmail.com

Subject : Open The Great Higwhay

Hello - This email is in response to the closure of TGH. Honestly how does TGH remain closed to this day with emergency vehicles needing access North and South not to mention the citizens of the Richmond and Sunset districts who rely on this critical path for entering and exiting the City in an organized, timely fashion. It really does strain credulity as the number of pedestrians using the two lane road are very sparse in numbers. The closing of TGH coupled with the inexplicable closing of certain streets now for exit only traffic has only heightened the strain of traffic. It is difficult to discuss this issue with restraint and composure as it has had nothing but a negative impact on these two neighborhoods specifically as well as all inbound and outbound traffic finding multiple avenues of travel in periphery. If one were to infer reasoning one could derive that the maintenance and upkeep of sand on TGH as well as erosion stabilization responsibilities at Sloat are at the heart of this issue. Please come back to a sense of reality and Open the Great Highway. Thank you.

Christopher O'Hotto
Outer Richmond District

Date : 6/21/2021 9:55:01 AM
From : "'Marlene Miller' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : open the upper/outer Great Highway to vehicles

The Richmond district is a virtual peninsula--actual water to the north and west, and Golden Gate Park to the south. There are at most three through routes south from the Richmond district, and the Great Highway closure eliminates one of the three. Additionally, the closure of MLK Drive in the park forces drivers to turn onto Lincoln Way to get to Sunset, instead of using the underpass from MLK to Sunset. Drivers who opt for Point Lobos and the Great Highway north of Lincoln Way also have to turn onto Lincoln Way to get to Sunset. Lincoln Way has much more traffic than it did before these two closures. Unlike the outer Great Highway and MLK Drive, Lincoln Way and the parts of 36th and 37th Avenues between Irving and Lincoln Way are partially residential.

Closing the Great Highway in both directions is bad for residents, workers (think of the VA Medical Center--a hospital) and visitors to the outer Richmond District. We are more impacted by the Great Highway closure than the residents of the outer Sunset are. There are backups every weekday afternoon on Chain of Lakes heading south. (I have no direct knowledge of the morning northbound traffic, as I'm not usually out and about during morning commute hours.)

There is some logic to turning the inner/lower Great Highway into a slow street, as it's not an artery. But for slow streets to work, the arteries, in this case, the outer Great Highway, Sunset, and 19th Avenue, have to be open and moving.

I have lived on 45th Avenue near Geary for 29 years, and my husband has lived in this house for over 40. I worked for 12 years near Candlestick Point before the T line was completed, so I had a lot of experience commuting in a southerly direction from the outer Richmond.

Marlene Miller
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mamiller520@yahoo.com
415-652-0264

Date : 6/21/2021 11:49:20 AM

From : "'Ed Vielmader' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

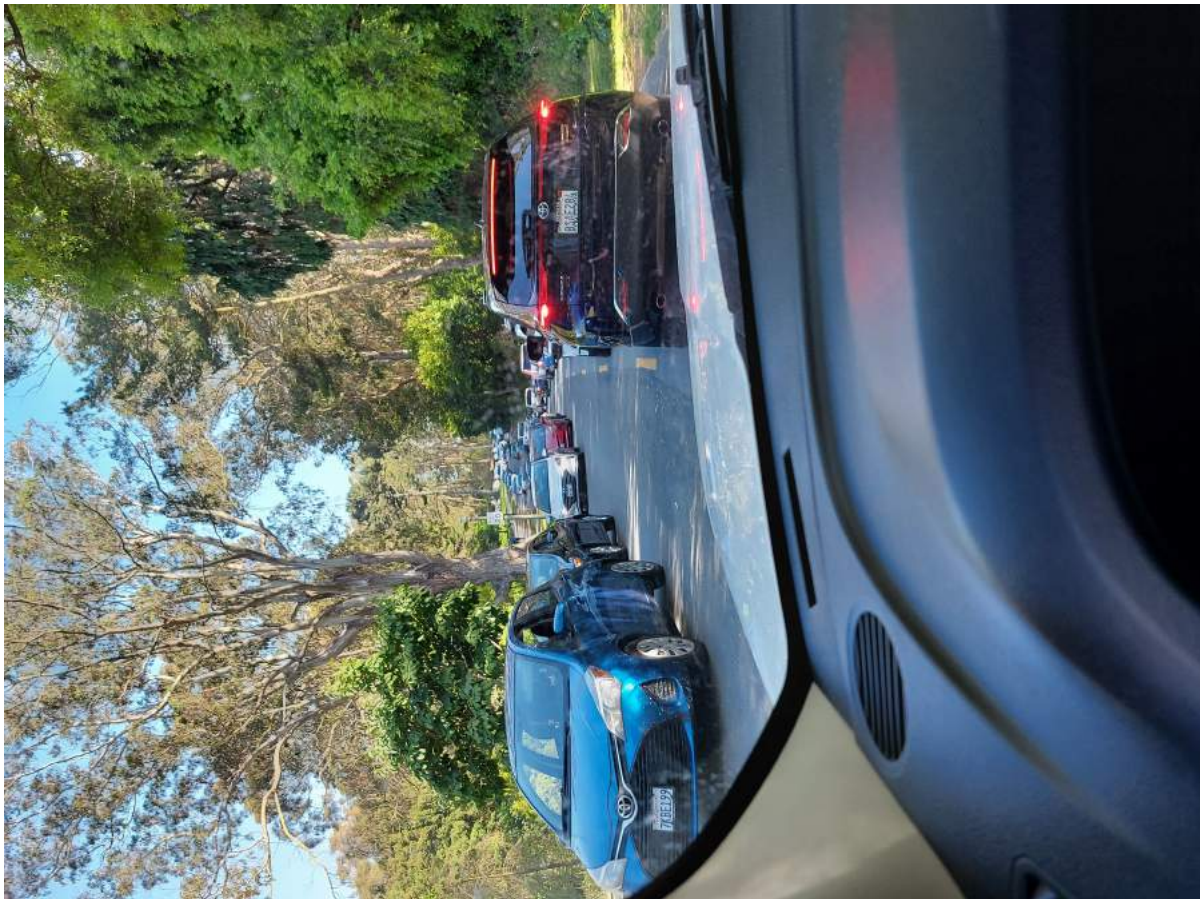
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org

Subject : Open UGH

Attachment :

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This was between 4pm -5 pm, last Friday.

Jennifer Vielmader

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)





Chain of Lakes Dr.
Drive East





Date : 6/21/2021 4:23:23 PM

From : "'Vera Swanson' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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Please stop putting up barriers and being jingoistic: make it easier to shop the Avenues!

It's time to re-open the Great Highway!

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Do the smart thing and RE-OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY.

Vera Swanson

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Marc Joseph Rabideau
Physical Therapy of San Francisco

Thank you.

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Foolish decision making is why people mock and leave the city. My vehicle registration fees pay for the road. There is no pedestrian tax.

- Josh

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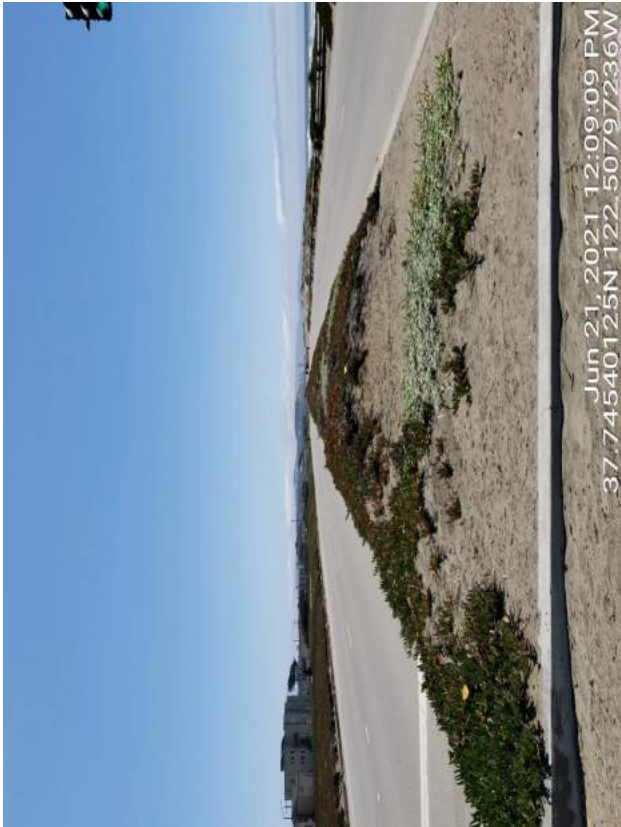
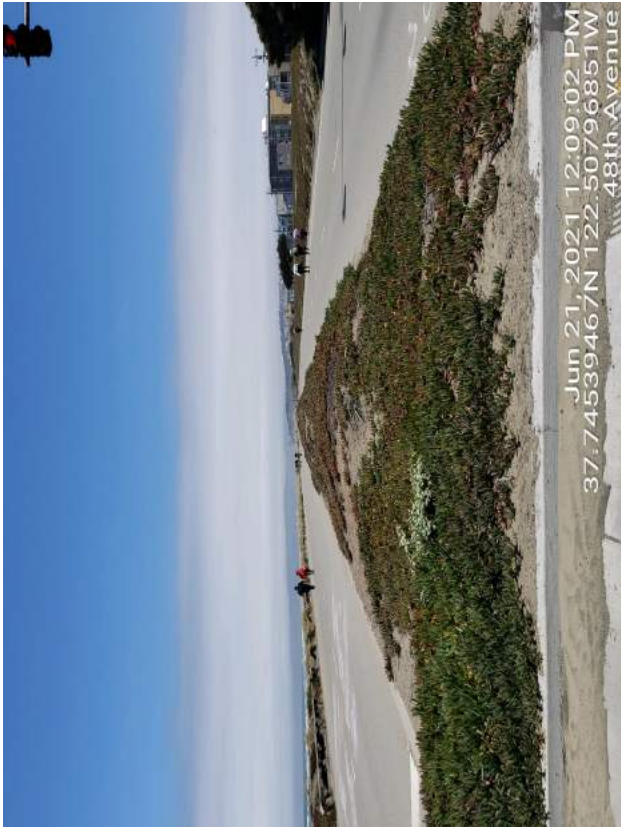
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Lower Great Highway resident and voter

Pictures of the Great Highway@ Rivera and path 6/21 around noon







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Subject : Pilot Program for Great Highway

Dear SFCTA, MTA, RP, and Transportation Authority,

I live in District Four and I am a member of the group called Open the Great Highway. I am writing to express my opposition to the two-year pilot program for the Upper Great Highway not only because it has disrupted our quiet and safe neighborhoods by directing thousands of cars on to what were once minimally used streets, but because this pilot program is being requested, recommended and justified based on false and unethically obtained "facts".

First of all, the survey that seems to have become primary authority for this pilot program is nothing more than a sham. Almost everyone I have talked to and to whom others have talked to knew nothing of the survey. You claim that around 4000 people took this survey and of that, around half of the people in the Sunset District and a few in the Richmond District approved of the closure. The population of the Sunset is around **62,128**; for the Richmond it is **59,297**. This is a combined total of **121,425**. Therefore, according to MTA et al, around half of the four thousand surveyed, half supported a full closure. So, ultimately, **1.5% spoke for 121,425**. This is hardly a mandate. What an insult.

Secondly, the manner in which your "statistics" were gathered were equally unethical and false. For example, you set up "echo counters" on both sides of the Great Highway at Judah to record average use, which you claim is 4000 on weekdays and 6000 on weekends. This information is now being used to justify a

two-year pilot; however, it does not take someone with a degree in engineering to understand how biased these counts are. First of all, these counters undoubtedly counted every person entering the Great Highway at least twice. This definitely calls into question the accuracy of the count. If someone enters at Lincoln, they will probably exit at Lincoln; therefore, they are going to be counted twice. That means a group of five people counts as ten. Furthermore, many of those on bikes - or even those walking or running - do laps. I know of one person who did six laps every time he rode on the highway. That single person counted as twelve. Just in these examples, six people are counted as twenty-two. If one were to use this same formula over the course of a day, one can see how unreliable and inaccurate the claimed 4000 a day is.

MTA's recent attempts to collect information on current traffic patterns was also done in a fraudulent and unethical manner. MTA has blocked right turns off of Lincoln at the Lower Great Highway, at La Playa, at 48th Avenue, and at 47th Avenue. The traffic has been redirected to 46th Avenue. However, the most recent counters were placed at La Playa, 48th Avenue and 4th Avenue (I have photos to prove it). All of the traffic headed south off of Lincoln takes 46th, yet no traffic count was done there. The same is true on the south side of the Outer Sunset. Traffic on Sloat can no longer turn left on 47th Avenue to head north; instead, it is directed up to 45th (which has now become one of the most dangerous left turns I have ever encountered). No counters there, either. Instead, they were placed at the Lower Great Highway between Cutler and Vincente, route so little travelled that many people don't even know where it is (again, I have photos to prove this).

Lastly, anyone who has lived in this city for any length of time knows that "pilot programs" almost always become permanent. MTA and RPD believe the pilot will appease an angry public. Additionally, and most disgustingly, they are doing this to bypass required authorizations, such as permits from the Coastal Commission that are required for a permanent closure.

Please do not approve the two-year pilot program. It not only destroys the quality of life for many of us in the Sunset, but approval will tell the MTA and RPD that the immoral and underhanded methods in which they obtain information are not only ok, but are sanctioned as well.

Sincerely,
Alyse Ceirante

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Subject : Please Adopt the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report

Dear Supervisors Chan (my supervisor!), Mar, and Melgar, and SFCTA team,

I have lived in San Francisco's District 1 for over 15 years. I send three children to public school here in D1 at Alamo Elementary. I am a small business owner and my family and I support small businesses in the Richmond and Sunset Districts every day.

The Great Highway closure has proven a tremendously positive addition to this City that we all love dearly. Since the closure, my kids get excited to go to the Great Highway to rollerblade, walk, run, bike, and play. We feel a sense of community in a part of the City that has never felt so welcoming. **Please** Adopt the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report **make the Great Highway closure more permanent.**

I write also on behalf of my friends and community. One of my friends is a D1 resident and a Sunset-based Firefighter whose fire station regularly responds to accidents on the Great Highway. He and his fellow fire-fighters have observed a significant reduction of trauma on the Great Highway since it was closed, and they have not seen a significant uptick in trauma on neighboring streets. The data in SF-CTA's analysis backs these observations.

Please consider the opinion of local firefighters, local residents, and the data when making your decision tomorrow.

Thank you,
- Zach Berke
D1 Resident, father, voter, and business owner

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Subject : Please keep the Great Highway a space for people

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

One of the silver linings of the dark cloud of Covid has been the dedicated spaces created in the city for walkers and cyclists, particularly the Great Highway, the closure of which has been a big boon to the quality of life in our city. I personally have biked and skated its entire length many times over the last year.

I'm writing to ask you to keep cars off it permanently. The most livable cities in the world are the ones prioritizing people over cars -- let's make San Francisco one of them!

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Landy
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Subject : please keep the Great Highway car free

Dear Supervisor Mandelman and Commissioners,

I live in District 8, and I'd like the SFCTA to keep the Great Highway car free, 24/7.

During the pandemic, the Great Highway became a destination for me, my family and friends. I've enjoyed walking, running and biking there. I've also increasingly frequented businesses in that area, particularly cafes and restaurants, since the Great Highway has been car free.

I'm very much in support of the efforts of the San Francisco Department of the Environment, and I believe keeping the Great Highway car free is in line with the San Francisco Climate Action Plan presented by that Department.

I want to mention that I do own and drive a car in San Francisco, and I understand the frustrations of increased traffic and parking. But I believe that we'll only meet our climate action goals by prioritizing alternative means of transportation. Safe bikeways and pleasant walkways make me much more inclined to use my bike and public transportation.

Thank you,
Susan Detwiler
Douglass and 17th St

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Subject : Please keep the upper Great Highway closed

Greetings;

Please keep the great Hiway closed and continue remediation efforts to reduce through-traffic in the outer sunset between lower great Hiway and Sunset.

I propose 4-way stops at every corner and speed bumps on all N-S streets in the area bounded by Lower Great Hiway, Sunset, Lincoln and Sloat.

Thank you and keep up the great work making SF and our amazing parks a world class treasure!

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Thomas S Jessen, JD
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Date : 6/21/2021 9:41:15 AM
From : "'Karen Kinahan' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : PLEASE Open the Great Highway

Good Morning -

My name is Karen Kinahan. I am an SF native, born on 42nd and Lincoln Way (6 blocks from Ocean Beach) and now live right off 26th and Sloat. I use the Upper Great (what we use to call it as kids) every day and now that it's closed it is a disaster for the Sunset and Richmond District as well as the people who live on 48th, 46th, etc who now have their street flooded with additional cars. The traffic nightmare that has been caused by the closure of the Great can easily be rectified by opening it up again. So simple.

First and foremost the Upper Great is a HIGHWAY, part of scenic Hwy1. No one would consider closing part of 101 or 280 to allow people to walk. Walkways and bike paths are part of the Great Highway, why do they need the street? Walk the pathway, walk the beautiful beach, feel the sand between your toes, walk Golden Gate Park, but PLEASE open the Great Highway to cars as it was ALWAYS intended to be.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

Karen Kinahan

Date : 6/21/2021 11:44:17 AM
From : "Tracy West" tracy_l_west@hotmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please Open the Great Highway to vehicles

Dear SFCTA Board,

I understand there is a meeting on Tuesday 6/22/2021 to discuss the Great Highway. Unfortunately, I have meetings during that time for work. However, this is a very important topic to me.

I have lived in the Inner Richmond for over 30 years. I regularly utilized the Great Highway to get to work in Redwood City, and visit family in Daly City and Pacifica. My elderly mother lives in a facility in Daly City. With the closure, I have had a series of emergency's with her where I was delayed due to all the traffic on 19th Avenue. Closing one of 3 major arteries that we have in the Inner Richmond to get to the Peninsula has forced dangerous and impatient traffic to local streets. 19th Avenue is a parking lot most days due to all the construction currently going on. It has always been a jammed artery, but now it is even worse. Sunset Avenue is very difficult to get to with all the street and park closures. I use to be able to go through the park to get to Sunset Avenue, but that has become impossible. So basically, there is realistically only 1 artery for vehicles to get from the Inner Richmond to Daly City and that is 19th Avenue.

We should all be able to utilize the Great Highway. There are currently walkways, bike lanes and the actual beach that can be utilized for recreation. Why the vehicle lanes need to be closed is very short sighted and dangerous to our communities.

I respectfully request that you vote to reopen the Great Highway to vehicles.

Thanks for your consideration,
Tracy West
431 10th Ave
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Date : 6/21/2021 1:59:58 PM
From : "jim" jim@well.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please open the Great Highway

Greetings,

I am a citizen and resident of San Francisco,
living in the Outer Richmond district.

The Great Highway has been a convenience for
me and it is inconvenient that it is closed.

Please open the Great Highway.

With thanks,
James Stockford

Date : 6/21/2021 9:07:24 AM

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Subject : Please REOPEN Great Highway!!!

Please reopen Great Highway!!!

Please consider all opinion and do not be biased.

Our life is miserable now, and will be even more difficult when people that still work from home get back to work and kids get back to school.

Thank you!

Yuliya Peregudova

Date : 6/21/2021 10:09:11 AM

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Subject : PLEASE REOPEN GREAT HIGHWAY!!!

I am writing to voice my STRONG opposition to the continued closure of our major North/South Great Highway.

I am a long time resident of the Outer Richmond. It is mind boggling that this major route is closed with no viable alternatives. 19th Ave is under construction so it has been continuously bottle necked. Sunset lights are not timed so its constant brake lights.

Every day I have to drive to the other side of town. Since I live on the far western edge of the City it was best for me to take the perimeter route: Great Highway to Sloat. I leave my apartment at 2pm to get to Mission Bernal Hospital to start my nursing shift at 3pm. Since the closure of the Great Highway it takes TWENTY MINUTES just to get from Fulton to Lincoln through Chain of Lakes. If I go East and take 25th to Park Presidio, I sit through 4 lights just to get onto Park Presidio, so the wait is even longer. Currently, there is no viable and affordable option to go North South in a reasonable amount of time from the edge of the City, especially when I often don't leave the hospital until after 1am.

This closure was done in the worst possible way- with no input from those of us who use it. There was NO Outreach to the Outer Richmond. We have been CUT OFF with no notice or alternatives. I cannot even begin to imagine what s*\$show Sunset & 19th Ave will be when things reopen. We know sea level rise will affect the Great Highway, but for the City to just shut it off this way and then play catch up has been pure amateur hour with no considerations for the practical consequences on the citizens of the Westside. I've lived out here for two decades and Muni routes only get cut, never improved. In this email I am only talking about my work commute. But I also have a son to get to school and sports practices and games through the City, not to mention medical treatments I've had to go through this year. I say this because I CAN'T just start biking, as the people from the SFBicycle Coalition always tells me I should start doing. There is an elevated pathway on the East bank of the Great Highway that my son rides his bike on no problem all the way around to Lake Merced. How much money has been spent on whackamole traffic calming and rerouting since commuter traffic has been diverted into town?

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE for ONCE do something useful and practical for those of us who have to labor for a living. Open the Great Highway to car traffic until viable North South alternatives have been put in place.

Respectfully,

Robyn Bartell-Calara RN

45th Ave & Point Lobos

Outer Richmond District

Date : 6/21/2021 11:03:02 AM
From : "Paul Norris" paul.norrisii@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please re-open Great Highway

Dear Sirs,

I attended the most recent public meeting on this topic. I was horribly disappointed at the complete lack of consciousness about the suffering and economic hardship that San Francisco's terrible traffic imposes on middle class and working people. Not reopening Great Highway will only make this problem worse.

Sincerely,

Paul Norris
559 40th Avenue

Date : 6/21/2021 2:34:09 PM
From : "Nicholas Bowman" housecallsrealty@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please reopen the highway

Hello,

I'm concerned about my wife who works as the chief outpatient RN at the VA . We live in Daly City. She now has to negotiate about 60 stop signs every day coming and going from work. I'm concerned that someday she's going to get hit. Please open the highway it will save time, brakes, gas, and maybe lives.
Thank you for your time. Nicholas Bowman

Date : 6/21/2021 4:06:36 PM

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Subject : Please save the beautiful and joyous Great Walkway and support a pilot to extend the promenade's life...

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

The pandemic had countless negative impacts, but one of the few silver linings was the creation of The Great Walkway (and other people-first spaces in our city). The Walkway has given countless residents a safe place to walk, roll, and connect, and we must save it by approving a pilot to extend the promenade's life while continuing to invest in traffic-calming and north-south transportation improvements. I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The pilot — proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents and collecting better data to make an informed decision. The SFCTA's survey showed that about 80% of San Franciscans support a promenade in some form, with a majority of San Franciscans and Sunset residents supporting a four-lane promenade 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. SFMTA's data shows that more than 144,000 people are using The Great Walkway monthly — making it the second-most used public space in San Francisco — and that's before tourists flock to this amazing public space as our city reopens.

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Subject : Please Support a Car-free Great Highway

Hello,

As someone who lives in *The Outer Parkside* and is passionate about the environment and working to address climate change, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Since April 2020, this space has become a community hub for art and activism, and welcomes thousands of people walking, biking, and rolling every day. Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities. As the City starts to reopen, it's time we reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.

Thank you,

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Dear Supervisors, Commissioners and Mayor Breed,

The Great Highway is multi-use as it exists with room for all: vehicles on the road, dog walkers, children & adults on bikes and pedestrians on the 10' wide paved pedestrian walkway. This was taken Tuesday, 6/15/21 at 12:30 pm. The closure was temporary and we need the Highway open and functioning to accommodate everyone.

Please do not go forward with a 2-year pilot to close this necessary safe divided highway to the thousands of vehicles who use it. For 14 months it has been closed with devastating effects on our once quiet residential beach neighborhood. The claim that more data is needed is not true.

1. You know there were 17,600-19,900 vehicles on there daily pre-closure.
2. You know the highway is safe and there were no vehicles involved in collisions on the highway pre-closure in all of 2018, 2019 and 2020.
3. You know those 570,000 vehicles per month are now in our residential neighborhood including big rigs taking down phone and power lines.



4. You know large numbers of dirt bikes and motorcycles race through the neighborhood setting off car alarms close to our front doors.



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5. You know our local intersections and streets are more dangerous since this type of traffic is off the highway and closer to pedestrians and bicyclists.

6. You know the traffic mitigation costing nearly \$500,000 has not relieved the residential neighborhood from the traffic diversion off the highway, only moved it to different north/south avenues in the neighborhood and to Chain of Lakes.

Chain of Lakes

48th Avenue

7. You know the L Taraval Police Department lacks the staff to adequately provide traffic enforcement to implement the traffic mitigation efforts regarding no left or right turns into the neighborhood or adherence to stop signs.



8. You know Director Phil Ginsburg is proud that "every San Francisco resident lives within a ten minute walk of a park" and RPD has publicly stated it.

9. You know that 220 other beautiful parks exist, several close to and some bordering each side of this 2-mile scenic highway.

10. You know we are safer with toxic emissions from the highway traffic at the edge of town on the highway rather than a few feet from our front doors.

11. You know most people now using the Great Highway for recreation are driving to it adding to the greenhouse gasses in the residential neighborhood as they park on the Lower Great Highway.

12. You know the extra traffic on north/south streets with one lane creates dangers for drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

White car going south dangerously passes car with bicycles by driving in lane where traffic drives north head-on in opposite direction on LGH.

13. You know the extra foot traffic and garbage from unrestricted public access to the sand dunes over the past 14 months has killed landscaping and damaged this fragile protected wildlife sanctuary.

14. You know people now climb the guardrails, killing seagrasses and ice plants rather than using the paved crosswalks at traffic lights when the highway was shared with vehicles.

15. You know emergency responders are slowed down by delayed access to the Great Highway to rescue those in trouble in the neighborhood, on the beach or in the ocean.

16. You know the Highway was used by vehicles including big rigs throughout the nights and during rain, high winds and low temperatures, but it is now empty of everyone during those times while traffic fills our neighborhood streets 24/7.

17. You know use of the highway by pedestrians needing space for social distancing is in the past, as is the use of the center lanes of highway which are practically empty during weekdays.



18. You know nearly 8,600 impacted individuals, including myself, have signed a Petition to Open the Great Highway for all the above reasons. (www.change.org Open the Great Highway)

You know that even with RPD's lack of proper maintenance and poor management of the highway and its pedestrian path and jogging path that there is room for everyone to share the highway, as depicted in the 1st photo in this email taken 6/15/21.

You know it is absolutely unnecessary and dangerous to close the highway for 2 more years to collect more data.

Open the Great Highway for everyone's safety and well-being and divert the bicyclists to quieter less used neighborhood streets for these 2 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Gorski
Resident/Taxpayer/Voter

Member of Open the Great Highway,
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Subject : Re: Closure of the Great Highway

To the Clerk of the Transportation Authority and Mayor of San Francisco:

I'm writing to ask that the Great Highway be reopened to traffic due to the negative impacts of the closure on myself and many others. For residents of the San Mateo Coast and peninsula, the Great Highway is our main route to get into the western portion of the city as well as Marin County and other destinations to the north.

Closure has forced us to drive through nearby neighborhoods adding traffic to residential streets with dangerous intersections. Many of the intersections lack four way stop signs and residents park right up to the corners, hindering visibility and making crossings dangerous.

Driving through the neighborhoods necessitates dodging cars pulling out of driveways and double-parked vehicles. And it is not uncommon to see other vehicles speeding and rolling into intersections. The irony is that the highway is right next to a beautiful beach, a coastal paved walking and biking path, and also adjacent to Golden Gate Park—possibly the greatest collection of recreational opportunities in the city. The Great Highway was one of the first highways in America and should be a gateway and show place for the western part of the city.

Please reopen the highway for the sake of the safety and wellbeing of the neighborhood residents and those trying to travel to and through the city.

Patricia Strohlein

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Subject : Reject the flawed Great Highway evaluation and OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY

Dear City Leaders,

Data in the Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Report report clearly indicate that there is most support (8,141 petition respondents) for Concept 1, a four-lane Great Highway, but the report fully ignores this support and does not adequately consider Concept 1 as a possibility. Instead it recommends Concepts 3 and 5, using flimsy "evidence" of widespread support -- in far lower numbers and from participants who reside far from the Great Highway in places such as Alameda. The Board of Supervisors should see the results of the Open the Great Highway Petition as a clear demonstration of **large-scale support for Concept 1**. The Board should vote to reopen the Great Highway immediately in accordance with actual public sentiment.

Sincerely,

Beth Fox, District 1

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Subject : reopen Great Highway

Dear Mayor Breed,

Please reopen the Great Highway. It is already nearly impossible to get from one side of GG Park to the other. As a Richmond resident and long-time SF resident and homeowner, I would like to see most of the previously closed " safe streets" reopened so that older persons such as myself can once again drive safely through town to do our daily business.

Thanks,

Ruth Ramsey

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Subject : Reopen Great Highway

San Francisco is on the forefront of creating thoughtful, sustainable, walkable spaces. It's one of the reasons I love it here.

In particular, Golden Gate Park is an incredible haven for biking, walking, and enjoying outdoor activities. Unfortunately, nearly all of the North/South veins across the park are at grade, unlike New York City's Central Park which allows for cross-traffic below pedestrian foot bridges.

With the combined effects of 1) temporary closure of the Upper Great Highway, and 2) the 19th Ave Combined City project, the traffic in the park has become unpleasant and frustrating for both pedestrians and drivers.

Furthermore, Highway 101 is a major traffic corridor in California. For someone traveling from Marin to anywhere south of San Bruno, map apps will nearly always suggest taking 19th Ave to 280, and then back to 101. Although these may not be San Francisco residents, we can't ignore this traffic population, which contributes to congestion in our city.

Your survey on Travel Patterns shows that "nearly two-thirds of people driving on the Upper Great Highway in 2019 were traveling between the Richmond and South Bay" ([Fig. 9](#)). This supports the idea that Outer Richmond residents typically take alternate south-bound routes, helping relieve pressure on 19th Ave. With Upper Great Highway closed, this traffic is directed to 19th, as well as Chain of Lakes and Crossover. On top of this, the 19th Ave construction is projected to continue through February 2023, even further exacerbating the congestion.

What are we trying to achieve?

In reviewing Respondents' Priorities ([pg. 42-43](#)), the primary community reasons for a permanent closure are "bicycle and pedestrian access, then community benefit and recreation."

There are already existing walking/ bike paths alongside Upper Great Highway. There is a 3.5 mile long beach on the other side. Why are these not sufficient for recreation? Could the paths be widened to accommodate more foot traffic, or improved with dedicated bike lanes? The proposed closure adds 17 acres of park space, but at the cost of more traffic in Golden Gate Park and along 19th Ave.

The next biggest concern in the survey (behind vehicle access) is "bike and pedestrian safety." However, according to [Appendix A](#), "collision data shows similar rates of incidents on Upper and Lower Great Highway + La Playa as prior to the pandemic." This contradicts the idea that permanent closure would improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Regarding "Concept Preferences" ([pg. 42](#)), 52% of Sunset residents prefer Concept 3 (Full Promenade), while 52% of Outer Richmond residents prefer Concept 1 (Four-Lane Roadway). Sunset residents appear to be the primary beneficiaries of a permanent closure, while other city residents pay the price.

San Franciscans have the use of our incredible Golden Gate Park, thanks to thoughtful planning by city leaders. There is an existing walking/bike path along Great Highway, safely separated from traffic. While the closure was a good experiment during COVID, there have been significant negative impacts to pedestrians within the Park due to traffic congestion, as well as negative impacts to residents of the Outer Richmond. As the city reopens and people return to offices, there will be reduced use of the Great Highway for recreational purposes.

I am in full support of re-opening the Upper Great Highway. Furthermore, the city should explore ways to permanently improve North/South traffic through the park (such as a subterranean route from Sunset Blvd to the Outer Richmond), and widen/ improve safety of the existing walk and bike paths along Great Highway. At the very least, consider re-opening Great Highway until the 19th Ave construction is complete in 2023.

Sincerely,
Erin Richards

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Subject : Re-open the Great Highway now!**

Abruptly closing the Great Highway to the thousands of drivers and businesses in San Francisco who utilize it every day (as well as the many vehicles coming into SF from the Daly City area) is one of the most dishonest and careless moves I've seen the city pull on its residents in the 46 years I've lived here. There was no attempt made whatsoever to include those of us who live here in the decision-making process; instead, it was forced on us, and the City shamefully used the fraudulent guise of the coronavirus to do it. Traffic in the city returned to what it was pre-pandemic over six weeks ago and the only alternative route to those of us who regularly used the Great Highway is now 19th Avenue, which as a result is frequently in gridlocked traffic. The highway has also been designated as an emergency thoroughfare for decades in the event of a disaster like a major earthquake, but is now completely inaccessible.

I've been a resident of the Richmond District for 23 years and the highway as well as the Slow Streets (for instance, the long expansion of Cabrillo Street that we were also told would be "temporary") sit empty throughout the day.

The closure was a major decision that should have been placed on a city ballot to be equitably voted on. This is yet another move by Rec and Park, MTA, and the Bicycle Coalition to monopolize San Francisco streets at the expense of drivers.

Open the Great Highway again now. The "pilot program" can still take place with the highway accessible to vehicles, and that's the way it should have been performed in the first place. If a few people want to use it to leisurely bike or stroll on, then compromise by closing it on the weekends. This is one of the most irresponsible and unjust decisions I've ever seen our city make.

Please see our petition at <https://www.change.org/p/residents-of-san-francisco-open-the-great-highway?redirect=false>. There are thousands of us who are against this closure.

Doug McKirahan
Open the Great Highway

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Subject : Reopen The Great Highway!

Honorable Board Members and Elected Officials,

As residents of the western side of San Francisco, our mobility options are currently extremely constrained. 19th Ave is under constant construction and traffic congestion. The Chain of Lakes is bumper to bumper traffic during commute hours. MUNI is operating at severely reduced capacity. My partner works at Stanford on the COVID vaccine program and uses 280 to get to work. She is now facing an extra 30-45 minutes to get to and from work.

If people want to enjoy the beach, they have a plethora of options to do so. While a seemingly strange concept to some, they can WALK ON THE BEACH itself. This is what I remember my family doing. If residents want to people-watch there are benches as well as a sea wall to sit and enjoy the scenery. If they want to job, bike or walk a stroller the city created what is commonly known as BOARDWALK, which offers residents a calm and leisurely paved path that follows the shoreline. The idea that we need to hamper or even close a major artery to accommodate those seeking recreation who already have space to do so is absurd. This would be akin to closing Fell/Oak so people can jog instead of using the Panhandle or the Park. The beach has amenities for those those seeking recreation without the need to usurp land from residents who use the Great Highway to commute to work and connect to 280.

While the Shelter In Place order related to COVID meant some white-collar residents were temporarily forced to work from home, many of our city's working class still have to use their vehicles to work. They are the people who deliver food and groceries, serve us in restaurants, and drive our buses and trains. When the rest of us were able to ride out the pandemic in sweats, they were the ones keeping our economy going. It's alarming that the point even has to be made,

As we slowly recover from the pandemic it is essential that we prioritize working people over those seeking out leisure.

In good faith, I would propose the idea of a compromise that keeps the Great Highway open to traffic M-F to ensure those who drive to work have a safe and efficient means of transportation to their jobs up and down the peninsula. On Sundays the Great Highway could close much like GG Park to allow those who want to use the roadway for pedestrian and bike traffic. I implore you to reconsider permanent closure and find a compromise to keep San Francisco open for working families.

Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1

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UPPER GREAT HIGHWAY CLOSURE HAS NEGATIVE AFFECTS ON NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

I have lived in this neighborhood all my life. My first 17 years were on 37th ave. near Wawona St.. I have lived on Lower Great Highway near Vicente St., for 49 years. I find it hard to believe what The City is considering doing with the Upper Great Highway.

Many bicyclist's and their coalition have a desire to rule the streets of San Francisco. Many now ride like they already do rule them.

There are many paved open areas, bike lanes, trails, and parks, all over The City's neighborhoods. There are already wide shoulder lanes along the entire length of Upper Great Highway. Make them into bike lanes. There are also walking paths. Don't close the whole highway to motor vehicles. Share the road.

If the Great Highway remains closed, I expect to see more conflicts and accidents between hot-dog bicyclists and disabled people, children, and dogs, etc. Also there will be accidents, caused by some cyclists running into sand flows on the road surface, at any speed above walking. Will they sue The City?

Meanwhile, the 18,000 daily drivers who have used the highway for decades, now slog through neighborhood streets and on Sunset Boulevard, which was already at or near capacity during holidays, rush hours, and school starting and ending times.

The 1 year "pilot" closure program has demonstrated to the neighbors, how bad parking can get when their city closes a major traffic artery. Then, The City makes a public attraction out of it, across the street from their homes and apartments. The City and the whole state is re-opening. Why, other than the S.F. Bicycle Coalition pressure, is The City considering closing the highway permanently?

Presently, the new visitors have little or no respect for the resident's driveway clearances. Many have a bike rack on the back of their SUVs or cars. Parking often gets saturated by 11am on the west side of Lower Great Highway. Then driveway clearance rules are forgotten. Put this plan in the waste bucket.

Sincerely,
Paul Stark
Resident Lower Great Highway

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Subject : Support for Great Highway Closure

Hello - I am an SF resident and want to express my support for the permanent closure of the Great Highway to vehicle traffic. I live near a slow street (Sanchez) but drove with my now 8-year-old daughter many times during quarantine to bike on the Great Highway because even the slow street was not a safe place for a beginning biker given the amount of vehicle traffic present. The full closure on Great Highway provided a sense of safety and play that is definitely not available 1) on regular city streets; 2) within typical bike lanes with painted line separation from traffic; or 3) on designated slow streets. Great Highway is the only place in SF that I feel safe bringing my daughter up to speed on urban bike skills.

While there are some channelized bike lanes (I'm not sure how to refer to them) that are set apart from car and pedestrian traffic with hard infrastructure instead of a painted line, they are few and far between. There are very few linear paths in SF where a new biker can become skilled and comfortable with urban biking every day of the week. I imagine the same is true for older people as well.

Pre-pandemic, I was a daily bike-commuter from Noe Valley to downtown SF near the Embarcadero. Becoming comfortable with my commute was difficult, and even after 4 years of bike commuting I never felt safe. I felt a great sense of risk biking in SF, especially with my kid riding on the back of my commute bike. Biking on Great Highway was wonderful for me as well as for my family.

While I hope she will become a confident biker, I would never take my daughter on her own bike on the combination of streetscapes that were necessary to reach most destinations in the city. In this context, Great Highway is an invaluable location for safe family enjoyment of a bike-friendly landscape.

Please vote to maintain Great Highway as a shared, vehicle-free space.
Abigail Ramsden

Noe Valley/94131

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Subject : Support the pilot to extend the Great Walkway!

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you,
Colleen Beach

Date : 6/21/2021 4:00:34 PM
From : "Jill Ellefsen" jill@sfvillage.org
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Subject : The Great (car-free) Highway

We are 25 year residents of the Lower Great Highway in District 4 and have been working from home this past year. Our front windows overlook the Upper Great Highway and we see a regular parade of happy joyful people go by each day, all day. This has been the best thing to happen to the neighborhood! We are happy to share the beach with those from other neighborhoods and feel that the traffic mitigation has worked. Keep this treasure closed to cars and open to families and those who love a lungful of fresh ocean air.

KEEP THE GREAT WALKWAYFOR THE PEOPLE!!

Jill Ellefsen & Lisa Estrella
2664 Great Highway, 94116

Date : 6/21/2021 3:54:21 PM

From : "jessica dunne" jessica0dunne@gmail.com

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

Subject : The Great Highway,

I have lived on the Great Highway since 1980. I thoroughly support keeping it as a park and pedestrian zone. Using beachfront property for a commuter road is a waste.

It gives me great pleasure to see people from all over the city enjoying the closed highway. Dogs, families, bicyclists, walkers, etc.

A compromise is a bad idea. The highway is destined to be closed in time. Let's do it now.

I like the new speed bumps too!

Thank you.

Jessica

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Sent from an Apple gadget that fancies itself an author and creates humiliating typos.

Date : 6/21/2021 10:50:45 AM
From : "oceanvw via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Upper Great Highway

I believe that it would be a rational common sense decision to re-open the UGH on weekdays for commuter traffic and to close it on weekends for recreational use. I urge you to support this very reasonable position.

Gloria Eberling

Date : 6/21/2021 12:46:00 PM
From : "'elizabeth rutzick' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Upper Great Highway

I have lived in the Sunset District for 75 years. I am vehemently opposed to closing the Upper Great Highway to cars.

I would support Supervisor Gordon Mar's compromise proposition of opening the Upper Great Highway during the weekdays and closing it for recreation on weekends.

Thank you for considering the voice of a long term Sunset District resident.

Elizabeth Rutzick

Date : 6/21/2021 1:53:50 PM

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Subject : Writing in support of 24/7 car-free Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

I am writing in strong support of car-free Great Highway. I live in the Inner Sunset, and am a frequent runner, walker, and bicyclist all over the western side of the city. I am also a car owner and often drive north and south from the Sunset. I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7.

Our city's largest contributor of carbon emissions is transportation, and we have an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and make it possible to restore Ocean Beach's natural ecosystems to the best of our abilities.

Closing Great Highway to cars is also a major safety improvement. I have extensive personal experience choosing to cycle down Lower Great Highway because of speeding cars and piles of dangerous sand on Upper Great Highway. However, cars always sped past at dangerous times on Lower Great Highway too, so there was really no good option.

As the City starts to reopen, I strongly support our transportation planning to prioritize people and environmental sustainability over cars. The Great Highway, our beautiful and fun coastal path with no cars, is so unique and so important to that.

Thank you,
Laura V.

Date : 6/21/2021 3:35:26 PM

From : "'brandonreif" via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

**To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org"
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Subject : Yes! Car-free 24/7 pilot on Upper Great Highway

To the Board:

My family and I are residents and homeowners on 44th Avenue in District 4, within walking distance of Upper Great Highway which we have found benefits us immensely more since its closure to cars.

The pilot should keep the Upper Great Highway as a car-free space 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anything else will be more complicated, expensive, confusing and potentially more dangerous.

A fully car-free 24/7 pilot also allows SFMTA to focus on their work to improve traffic safety in District 4 and find more solutions to help westside residents get around, while more people from every corner of the city have the chance to discover and experience the Great Walkway.

Brandon Reif
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Subject : Yes! Car-free 24/7 pilot study for permanent closure of Upper Great Highway

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