

Date : 6/22/2021 2:21:48 AM
From : "George Wooding" gswooding@gmail.com
To : "Myrna Melgar" myrna.melgar@sfgov.org, "Gordon.Mar@sfgov.com"
Gordon.Mar@sfgov.com, "ChanStaff" ChanStaff@sfgov.org,
"clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : BD062221 Resolution NO.21, Great Hwy. Concepts gerrymandering

Dear Supervisors & RPD and SFMTA Director,

It is clear that concept number three (3), Full closure of the Great Highway will be the Board's final selection.

**BD062221 RESOLUTION NO. 21-XX Page 1 of 4 RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE UPPER GREAT HIGHWAY CONCEPTS EVALUATION
REPORT [NTIP]**

Key Findings and Recommendations of SFCT report. "Full closure (Concept 3) would provide recreation, wellness and bicycle/pedestrian network benefits but requires significant improvements to address traffic and transit impacts from diversions. There is also greater schedule and delivery risk associated with the unknown site conditions and higher cost of this option.

SFMTA Director, Jeffrey Tumlin has already stated "that his number one goal is to get rid of cars." If Tumlin really wants to get rid of cars, perhaps he should fix MUNI rather than close the great highway

Recreation and Park Director, Phil Ginsburg, simply wants more control over Ocean Beach. Fewer cars means more control for the RPD. *veni, vidi, vici*. More control means more activation [read money] for the RPD

Citizen transparency is a myth in San Francisco These decisions have already been gerrymandered by Tumlin and Ginsburg:

-One-half of Twin Peaks Blvd has permanently been closed to cars

-The Upper Great Highway is about to be closed to cars

-In San Francisco Golden Gate Park- For two months - a large segment of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park — between Crossover Drive to the west and Kezar Drive to the east — has been closed to cars, as part of an effort to give pedestrians more room for recreation and safe passage. Ultimately, cars will never be allowed to return to JFK Drive.

-An attempt will be made to remove cars from MLK Drive.

Please develop 1) Full transparency on data gathering, 2) Create a clear and equitable framework for resident outreach and a timeline for future plans of resident outreach.

George Wooding

Date : 6/22/2021 12:00:21 AM

From : "'Claudia A. Villena' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Comment in Support of the Great Walkway - Concept 3 - Full Promenade

Hello Dear SF Supervisors,

I am resident of the Outer Sunset and a homeowner at 45th and Lawton; three short blocks from the Great Highway. I fully support its permanent closure to allow for full use by cyclist and pedestrians for recreation and commuting and to address climate change/sea level rise.

The closing of the great highway has enlivened our community and helped small businesses thrive. It's been wonderful to see friends and family from all over San Francisco come to our neighborhood to walk, ride, or skate. To see a beautiful sunset up close. The Great Walkway has also brought art, and civic & political engagement to our otherwise quiet commuter community. It has made us feel more like part of a thriving city.

I have been witness to the traffic situation and while it is visible - and should be addressed- on Chain of Lakes and at Lincoln @ Great Highway, the traffic on the lower great highway has been exaggerated by opponents. I cross the Lower Great highway daily and I have not experienced any problems or seen any big issues.

Last but not least, my dog was hit by a car on the great highway, he lost a front leg but lived a long live as a tripod. And my neighbor's dog died as a result of getting hit by a car on the great highway. We are not irresponsible owners but accidents with pets do happen. San Francisco is a dog town and the Great Walkway benefits safety for our pets too!

Thank you,
Claudia A. Villena
3932 Lawton Street, SF, CA 94122

Date : 6/21/2021 9:10:17 PM

From : "S Garrett" shigar16@gmail.com

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

Subject : Comments for 6/22/2021 10am SFCTA Meeting Regarding Pilot Program for Great Highway

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

Date : 6/22/2021 6:27:24 AM

From : "AT&T YAHOO! MAIL SERVICE" kaaren25@att.net

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

Subject : District 4

Hello:

Please stop the delays and foolishness - open the GREAT HIGHWAY.

We have enough open space for walkers and need to maintain our emergency routes.

I am a 4th generation native and my children are related to the last Spanish governor -- we are SF.

Please open as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kaaren Alvarado

Date : 6/22/2021 1:35:04 AM
From : "Nira Wong" nirawong3@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nira Wong** <nirawong3@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2021, 1:28 AM
Subject: Re: REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY
To: <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, MTABoard@SFMTA.com
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<mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>

As a senior living in the Richmond District who doesn't drive, I often rely on my son who lives on the other side of the park. The closure of the Great Highway has now extended a once quick and simple trip from his house to mine to a 45-minute journey—an hour and a half roundtrip. When my husband was in palliative care at the VA Hospital, it was comforting that he was able to be by my side in 15 minutes when my husband passed. The closure and shelter in place caused by Covid made visiting impossible. Now that the City has opened up, closure of the Great Highway continues to obstruct and limit opportunities for quick visits within his busy schedule.

I support opening the Great Highway and urge
you to do so!

Sincerely,

Nira Wong

Date : 6/22/2021 7:12:49 AM
From : "James Nicholson" jamesd13@pacbell.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: Reopen the great highway

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: James Nicholson <jamesd13@pacbell.net>
Date: June 21, 2021 at 4:41:05 PM PDT
To: clerk@sfcta.org
Subject: Reopen the great highway

Dear clerk, I live on 45th. Ave. and Judah st. I have 4 kids that use these streets to bike etc. Traffic has increased on my block. I now have minibuses and commuter vans coming up and down my street. I am very concerned about the cars that are being directed onto 45th ave. With the city reopening it is going to get much worse..My family has used the closed Great Highway about 5 times since it closed but only on the weekends. Good idea at the time, but its time to re open! It comes down to safety for my family.. Come hang out on 45th.you'll see. Compromise. Open Mon.-Fri. Closed on weekends!
Thank you, James Nicholson

Date : 6/22/2021 6:50:34 AM
From : "'Elaine BROWN' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : GHY

Dear Members of the Board:

Please do not approve this final study. SFCTA is *biased* in its data analysis in favor of permanent closure, as are efforts of RPD and SFMTA. These three city agencies have worked relentlessly for 14 months to close this highway forever to the detriment of the safety of thousands of residents and commuters of two districts. All data has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the worst pandemic in 100 years which renders it moot and useless. Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. Also please note that **8,711** people have signed our "Open the Great Highway petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elaine Breen-Brown

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 10:48:13 PM

From : "Bonnie Fimbres sfonurse@sbcglo" sfonurse@sbcglobal.net

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

Subject : Great Highway

Simply stated: I am in favor of reopening the Great Highway, and opposed to the 2 year pilot program to keep it closed.

Thank you, Bonnie Fimbres

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Date : 6/21/2021 10:03:27 PM

From : "'Nancy Leahy' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Great Highway

Sent from my iPad

Having lived in the Richmond area of the city since 1978 (over 40 years) I have seen and been part of the changes in the traffic situation.

I have seen in first person the toll on the closure of the Great Highway. Traffic has been shifted to many side streets resulting in long times getting from the Richmond area anywhere south. Most of the daytime hours as I'm traveling south to shop, there are very few people taking advantage of the open Great Highway for biking or walking.

I understand that during the first year of the pandemic the need for the citizens to have ample room to recreate in an open and safe area.

But now I have seen the dreadful traffic situation that these closures have caused.

The closure of the majority of the roads in Golden Gate Park adds to traffic being shifted to the Avenues.

Between the closures of some streets for 'slow streets' AND the Great Highway closure there has been a nightmare of traffic backup on all the side streets. The other day The traffic on California was backed up almost to 25th Ave, waiting to get onto Park Presidio.

It's no longer safe to walk in the Richmond District.

Please reopen the Great Highway to make it safe FOR ALL!!!

Thank you

Nancy Leahy

Date : 6/21/2021 9:55:04 PM
From : "'Brian Reyes' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway Album
Attachment : Great Highway Report_Album NO Names Listed.pdf;

To whom it may concern:

Please include as part of your attachments for public comment to tomorrow's 6/22 meeting with the board regarding agenda item 11 hearing of the Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report

Best,

Brian Reyes
Great Highway (Great Walkway) Park Initiative
brian@greathighwaypark.com

Let's make the
Upper Great Highway
car-free forever.



Dear City Leaders,

Enclosed you will find some photos that try to capture a bit of what a car-free Great Highway means to the thousands of people who use it every day.

We need a San Francisco with significant healthy, safe, equitable spaces for all of us to connect with nature and each other.

We need a San Francisco that is climate-friendly and child-friendly.

A car-free Great Highway forever embodies the direction our great city must move boldly and quickly.

Thank you.

The Great Highway Park Initiative



I come here three to four times a week. I go for runs, I walk the dog... Sometimes I'll just listen to a podcast and walk it. We don't really need this road for cars. People need to be outside more. This has given them the opportunity to do so. You see so many more people... Old people, younger people. It's bringing happiness to everyone's lives, and that's not going to stop after the pandemic.

- Ali



It being closed to cars is such a benefit to so many... it's essentially now an extension of Golden Gate Park. We're local down the street, so we're here about five times a week.

- Kevin & Kim



I think it's really great for people in the neighborhood to relax when they're here, rather than a bunch of cars speeding up and down.

- Bianka & Sabine



I try and come out as often as I can... basically every day.

I view it as a sanctuary and release.

- Nick



We are here usually three times a week. It's reminded me of why I love this city during a time when the city doesn't exactly feel like the city. This has confirmed San Francisco as one of the very best places to live.

- Matt, Tiffany & Sloane



**I would like the cars never to return! I do drive, I have a car...
but this is so great. I'm here every day except Sunday.
- Kevin**



**I see the opportunity for this space to be one of the beacons
of building back better post-pandemic, with a new focus on
environment and recreation. This should have never been a vehicle
roadway in the first place. Let's make it a "great"
place for friends and views and fun!
- Shayla & Family**



**My friends and I usually go to Great Highway around 2-3 times a week.
We often bike and skateboard while watching the sunset.
- Sally**



**It represents an appreciation for the city, the outdoors, mental health,
and the ability to clear your head with fresh air and sunshine.**

- Brian & Thomas

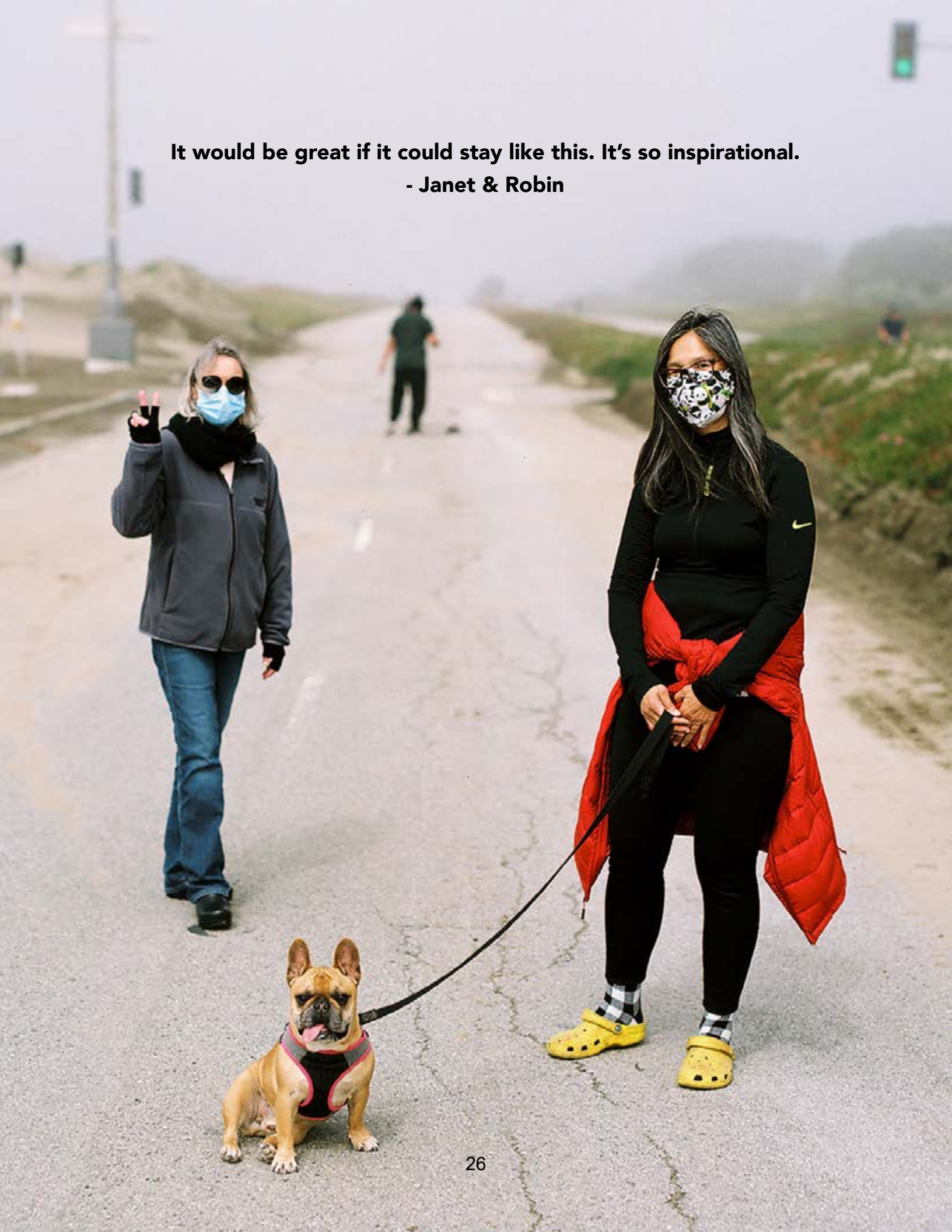


**It's really nice to see the neighborhood using this
space as a communal backyard.
- Naomi & Jesse**



It would be great if it could stay like this. It's so inspirational.

- Janet & Robin



**My family and I use it at least once a day, some days two or three times.
There is more of a sense of community since the upper
Great Highway has been closed to vehicles.
- Cecilia**

**It makes me feel safer when I am bike riding or roller skating.
- Cecilia's daughter**



I grew up on the Great Highway, so I know the neighborhood well. This has changed things for the better. This is different than anything else. I'm fourth generation San Franciscan, and I think that's what this whole stretch originally was, was all The Promenade. We didn't have anything like that for our generation.
- Alexandra, Chris & Charlie



**More than 3,000
residents have
already signed the
petition supporting
a car-free Upper
Great Highway
forever.**

**And the list
keeps growing.**

A forever car-free Great Highway means a



Climate-friendly
Healthy
Child-friendly
Equitable
Community-friendly
People-first future



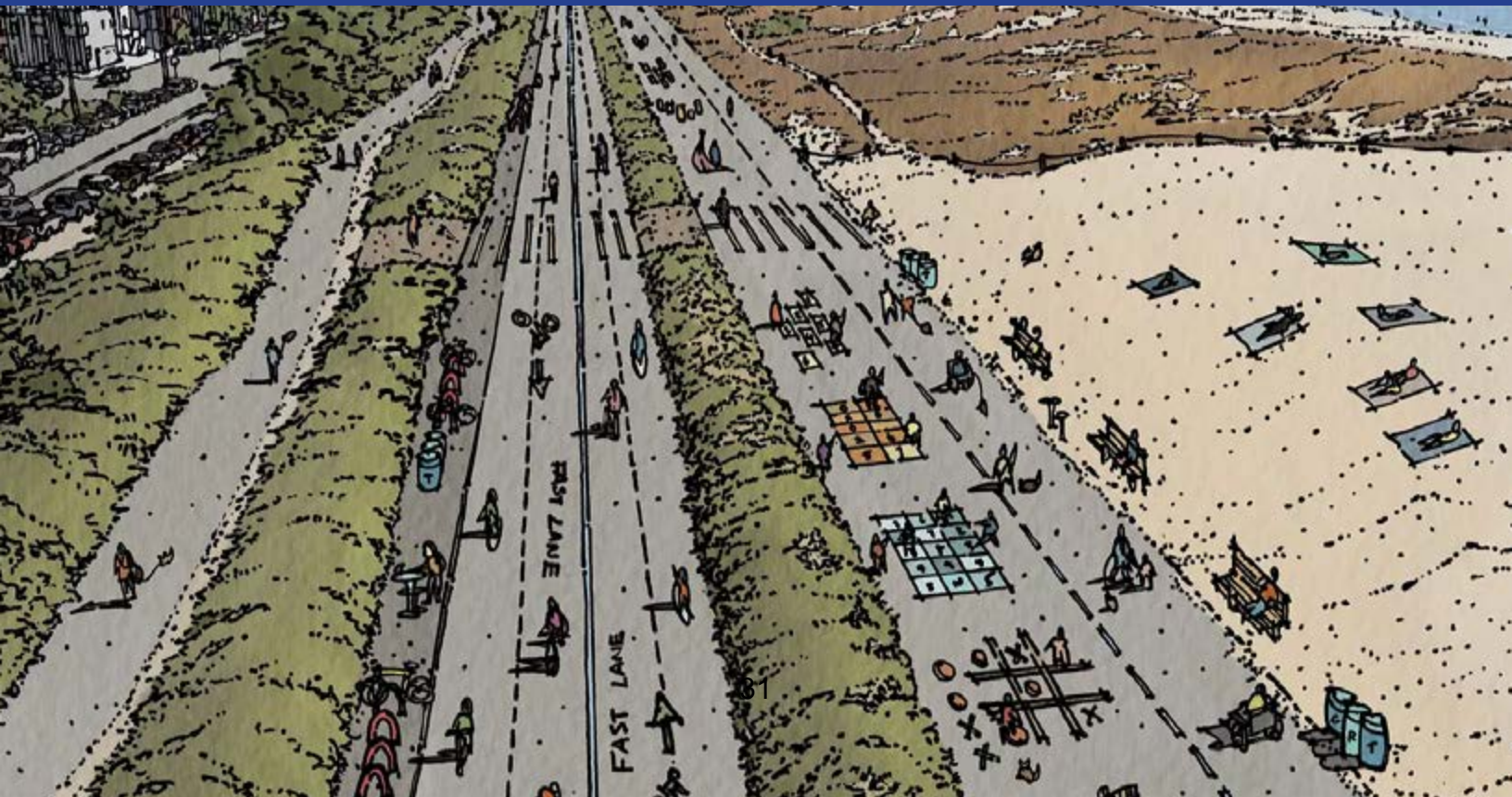
Right now.

Since the closure of the Upper Great Highway began more than a year ago, this safe open recreation space has been used in so many diverse ways.

Imagine how we can use it in the future.

Learn more at greathighwaypark.com/how

Many thanks to Jason Corning for sharing his portraits for this piece.



Date : 6/21/2021 9:37:13 PM

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

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

MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

Subject : Great Highway and Golden Gate Park

I wish to voice my opinion that the Great Highway needs to be re-opened to cars.

Additionally, the closure of Golden Gate Park to cars and parking is essentially going to put the Fine Arts Museums and the Academy of Sciences and the Japanese Tea Garden out of business. The City can't afford to subsidize these institutions to offset the loss of visitors who cannot access these institutions conveniently. I've volunteered at the Museum for about 10 years. During the recent Bouquets to Art, attendance had to be limited due to Covid. But, in a normal year, both garages and street parking are filled to overflowing.

There has to be a balance between allowing people to use their cars and have affordable parking to visit these beloved sites, and pedestrians and bicyclists who enjoy not having traffic. Right now, this is very one-sided.

The only advantage to just allowing parking in the garages is it makes it more convenient for car thefts.

City government is certainly not listening. With the likely downturn in office space, tourism is the major hope to keep revenues coming into San Francisco. Closing off streets to traffic and to tourist sites is very short-sighted.

Maureen Fox
149 6th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118

Date : 6/22/2021 7:21:13 AM
From : "Tiffany Holcombe" tnholcombe@sbcglobal.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway Closure

Dear Members of the Board:

Please do not approve this final study. SFCTA is *biased* in its data analysis in favor of permanent closure, as are efforts of RPD and SFMTA. These three city agencies have worked relentlessly for 14 months to close this highway forever to the detriment of the safety of thousands of residents and commuters of two districts. All data has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the worst pandemic in 100 years which renders it moot and useless. Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. This closure has greatly impacted our neighborhood in numerous ways. There is trash strewn everywhere, home and car break ins have increased, people are speeding down our once quiet street and traffic in our neighborhood has increased.

Also please note that **8,711** people have signed our "Open the Great Highway petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely.

Tiffany Holcombe

Resident and Voter in District 4

Date : 6/22/2021 12:50:49 AM

From : "Rosalie Cavallaro" rosaliecavallaro@gmail.com

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

Subject : Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report (Item 11)

The closure of the Great Highway to cars is a bad, misguided idea that has gained traction because of misinformation and misunderstood goals. The Great Highway is next to Ocean Beach and already has an elevated walkway for pedestrians and bikes. It has a bike lane. Most people cannot even see the ocean from most of the Great Highway if they are walking it. To compare this to Dolores Park is a cynical and misleading way of presenting the choice of converting the Highway to a "walkway" (it is used by bicyclists, but no one is calling it a bike trail). This will not increase the "open spaces" of San Francisco in a meaningful way. Ocean Beach is right there and that is an open space. What it does is allow bicyclists to ride side by side. The elevated walkway has always been large enough to accommodate pedestrians. This is not a walkway, but a very big bike trail. But bikes already had a bike lane and were allowed on the elevated walkway.

What closing the Great Highway to cars does is remove one essential route out of the Richmond District. Without the Great Highway emergency vehicles need to detour and cannot respond quickly to emergencies on or around Ocean Beach. If an evacuation is necessary, there is one less route out of the Richmond. The Richmond has limited routes in and out. Removing one could prove dangerous.

The Great Highway moved approximately 20,000 cars a day, far more people than use it now for recreation. Most of those cars transported people to and from work. To suggest that those people have a choice of public transportation to jobs on the peninsula is a lie. When I had to commute south to work, my car broke down occasionally. The difference in time spent using public transit and driving was 2-1/2 hours a day (4 hours versus 1-1/2 hours). Until this situation is fixed, you will not be getting cars off the street by closing roads. You will only add more commute time (and therefore pollution and congestion). The Great Highway reduced car congestion in the Sunset. To "fix" the problem of more cars, "traffic calming" measures are being implemented. The repeated measures to try to keep cars away from neighborhood streets by limiting turns, closing streets, and adding speed humps shows how absurd this plan is. It is more like a game of Whack-a-Mole than traffic planning. Each solution to a problem causes a new problem with a new solution that only causes another problem.

There are multiple reasons not to close the Great Highway. I have only named a few.

Thank you,

Rosalie Cavallaro

Date : 6/21/2021 10:42:02 PM
From : "David Golden" dgolden@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway Debate

Dear Clerk of SFCTA:

Please share my comments with the SFCTA Governing Board.

I oppose the total and permanent closure of the Great Highway, and suggest you look for a compromise solution, such as weekend only closure, or one-way traffic routing, or perhaps pedestrian "fly-overs" along the route.

My family resides in the Richmond District. We drive daily to the Sunset and back to take our girl to school, and then to her after school program in the early evening.

The closure of the Great Highway caused substantial traffic jams in Golden Gate Park, no doubt ruining the ambience for people trying to enjoy the park, and has diverted a lot of traffic to 19th Avenue and Lincoln. Our entire family is suffering substantial lost time, probably 2+ hours per week. Why is our time and lifestyle less important than that of the occasional person bicycling along Great Highway (which they can easily do on the elevated jogging/bicycling path)? Let's great real, there is a very large recreational space nearby called the "Golden Gate Park" so why is it necessary to convert a major thoroughfare into additional park and rec space?

Regards,

David Golden
370 19th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121

Date : 6/21/2021 11:17:19 PM
From : "'Judy Goldstein' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway should be opened to cars

The Great Highway needs to be opened to cars, as it was intended. Traffic in the Sunset has gotten worse and the folks who live near the Great Highway are inundated with speeding cars, motorcycles etc.

Please keep our residential streets quiet and safe and open the Highway!! I am a walker and I find plenty of places to walk (the Beach, the path along the highway, the park) Please do not let a small special interest group cause a change that will hurt many.

thank you!
Judith Goldstein
Sunset District Resident

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Date : 6/21/2021 11:12:43 PM

From : "'MaryAnne Kaplan' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Great Highway

Dear Clerk of the Transportation Authority,

I am a native San Franciscan now living in Oakland.

I come to the City at least once a week and the Great Highway is essential to free movement throughout the Sunset and Richmond Districts. The other two throughways are 19th Avenue and Sunset Boulevard. All three are needed for the amount of traffic/people moving through the area.

Please re-open the Great Highway! And, if you can, put back the Ice plant so the sand doesn't flow onto the Highway so easily!

Thank You,

MaryAnne Kaplan
510-273-2488 ofc
510-701-4051 cell

Date : 6/22/2021 7:39:20 AM
From : "Chris Lambert" chrislambert@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@sfcta.org" tilly.chang@sfcta.org
Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway!

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in the Richmond District, 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.

In addition to the Great Highway, I also strongly support maintaining the amazing web of slow streets we currently have. Biking from mid-Market to the zoo on almost completely car-free roads is the hallmark of a world-class city.

Chris Lambert
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Date : 6/22/2021 12:16:12 AM
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Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As a SF resident in *District 8*, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Areas next to our beaches and waterfront should be maximized for public recreational use. The immense popularity of the promenade shows that San Franciscans crave outdoor car-free spaces near the ocean for biking, rolling, and walking. The western side of the city should have its own Embarcadero.

Permanent dedication of the Great Highway to pedestrian and bike use would be a major step toward rethinking the use of public outdoor spaces and how we might engineer a greener, safer, and less car intensive city. San Francisco should be a leader in re-envisioning its streets and transportation system to cut greenhouse gas pollution, and should prioritize public transit, pedestrians, and bikes. Rapid transformation and leading by example are critical to avoiding the worst climate change impacts.

Contrary to the opposition's claims, a car-free Great Highway doesn't have to be a zero sum proposition that hurts workers—commuters *and* public recreation *and* the climate could all benefit with further planning. In a city so geographically small and with such mild weather, most residents shouldn't have to rely on cars to get to work or around the city. The proposal presents an opportunity to also consider how we might improve transit access and reliability in the Sunset, create safer bike routes (which this proposal would do), and incentivize carpooling. That many folks will likely continue working remotely even after the pandemic should also be considered.

Thank you so much for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Wendy Park
District 8, Noe Valley

Date : 6/21/2021 10:22:17 PM

From : "Olivia Gage Gamboa" oliviagage@gmail.com

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

Subject : I support a permanently car-free Great Highway

I am writing to voice my support for a permanently car-free Great Highway. Having this space be car-free has been a great blessing for our family. It has given us a safe way to get out, be together and get around. We use the Great Highway to get to school and run errands.

The car-free Great Highway is a wonderful space that has brought the community together. It would be a tragic mistake to let cars back onto that space when it is actually so much better without them.

Please keep the Great Highway car-free forever!

Sincerely,

Dr Olivia Gamboa
Richmond District

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 10:56:16 PM

From : "mimi wu" ms_mimi@hotmail.com

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

Subject : Open Great Hwy, please

Dear Clerk and Mayor Breed:

The continued closure of the Great Highway is without a doubt putting lives at risk.

It is reckless that the City is even contemplating doing away with a main artery between the Sunset and Richmond especially during an emergency, be it medical, fire or other natural disasters. Prioritizing recreation and bicyclists over human life, all in an attempt to upset drivers? This thinking is dangerous and defies logic. How can emergency vehicles quickly get to their destination and help residents evacuate in the event of a high-magnitude earthquake, a tsunami, or fires tearing through neighborhoods when we're left with only Sunset Blvd and 19th Ave, which is constantly clogged with or without construction. SF is becoming less and less of a world-class City because of bad decisions. If/when a catastrophe befalls the City, and lives are lost because City leaders got their priorities mixed up, what will you say then? Open the Great Highway. Safety demands it.

Thanks,

Mimi

Date : 6/21/2021 11:11:55 PM
From : "Karen Ngo" k-ngo@sbcglobal.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway

Please do not approve this final study. SFCTA is *biased* in its data analysis in favor of permanent closure, as are efforts of RPD and SFMTA. These three city agencies have worked relentlessly for 14 months to close this highway forever to the detriment of the safety of thousands of residents and commuters of two districts. All data has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the worst pandemic in 100 years which renders it moot and useless. Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. Also please note that **8,711** people have signed our "Open the Great Highway petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen and Ken Ngo
District 4

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Date : 6/21/2021 10:39:57 PM

From : "Matthew Dea" matthew.t.dea@gmail.com

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

Subject : Open The Great Highway

Dear Mayor Breed and Transportation Authority Board,

I am a native San Franciscan and work at SFO. During the normal pre-pandemic times, I am a regular user of the Great Highway for commuting purposes from the Richmond District to access Skyline Boulevard and Highway 1 to get to work. I use this route heavily to avoid the congestion experienced between Crossover Drive to I-280 and 380.

I am very proud to be living in this city that is resilient and has come a long ways in the battle against COVID-19. I was grateful to have been temporarily telecommuting during the pandemic and to have a job during these tough times. With the city opening up on June 15th and restrictions lifted, I along with many other people have headed back to the office. I tried using the Great Highway last week and I was surprised that it is still closed especially since San Francisco is now open. I tried going along the side streets of the Great Highway as well but they are also closed for some reason and I am forced to drive more miles and use Sunset Boulevard and sit through traffic to get to work. The traffic is getting worse and with more and more people returning back to normal life (both work and leisure), it will only continue to get worse with more cars on the road.

I strongly oppose keeping the Great Highway closed. The working people of San Francisco need this.

Matthew Dea

Date : 6/21/2021 10:23:11 PM

From : "Paria Amini" amini.paria@gmail.com

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

Subject : Open the Great Highway

Dear Mayor Breed and Transportation Authority Board:

I am writing to support the reopening of the Upper Great Highway and rejection of any proposal of an extension and/or pilot program. This road was closed to vehicles due to measures created by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the City has reopened to full capacity this past week and many returning to work, the access created by this road must be reinstated.

My family depends on this road to get to and from work, as do tens of thousands of working families. The Great Highway has always had the capacity, and continues to have the capacity, to support cars, pedestrians, bikes, etc. We have always shared the road and can continue to do so. Furthermore, this road serves as a critical path for emergency vehicles, as well as an evacuation route for residents who live in the surrounding area. For this reason, it would be negligent for the City to keep the Upper Great Highway closed.

Keeping the Upper Great Highway closed has had a disparate impact on my neighbors who live directly along it, who have had unsafe conditions created on their small residential streets. There is no safe way to navigate 18-20K cars who commute along this road daily. This highway was intended to support this volume of vehicles, not the small streets around it.

I urge you to please listen to the concerns of your constituents who are having their safety, livelihoods, and quality of life severely negatively impacted by this closure. As this City continues to recover from the effects of COVID-19, we need to return this road back to those workers who depend on it.

Thank you,

Paria

Date : 6/21/2021 9:42:15 PM
From : "Cynthia Cawthon" cawthon.cynthia.b@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway

To whom it may concern:

My name is Cynthia Cawthon, and I have lived in the Outer Richmond for 12 years. I strongly oppose closing the Great Highway as a pilot project. On June 10, I watched the entire public hearing as well as the one-hour meeting where the SFMTA and Rec and Park commissioners discussed the public comments.

Many San Francisco residents are jaded and distrustful of our city government and its officials. This meeting provided even more reason to feel that way. While the initial closure of the Great Highway was touted as an "emergency measure" in response to the pandemic, the bike coalition, environmentalists, and other anti-car proponents intend to take advantage of the opportunity for a land grab in the guise of a 2-year pilot project.

First, the information on how to watch the meeting was erroneous. I had previously sent an email to Rec and Park and was notified that the meeting would be televised on the SF.gov public channel. I tuned in at 1:00p and there was no broadcast. At 1:45p, Ashley Summers sent an email providing the correct way to tune into the meeting. While probably unintentional, I would not have been able to watch the meeting unless I received the clarification message. I wonder how many other citizens missed this meeting due to the incorrect notification details.

Second, the presentation itself was heavily biased toward implementing the pilot project. The only photos displayed were of the Great Highway packed with bikers, pedestrians, and protesters. I live within walking distance, and frequently walk, bike, or drive past the area. More often than not, the Highway is nearly empty and covered with sand. There were no slides of the gridlock on Chain of Lakes, increased traffic on Lincoln and Outer avenues, the congestion on Lincoln all the way to Sunset, or mention of the resulting pollution from cars idling in line while crossing the park. Furthermore, page 4 of the slide presentation incorrectly identified the areas in the western part of the city. Sutro Heights Park was mislabeled as Lands End, and Lands End was mislabeled as the Presidio. While these are small details, it does not inspire confidence in the results of the study when its authors cannot correctly identify the geographic areas which are most affected by the pilot proposal.

Third, the final one-hour discussion among the supervisors was similarly biased, and most members were unabashedly pro-closure. This obvious display of subjectivity underscored the idea that the pilot project was a done deal, and this hearing was a dog and pony show to appease the public and meet procedural requirements. The *only* speaker who appeared objective was Eric McDonnell—he advocated defining clear parameters of how the success of the pilot would be evaluated and transparency of the process. Larry Mazzola clearly opposed the closure, but all the others had obviously already made up their mind. The majority presumed implementation of the pilot and the commentary was paternalistic "nobody wants change," downright condescending "keeping the highway partially open on weekdays and closed on the weekends would be *too confusing* to the public," or insulting, "traffic in this part of city is not nearly as bad relative to other parts of the city." When did the definition of equity become "make traffic equally bad in all areas of the city?" The majority also kept referencing a pro-closure survey which was completely skewed, yet completely ignored the thousands of residents who signed a [change.org](https://www.change.org/p/sfcta-open-the-great-highway) petition opposing the closure. The survey was not publicly advertised, and was comprised only of people who knew about the survey and chose to participate online. One commissioner even commented that those types of surveys are "not helpful." Yet, that study was continually cited as overwhelming support for 24-7 closure.

Finally, the proposed closure defies common sense. At no time did any commissioner discuss the costs of the proposed closure and mitigation efforts. All of the discussion was focused on implementing the pilot to see how we can mitigate the resulting traffic. Why should we spend millions of dollars studying mitigation to traffic which can be resolved by just reopening an existing road? I also naively thought the decision had not been made when I tuned in to watch and make a public comment. Furthermore, why is the existing recreational space: 3 miles of Golden Gate Park, the adjacent paved trail next to the highway, and the miles of beach insufficient for recreation? Instead, the pro-closure narrative was about global warming, the idyllic nature of the beach, accessibility thereof to the disabled, and San Francisco's chance to become a world leader in environmentalism while vilifying those of us who have the audacity to drive a car.

This issue is clearly controversial, and undoubtedly, some people will be unhappy with the decision. However, I would be much more at peace with a road closure if I felt that the decision-making process was fair. The June 10 meeting did not alleviate my concerns about fairness. If there was an unbiased third party who evaluated the data as several callers suggested, then closure would be more palatable. As it stands now, many of the Outer Richmond residents feel bamboozled by our city leaders and that the emergency closure was a pretext for keeping the road closed permanently. Hopefully, tomorrow's meeting with the SFCTA will be more objective, less shady, and renew our faith in our city leadership.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Cawthon

Date : 6/21/2021 9:40:07 PM
From : "G Choy" pixchoy@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open The Great Highway

Please reopen this important thoroughfare for vehicle traffic. Current traffic is traveling on the residential side streets causing more dangerous interactions between pedestrians and cars on normally quiet residential streets of the Sunset. The re-opening would alleviate the endless congestion of everyday citizens trying to cross Golden Gate Park between the Richmond and Sunset districts in our city.

As we reopen our economy, we're seeing less and less usefulness of this highway for just recreational pedestrian use. As a resident of the Sunset who has to travel to the Richmond regularly in order to help my elderly parents with groceries and assistance in general, it has been a nightmare. They have mobility issues and difficulty getting to their stores.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gerald Choy



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Date : 6/21/2021 9:26:08 PM
From : "Craig Hanson" fishingcraig@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway

Dear Members of the Board:

The Great Highway and roads in Golden Gate Park must be open! The “ temporary closure” has turned into a sham and a bait and switch by Sup. Mar, MTA, Park & Rec, Bd of Supes and everyone else passing the buck on who is responsible.

Please do not approve this final study. SFCTA is *biased* in its data analysis in favor of permanent closure, as are efforts of RPD and SFMTA. These three city agencies have worked relentlessly for 14 months to close this highway forever to the detriment of the safety of thousands of residents and commuters of two districts. All data has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the worst pandemic in 100 years which renders it moot and useless. Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. Also please note that **8,711** people have signed our "Open the Great Highway petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely.
Craig Hanson
4th generation SF and Voter in District 4

Date : 6/21/2021 9:01:23 PM
From : "Another Goodguy" anothergoodguy665@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY

This is a highway and not a park. There are many parks in SF and right next door is Golden Gate Park, huge enough for everyone.
You are crowding cars on streets that can't handle them and many residents don't want them. If you don't want cars then barricade all streets coming into the City and prohibit all parking in the city.

M. Rand

Date : 6/21/2021 9:26:31 PM
From : "Sarah Murphy" csbmurphy@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway Please

Please do not approve this final study. The health and safety of thousands of residents in the Sunset is at risk. Data supporting the closure has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the pandemic which renders it moot and useless.

Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. Also please note that **thousands of** people have signed our "Open the Great Highway" petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely.
Sarah Murphy
Resident and Voter in District 4

Date : 6/22/2021 1:29:57 AM
From : "Gabriela Strand" gabrielastrand@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org"
Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org"
MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway to Vehicular Traffic

Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Stefani and members of the Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to re-open the Great Highway to vehicular traffic and abandon the two-year pilot project proposal as it is completely unnecessary. I am a native San Franciscan and live in District 2. I am a member of the Bicycle Coalition, with a disability. I regularly drive on the Great Highway to get across the City.

Due to physical therapy, I will not be able to participate in the June 22 hearing concerning the Upper Great Highway, so here are the reasons why I believe it should be reopened to vehicular traffic. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Gabriela Strand Bruce

Usage & Impact: MTA's Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Report states that per week 26,400 pedestrians and bicyclists used the Great Highway during the temporary vehicular closure. Prior to the closure, 18,000 vehicle drivers per day used the Great Highway. To compare apples to apples, these figures need to be annualized.

$26,400 * 52 \text{ weeks} = 1,372,800$

$18,000 * 365 \text{ days} = 6,570,000$

You can see that a great many more people use the Great Highway in vehicles, than on bicycles or as pedestrians. These 18,000 people per day trying to make it across the City are trying to get to the VA, Stonestown, SFSU, the Pomeroy Center, Fort Funston, Lake Merced, the Zoo, Serramonte, Safeway, the

Airport, the soccer fields, the Olympic Club, Harding Park, Lowell, Lincoln, and many other schools, parks and shopping centers. We are coming from all over the City, not just the Sunset and Richmond Districts.

Public Safety & Traffic Congestion: Pushes traffic to residential streets endangering children and everyone else who walks. Not to mention the potential to increase traffic accidents between cars and other modes of transportation.

Closure of the Upper Great Highway has already led to traffic congestion on Lincoln Way, Sunset Boulevard, Chain of Lakes (Golden Gate Park), Crossover and 19th Avenue, which will only be exacerbated as traffic returns to pre-Pandemic levels.

Outside Lands, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Bay to Breakers and other large-scale events held in Golden Gate Park will only worsen traffic conditions on residential streets, leading to more accidents.

San Francisco is not an island, so we must make decisions recognizing that many drivers are using our streets to go from Marin County to San Mateo County and points North and South. They are, by necessity, in cars, not on bicycles.

Poor Planning/Timing: Closing a major North/South Artery while 19th Avenue, the major North/South Artery will be under construction for at least three years seems to be poor planning. 19th Avenue already has daily traffic of 76,500 vehicles. I do not see how it can absorb an additional 18,000 vehicles.

Unnecessary due to Existing Bike Path from Fort Funston to Cliff House and Plethora of Green Space and Recreational Activity in this Part of the City: There is already an existing bicycle/footpath, not to mention the beach itself which extends from Fort Funston to the Cliff House. If that path needs improvement or expansion, then that is where the focus should be.

I support the general idea of adding additional recreational areas to San Francisco and believe it is a laudable goal, but this particular project is unnecessary. This part of San Francisco is fortunate to already have many parks and public recreation areas. We are fortunate to have Golden Gate Park, Stern Grove, Lake Merced, the bike paths along Sunset Boulevard, and many, many local playgrounds.

The MTA and Park & Rec should focus their work on improving parts of San Francisco that are lacking recreational access instead of this divisive project.

MUNI is not fully operational: Due to the Pandemic, MUNI is not fully operational, so to expect people to take MUNI instead of driving is unrealistic.

Citywide Issue, Not a Neighborhood Issue: For some reason, only neighbors were surveyed regarding the closure of the Great Highway as if they are the only people affected by the closure of a highway. I live in the Marina District and use the Great Highway frequently to get across town. As someone pointed out to me, residents of the Marina do not get to say, "let's close Marina Boulevard or Lombard to cars so that I can walk and bike on it and since I live the closest, I get the most say". Especially since Marina Boulevard is right next to the Marina Green and walking paths, just like the Great Highway is next to a walking path and beach. We also would not close down Sunset Boulevard so that people who lived nearby could use it for walking and biking. No, we would keep it open as a major thoroughfare.

Evacuation / Escape route out of City: In the event of an earthquake or other emergency, the Great Highway is the main evacuation route to escape the neighborhood.

Gabriela Strand Bruce
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Date : 6/21/2021 9:55:29 PM

From : "'Jim Petrini' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Open the Great Highway!

Dear Clerk, my comments:

Open the Great Highway to vehicle traffic! There is already an open path for pedestrians and bicycles on the side. Also, there is La Playa. Also, the beach itself is wide open! These give plenty of options for pedestrians, bikers, and scooters. And, there is a huge beautiful park a stone's throw away for them, too!

Leaving the Great Highway closed would be an injustice to the residents of the outer avenues. I repeat, it's an INJUSTICE to dump all of that traffic on the streets where these residents LIVE. Do the right thing, Stop the nonsense, and Open the Great Highway to vehicle traffic.

Jim Petrini, middle Sunset resident

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/22/2021 7:45:39 AM
From : "Evan O'Reilly" evan.albert.oreilly@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open The Great Highway

As Supervisor Matt Haney recently said, "There is no reason someone walking down streets in our city should have to fear for their life." Unfortunately, as someone who regularly walks and runs with my toddler in San Francisco, we have nearly been hit numerous times.

I say this because this body should know how dangerous the intersection at Lincoln and Great Highway has become. On a recent afternoon, it was rare to see any car come to a complete stop. Likewise walkers, runners, and bikers streamed across the crosswalks while impatient cars tried to move around them. Sadly, it is only a matter of time before this intersection leads to another preventable tragedy.

There is a very easy solution. Open the Great Highway to the tens of thousands of cars that daily used it as a thoroughfare in San Francisco. Pedestrians, like myself, still have the beautiful trail that runs exactly adjacent to the Great Highway and accommodated so many of us wonderfully for all of those years prior to The Great Highway closing. Or for those who may want more space: the sands of Ocean Beach are also accommodating.

I am someone who supports closing streets for pedestrians, but only when it can be done safely because easy alternatives exist nearby. I love to run on Cabrillo with my daughter because cars have easy options directly adjacent on Fulton or Balboa. The Great Highway does not meet those basic qualifications. Cars are told to take Sunset Ave instead; however, just a few minutes watching cars after their left on Lincoln Ave., and it is easy to see that few, if any, use that alternate route. Instead, most of the cars take dangerous right turns onto the neighborhood streets.

It may be safe to close The Great Highway on Sundays or other days if police officers were present to control traffic at these potentially deadly intersections. Ultimately, it is simply unsafe to close a highway. This is not a little used neighborhood street. It is a major thoroughfare to those of us who live on the Westside of San Francisco. I beg this body to reverse this dangerous decision and open the Great Highway before another pedestrian is harmed on San Francisco's streets.

Sincerely,
Evan O'Reilly

Date : 6/21/2021 11:43:02 PM
From : "Joanne Di Giorgio" kdm26@att.net
To : "mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org" mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org,
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Subject : Open the Upper Great Highway

In advance of the hearing tomorrow, June 22, 2021, with the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, I am sending this email to voice my support for OPENING the Upper Great Highway. The Upper Great Hwy is an important thoroughfare for the western side of the city. Currently it is aggravating to even get to Sunset Blvd from the Richmond side or to the Richmond side from the Sunset side because so many roads are closed in and around Golden Gate park and the outer avenues. The closure of Martin Luther King and 41st Avenue on the Sunset side has created ridiculous traffic jams on 41st/Chain of Lakes at various times each day but is especially horrendous on nice weekends. This is a result of many more cars traveling this route because the Great Highway is closed.

The reason for the closure - COVID distancing - is less of a concern with so many SF residents being vaccinated, so it is time to open up the road. There is far more activity on the roads now compared to a year ago and traffic is getting worse. The city is opening up to tourists and the warm inland temperatures are bringing folks from outside the city to the cooler beaches in SF. The upcoming Hardly Strictly and Outside Lands concerts in Golden Gate Park will bring thousands of additional cars through the outer Sunset and Richmond avenues, creating additional traffic, pollution, and potentially safety concerns. Just as important, the Upper Great Highway has bike lanes and a multi-use path which can easily accommodate the demand. There is plenty of beach for maintaining social distancing too. There is no need to block the highway to cars. This closure is really hard on residents, workers, and families.

Thank you for listening.

Joanne DiGiorgio

Date : 6/22/2021 7:47:20 AM

From : "Julia Lieberman" julialieberman@gmail.com

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

Subject : Opening Great Highway

Hello,

I am a longtime San Francisco resident and have lived in the outer Richmond for many years. Since the Great Highway has been closed, traffic and safety have become huge issues. The corner of Lincoln and Great Highway is extremely dangerous with cars turning from every lane, pedestrians and bikes trying to cross and no lights or traffic officers to help control the situation. Cars try to turn on all the parallel streets and find those closed as well and sometimes turn illegally anyway. This makes all the frontage roads busy and crazy as well. Cars then have to go all the way to Sunset or 19th, causing much worse traffic on those streets now.

I understand wanting a place for bikes and walkers but there are much better alternatives than keeping the Great Highway closed all the time. First, there is already a sidewalk along it that is perfect for walking and biking. Another alternative is to close the frontage road so that traffic is not so negatively impacted. Another solution would be to close the Great Highway on the weekends but keep it open on weekdays to help with commuter traffic.

Please consider the safety and traffic implications of keeping the Great Highway closed. It needs to be reopened.

Thank you,
Julia Lieberman

Date : 6/21/2021 10:19:55 PM

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Subject : Opposition to the 2 Year Pilot Program for the Great Highway

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Thank you.

Judi Gorski

Member of Concerned Residents of the Sunset, Member of Open the Great Highway, D4 resident directly negatively impacted by this closure

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It seems very premature to try to change anything when the schools are no longer in session and the pandemic is still upon us. The traffic that will result from all of these experiments (the last 14 months have already been an experiment) is not something that will just magically disappear when the city re-opens. I urge you Supervisors and Commissioners to remember that many of the taxes that fund our city are from the employment that exists in our city and adding congestion is not in anyone's best interests – it adds to global warming when we have cars idling unnecessarily.

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

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Rosalie Cavallaro

Date : 6/22/2021 1:11:06 AM

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Thank you,
Leslie D. Ferguson & Durinda Coursey
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S.F., CA 94122

Date : 6/22/2021 4:45:48 AM

From : "Catherine Wenzler" acwenzler@gmail.com

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

Subject : Pilot program

Hello,

I am writing to express my deep dismay at the idea of a pilot program to keep the great highway closed. The surveys and data that you're using are completely inaccurate and I believe are being used to push through an agenda that does not best serve the residents of the Richmond and sunset districts. Many of us have called in explaining this and the parks and rec department, the SFCTA, and the SFMTA are unwilling to take responsibility for their almost criminal push to close the highway. Let me be clear. Phil Ginsburg is engaging in criminal/unethical means to close this highway. Now the SFCTA is also using false data.

Please look at this for what it is, you guys are using fake numbers and biased surveys to close a main artery of the city. Please do the right thing and open the GH

-Catherine Masterson

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject : Please keep the Great Highway closed to cars and open to people

Closing the Great Highway to cars is the single best thing that's happened to San Francisco in 2 decades. It provides the people of San Francisco with an amazing place to recreate, come together as a community, and enjoy our beautiful ocean side.

I work down in San Mateo and I used to use the Great Highway to commute. I am 100% willing to take a different route to work in favor of closing it to cars.

Nathan Gentner

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in *Nopa (District 5)* 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.

Date : 6/21/2021 9:26:32 PM
From : "'Jane Sweeney' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please Open the Great Highway !

Date : 6/21/2021 10:12:40 PM
From : "'Dinah Yee-Tom'via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please open up the upper great highway.

It's been tough on me when I'm on Skyline Blvd. Please open it up, businesses are starting to open and the roads are busy again. We are inconvenient due to the closing of the Highway.

Dinah Tom
Sent from my iPhone
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Date : 6/21/2021 9:34:06 PM

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Subject : Please Save Kid Safe Great Walkway now...

Dear Mayor Breed, General Manager Ginsburg, Director Tumlin, Recreation and Park Commissioners, and Board of Supervisors,

I love the new, Kid Safe Great Walkway, and want it to stay! San Francisco needs safe, inclusive, joyous public spaces for everyone, now more than ever. Parks with protected public spaces are where residents and visitors of San Francisco can be active, enjoy nature, and spend time with friends and family. Thanks to you, people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have been flocking to Kid Safe Great Walkway to enjoy the most vital protected public space in the heart of San Francisco. If it's safe for kids, it's safe for everyone. But I have become aware that this safe space for kids along Ocean Beach will be turned back into one of a dangerous highway if nothing is done.

We're aware of the concerns from a small group of Sunset residents about car traffic and reckless driving on their streets, and we empathize with our fellow San Franciscans — we feel strongly that car-commute traffic and reckless driving has no place on Kid Safe streets. Supervisor Mar has worked effectively with SFMTA to address concerns about traffic on Lower Great Highway and the outer avenues, and we encourage more traffic calming to address the remaining concerns of Sunset residents. Currently, the Great Walkway is set to expire soon, and that would be a travesty to the thousands of residents who love this space and use it daily.

Our ask is simple: Approve an extension of the Great Walkway while further studies, outreach, and improvements are implemented. The people need you to step up and take action to save this space before it is taken away due to a lack of action and leadership.

I'm writing today to urge you to support saving Kid Safe Great Walkway and approve an extension of the space while ongoing study, outreach, and traffic calming improvements are completed. The kids of San Francisco love Kid Safe Great Walkway, and I do too!

Can we count on you, and are you willing to publicly support saving Kid Safe Great Walkway?

Warm regards,
Martha Singleton

Active Senior who walks or bikes the Great Walkway at least weekly! I never realized there were so many families still living in the city until I started walking here...gave me hope in these challenging times!

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Lower Great Highway

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Outer Sunset Resident, Kirkham and 41st, THANK YOU!!

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Subject : Please save the Great Highway Park - support a pilot to extend the promenade's life

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

I live one block from the Great Highway. The pandemic had countless negative impacts, but one of the few silver linings was the creation of The Great Highway Park (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 Great Highway Park, Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Great Highway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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It's clear that the majority of San Franciscans love The Great Highway Park and want it to be saved. Concerns about car traffic in the Sunset are valid, and SFMTA's work with Supervisor Mar has already succeeded in calming car traffic and diverting it to the arterials (Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue). Data shows that Sunset streets are safer, including collisions being down more than 30% from before the pandemic — traffic-calming measures are working and will continue to have positive impacts on the Sunset. Furthermore, Sarah Jones, Director Maguire, and Director Tumlin have stated that Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue can both take more car-traffic capacity and congestion levels are at satisfactory levels and much better than other arterials in the city.

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Thank you, and please take care.

Miriam Stickler
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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Subject : Please save the Great Highway Park - support a pilot**

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Thank you!

-Hannah Leigh

Date : 6/21/2021 9:19:43 PM

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Subject : Please support 24/7 closure of Great Highway to vehicles

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

My name is Sarah and I have spent the majority of my life as a D1 resident. Over the past year the Great Highway has been an incredible source of joy and fresh air for me. **That is why 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. We have an opportunity to rethink our use of streets and prioritize public space for people rather than vehicles. While there have been serious safety concerns raised about traffic in the neighborhood, there are proven tools to mitigate cut-through traffic that can be implemented thus creating a win win for local residents and folks visiting the Great Walkway!

Thank you,

Sarah

Date : 6/22/2021 7:30:37 AM

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Subject : Please use this version of BD062221 Resolution #21 Great Hwy Testimony

Dear Supervisors & RPD and SFMTA Director,

I OPPOSE THE GREAT HIGHWAY RESOLUTION BD062221

It is clear that concept number three (3), Full closure of the Great Highway will be the Board's final selection due to poor methodology.

BD062221 RESOLUTION NO. 21-XX Page 1 of 4 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPPER GREAT HIGHWAY CONCEPTS EVALUATION REPORT [NTIP]

Key Findings and Recommendations. Full closure (Concept 3) would provide recreation, wellness and bicycle/pedestrian network benefits but requires significant improvements to address traffic and transit impacts from diversions. There is also greater schedule and delivery risk associated with the unknown site conditions and higher cost of this option.

SFMTA Director, Jeffrey Tumlin has already stated "that his number one goal is to get rid of cars." If Tumlin really wants to get rid of cars, perhaps he should fix MUNI rather than close the great highway

Recreation and Park Director, Phil Ginsburg, simply wants more control over Ocean Beach. Fewer cars means more control for the RPD. *veni, vidi, vici..* More control means more activation [read money] for the RPD

Citizen transparency is a myth in San Francisco These decisions have already been gerrymandered by Tumlin and Ginsburg:

-One-half of Twin Peaks Blvd has already been closed to cars

-The Upper Great Highway is about to be closed to cars

-In San Francisco Golden Gate Park- For two months - a large segment of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park — between Crossover Drive to the west and Kezar Drive to the east — has been closed to cars, as part of an effort to give pedestrians more room for recreation and safe passage. Ultimately, cars will never be allowed to return to JFK Drive.

-An attempt will be made to remove cars from MLK Drive.

Please develop 1) Full transparency on data gathering, 2) Create a clear and equitable framework for resident outreach and a timeline for future plans of resident outreach.

George Wooding

Date : 6/21/2021 9:34:22 PM

From : "Patricia Arack" parack@ccsf.edu

To : "Transportation Authority" clerk@sfcta.org

Subject : Public Comment for June 22 SFCTA meeting

Attachment :

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Dear Board members: Please do not approve this Final Study. The data is biased in favor of a permanent closure. None of the other options have even been seriously discussed. It is all focused on a permanent closure. The number of people that use the GH for recreation is highly inflated. As a resident of the LGH, I can see with my own eyes that the highway is often almost devoid of users during the weekdays, while thousands of commuters are stuck in traffic in the Richmond and the Sunset. It makes no sense to keep that highway closed during the week for a handful of bikers and walkers while two Districts are inundated with thousands of more vehicles each day of the work week. I do not trust the SFCTA data. It has been manipulated in favor of closure. Unelected public servants should not take such controversial political positions that are harmful to thousands of people, especially using moot and useless data collected during the worst pandemic in 100 years. This has been crazy. Please do not let these rogue agencies RecPark, SFCTA, and SFMTA harm thousands of residents and commuters in the Richmond and Sunset.

Do the reasonable and fair thing. Open the highway to cars during the week and close it on the weekends. This madness has gone on long enough. Please see photos below. Would you want to be sitting in that traffic? Before you make your decision, do this:

1. During the commute rush drive down 19th Ave and Sunset Blvd.
2. Anytime of the day drive north-south in GGP on the Chain of Lakes Drive.
3. Go down to the sea wall between Noriega and Taraval west of the GH and see the damage that the careless and rude walkers have done to the environment. This is federally protected land after all. RPD has done NOTHING to manage the human traffic and the garbage on the UGH and environs. It's a disgrace.
4. During commute hours wait with the other drivers in gridlock to turn left off the GH onto Lincoln Way to go south.
5. Come to my house on the LGH during the weekday and see how few people are using the highway during the day.
6. Check out the traffic on 46th and 45th Ave. where over 300+ cars an hour are driving by residences.
7. Then decide if this closure is really the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Arack, Administrator

Concerned Residents of the Sunset (161 members)

PHOTOS OF CHAIN OF LAKES DRIVE and 41ST AVE AND SEAWALL BENCH WITH TRAMPLED BEACH GRASS





6/20/21, 5:23 PM
Great Hwy





Date : 6/21/2021 10:10:18 PM
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Cc : "Patricia Arack" parack@ccsf.edu
Subject : Public Comment for June 22 SFCTA meeting

Dear Board Members,

I write in support of the email sent to you from Patricia Arack, Administrator of Concerned Residents of the Sunset, on June 21, 2021, imploring you to not approve this Final Study. I agree with her that the data is biased in favor of permanent closure and that none of the other options have been seriously discussed.

I agree that the number of people using the Great Highway is nowhere near the numbers claimed because of what I, like Patricia, and so many of us who live here see with our own eyes day after day. The devices used to count who or what passes them are easily manipulated to produce inflated numbers. The people monitoring or double-checking them are doing so with the goal of permanent closure in mind. These are not independent impartial studies. Their results should not be trusted. Relying on these numbers to justify full closure, or closure for 2 years while more data is collected will leave thousands of residents in harm's way after we have endured 14 months of property damage and the stress of dodging dangerous diverted highway traffic by our homes.

As Patricia wrote, "Unelected public servants should not take such controversial positions that are harmful to thousands of people, especially using moot and useless data collected during the worst pandemic in 100 years." Listen to her rational advice to "not let these rogue agencies RecPark, SFCTA and SFMTA harm thousands of commuters in the Richmond and Sunset." It's time to share the road and Open the Great Highway.

Thank you.

Judi Gorski
Member of Concerned Residents of the Sunset
District 4 Resident and voter

Date : 6/22/2021 7:27:46 AM

From : "Kathryn Bates" kathrynbates@gmail.com

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

Subject : Public comment for SFCTA: Virtual Meeting - Final Report of the D4 Mobility Study (permanent closure of UGH)

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To the Transportation Authority Board,

Please reopen Great Highway.

Does this plan impact you and your commute to work? It does for me and many other people I know. To be told "use a bike" is disrespectful. I am a cellist and also a mother of a two year old. Please explain to me how I should bike to work ---- with a cello on my back and two year old strapped on my side?

There has been no actual plan to give cars an alternative. Sunset and the always-under construction 19th Avenue (which says "use alternative route") are not viable alternatives. Traffic mitigation efforts in the outer Sunset have just proven that there cars need somewhere to go. I regularly pass by the now closed Great Highway and can tell you there is usually no one using it. So why are you trying to screw over working people from two neighborhoods who have historically gotten screwed over? Why was no one I know actually surveyed about this proposal? This proposal has bottlenecked us, taken advantage of a terrible situation to make our lives worse. Please reopen this vital road.

Kathryn Bates

Date : 6/22/2021 3:51:46 AM

From : "Luke (father of 1) Bornheimer" luke@kidsafesf.com

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

Subject : Public comment postcards for today's SFCTA Board Meeting Item 11

Attachment : I love the Great Walkway because... Postcards (small).pdf;

Hi Clerk Milton, hope you're doing well.

Attached, please find a PDF of postcards written by residents from across the city who love the Great Walkway and want the SFCTA Board to support and approve a pilot of the "full promenade" option. Please include this PDF in the public comment packets and item list for today's meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you, and please take care,
Luke Bornheimer | Kid Safe SF | 617-899-4487



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District
Family*

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it is other worldly, a vacation
in my own town, the
kind of great things, great
cities and great leaders
make happen because
we show our kids
what's right. Kearsten



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May 16, 2021

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I CAN SAFELY RIDE + WALK
W/ FAMILY + FRIENDS, AND
ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL + ICONIC
BEACH. BECAUSE OF THIS WALKWAY,
SOME OF MY FRIENDS HAVE LEARNED
TO RIDE AND NOW USE IT AS THEIR
MAIN FORM OF TRANSIT. WE'RE

TALKING KIDS SF BORN +
RAISED WITH DO NOT HAVE
ACCESS TO PERSONAL CARS. THIS
WALKWAY MAKES THE CITY
SAFER, HEALTHIER, MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY
FRIENDLY, AND BETTER
FOR YOUTH!

FRANCES GREGER
21 years old
(Former Sunset Resident) D1: 11th + FULTON



May 16, 2021
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT HAS ACTIVATED OCEAN
BEACH TO ALLOW DISABLED AND
ELDER ACCESS. THE NEXT STEP
IS TO PROMOTE THIS AREA AS
A PARK RESOURCE & ALTERNATE
HAS DEMONSTRATED AS VISIBILITY
AS A PARK - MORE VISITORS

THAN CRASSY FEEL.

FOR THOSE WITH A LONGTERM,
VISION ZERO PERSPECTIVE WHY
IS THE GREAT WALKWAY EVEN
A CLOSE QUESTION?

Eugene Gray
District 7



From Green
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT'S A COMMUNITY RESOURCE WE
CAN USE FOR EXERCISE, ART, FUN,
AND SAFETY. LET'S GET SERIOUS
ABOUT VISION ZERO AND SAVING
THE ENVIRONMENT! I'M ON THE
WALKWAY RIGHT NOW AND THE
BIRDS AND OCEAN BREEZE BEATS CARS!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's great to enjoy the beauty
of our city up close with my
fellow San Franciscans!

- Max

23rd Ave + California St



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's truly a safe space to walk,
bike & roll because you don't
have to worry about being run over
by cars!

Jerry Palarea-Reiva
resident of D1



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT MAKES ME HAPPY
OI RESIDENT NEAR 28th ave
I walk and ride bike
on GREAT WALKWAY



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT GIVES SAN FRANCISCO BACK
TO THE PEOPLE & NOT THE
CARS RULE & WE NEED
TO PROTECT OUR FRAGILE
OCEAN WALKWAY.

71-YEAR-

ELIZABETH HOTANUES

OLD-NATIVE 40TH AVE & ANZA
SF



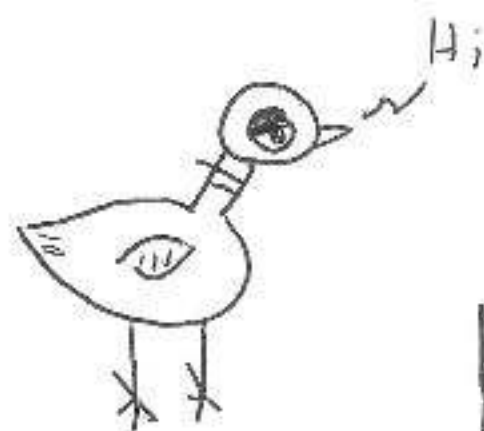
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I get to skate there with
my Dad, and sometimes if the surf
is good I can go surfing.

- JANE BÖSCH



Jane Bösch
Clay & Franklin
St., CA 94109



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

OF THE ACCESS TO BEACH AND NATURAL
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS CAN WALK, BIKE,
RUN, SKATE, SKIP, & STROLL AND ENJOY
OUR BEACH.

-Kevin Bosch

Kevin Bosch
Clay & Franklin
S.F., Ca 94109



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I LOVE MY SON, AND I WANT
HIM TO BE SAFE FROM CARS.

THE STATUS QOO DOESN'T WORK!

-DUSTIN HEESTAND
DISTRICT 2



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's a safe place to walk and
recreate without having to worry about
dangerous cars.

A model for many more streets citywide!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I love the great walkway because its an
amazing youth friendly space in the city, allowing
for recreation in times where home wasn't the best
place to be - D. 3.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's the only place I feel safe
walking or riding near the
beach, in this City, especially
w/ my 8 year old godson.

We need MORE access - not less.
Cars do not belong here. It's too
rare and precious!

Georgy Avakov
Post @ Leavenworth
94109



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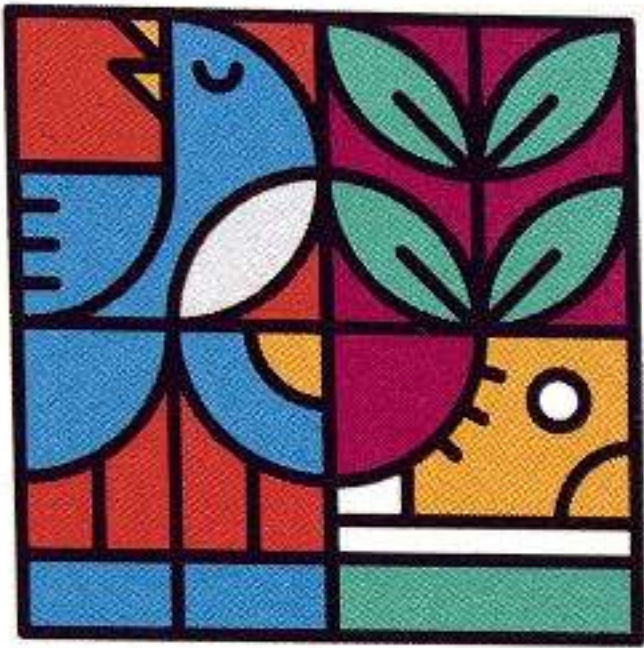
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's one of the best things that happened
due to the pandemic — a safe, free
place to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.
I can't think of any good reason to give
it ~~back~~ back to speeding cars!

Please don't ~~take~~ away this newly
developped treasure for San Franciscans!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I take my morning run there
and love bringing my kids with
me on their bikes. The city is
more vibrant with these car
free space.




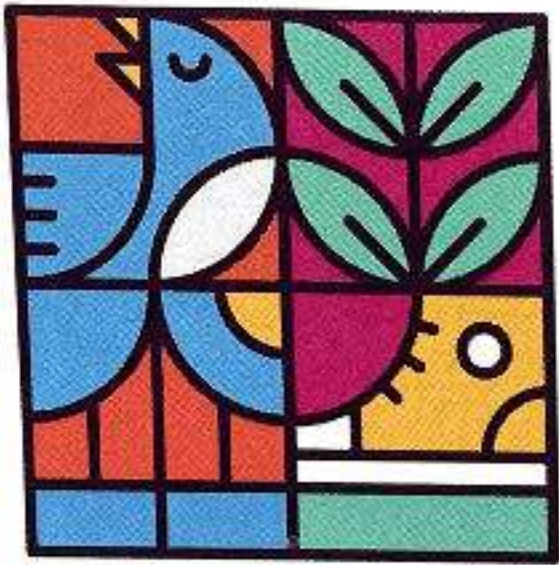
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I enjoy all the good
vibes from people of
ALL ages getting outside
and being active! 



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it promotes being outdoors with
our community - it makes us healthy
happy and safe ♡

45th & Kirkham



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45th + Kirkham #KIDSAFESF 

I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I'll never forget the time I was at the beach w/ my friend + her dog - her dog ran over the dune + across the great highway during Rush hour traffic it was terrifying - major roadways shouldn't be so close to beaches now that fear is gone



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can be outside safely!
The kids can learn to bike & skate!
It's accessible!



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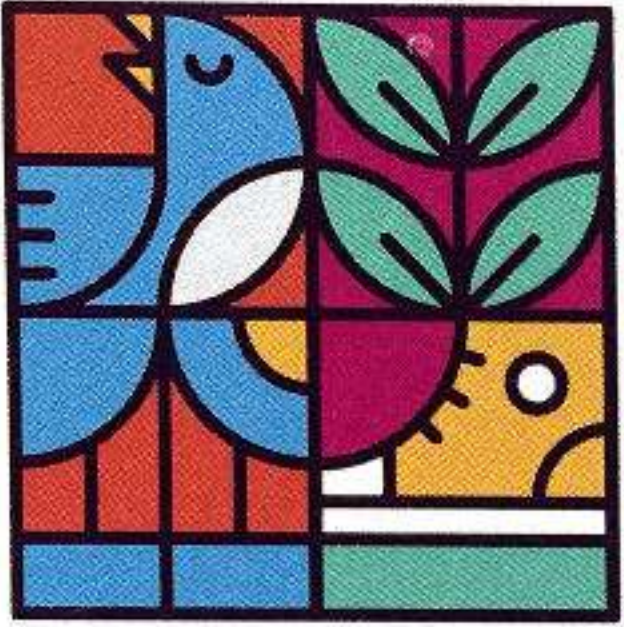
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Padmeo + Great Hwy

Safe for kids, Our dog
got hit by a car 2 years
ago.

Gramma can scooter



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Because parks beat roads!

(Quinn Harz @ 48th Ave)

Gordon Mar

Trevor Curvin



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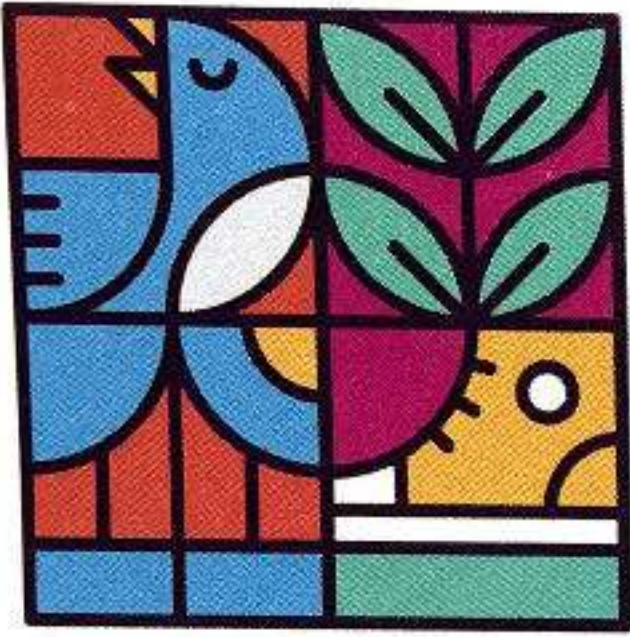
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

our kids are safe, and we
always meet new friends and dogs

- Margaret

46th + Noriega



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can practice walking and
running to the beach!

Tycho, age 1.5
416th & Naiega



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It creates a community space where my friends & neighbors can connect. One of the main reasons I continue to stay in SF is ~~a~~ the growing car-free infrastructure. I've also found it's faster to use other roads than the great way while driving. 41st & Market



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's great for a run, meeting with friends
in a safe space, and forces people to
live a more active lifestyle and enjoy nature!

Cross streets: 41st and Moraga.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It is a huge space for
recreation & community.

People feel safe and
free to be themselves. It
has changed the neighborhood.

love, Michael Freedman

Pacheco + 35rd. Sunset St.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

As a senior, it is a flat
safe place for my daily
walks. Pleasant & quiet.

Sam Friedman

33rd + Pacheco



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I get to enjoy fresh air
and nature with my neighbors

Burntara +
42nd



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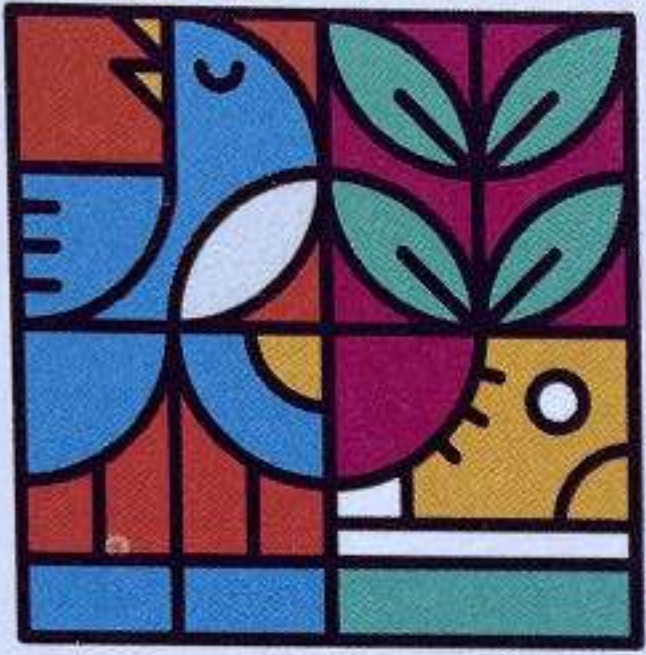
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I see my neighbors + make
new friends!

42nd +
Rivera



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

There never was a need
for a roadway here. It ~~did~~
did not connect to much and
was never more than 4 cars
at a stop light. Sunset Blvd
can be our highway - This is our
walkway - Shayla 47th & Orfeda



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I walk there every day!
Seeing neighbors is better
than seeing cars

Shayla 4th & Ortega



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can go to soccer practice and I can
go on runs on the walkway! I love
doing all sorts of sports on the ~~big~~ walk
way.

Kali - Age 11 47th Ave



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Skateboarding, Rollerblading,
Scooterling doesn't work on
the path.

47th & Ortega - Shayla



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Its the only place I can
ride bikes with my
daughter to soccer practice
at Park Chalet

4TH Ortega



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I see kids riding bikes
safely and learning to
skateboard and roller
skate by the ocean!




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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's wide open space next
to our beautiful Ocean beach
where our community, of all
ages, can safely engage in
all sorts of ~~exercised~~
leisure activities! And be
in community! 

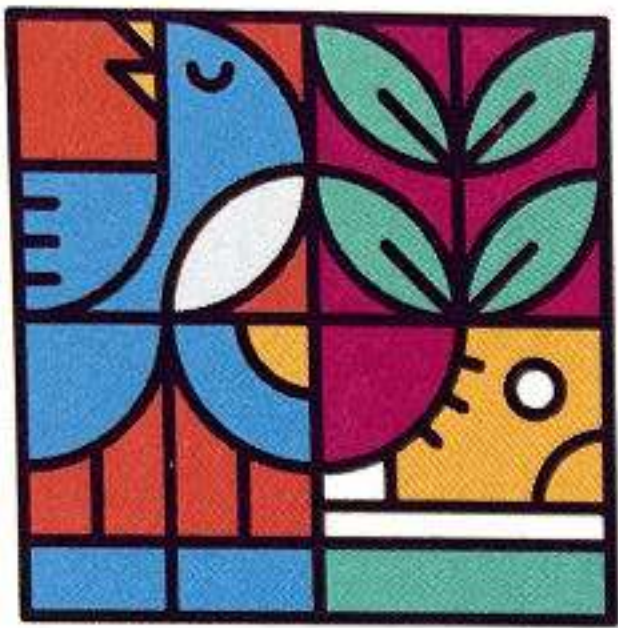


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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I live on GH at Vicente and I
can see the smiles of every family
using the road. We need more
parks, not cars!



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Quintara at / 26th

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can be safe walking, skating
or bicycling with my children and
their kids without pollution, honking...

It is a gorgeous place that should be
preserve. 

Love the other street closure that
permit us to skate their safely 



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

(Address: ~~25~~ 25th + Quintara Street) Name: Leo

I ♥ the Great Walkway because I've finally been able to rollerblade down Ortega and along the beach and enjoy my neighborhood since the streets closed to cars. I've also gone swimming more and just been happier outdoors without all the car ^{traffic +} pollution!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can roller skate, bicycle and
walk with my family and friends

@vintaro and 25th



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Evelyn Sanchez
43rd & Noriega

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I want to keep the Great
Walkway open because I want
to explore all the opportunities
for the space with my community



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Joshua
Schiller
43rd + Noriega

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My wife and I are able to
~~test~~ SAFELY take our two
dogs and our 3½ year old
daughter on walks to explore
the sand dunes and look at the
ocean. Also, I commute to Marin every day
and traffic is really not bad at all!



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**KID SAFE
SF**

Schiller-
Sanchez

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43rd + Noriega

I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My mom and dad take me
on fantastic walks with

my babies (my two dogs). I
can run & play and not have
to worry about traffic!!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's a safe community
space where my 4 year
old daughter can ride
her bike & scooter with-
out mom worrying about
traffic!





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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it is one of our great
assets as a city and it belongs
to everyone!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

we can walk, bike and talk on
it.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Its a safe space for Kiddos,
strollers, families, and
provides a SAFE way to cross
to the beach without hundreds
of cars honking at you

We live @ 42ND & Sawton ♡



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It is why we moved
to the neighborhood!

@ Sophie Teo Luca

2538 6H



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I walk here 2 x a day,
as a senior, & love not
worrying about car traffic.

Plus I love seeing the kids &
parents & other seniors & exercisers.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's a beautiful place to be with
the community and to get some
much needed exercise! It's a
great place for our community's
kids to play safely.



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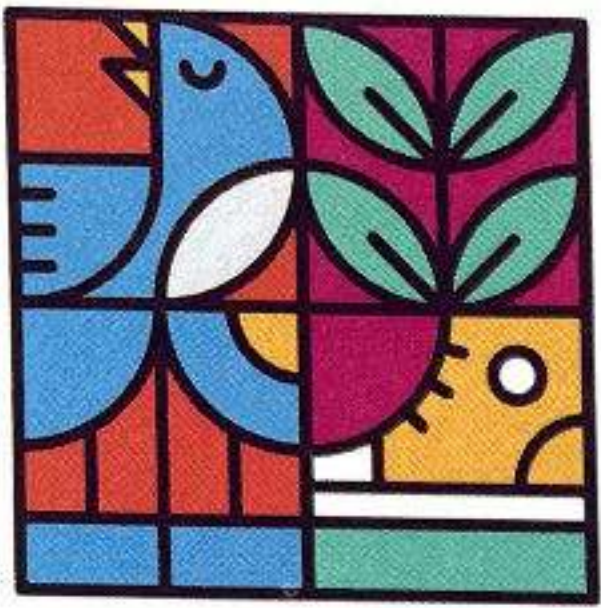
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It is an amazing way to
experience the wild urban beach
that is Ocean Beach.

It allows more people to safely
experience the views + fresh air

Clare Bonham - CWTJ.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

PLEASE SAVE THIS. I'm handicapped
AND WALK THIS EVERY DAY. IT'S
THE ONLY PLACE I CAN WALK WITHOUT
CURBS AND NOT HAVING TO WORRY
ABOUT BEING HIT OR KNOCKED DOWN
BY CARS. *16th and ALLOA*



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's accessible for all my
neighbors, and it's good for
the earth!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's a safe place to relax and
enjoy the beauty of the ocean.

There are plenty of other ways to
get through this area. And it was
closed regularly anyway due to sail!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT'S A SAFE PLACE TO RIDE
A BICYCLE.

Tom KAYSER



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Car-free spaces are moving San Francisco
(& the world) into the future!

There are plenty of clogged streets, but
not enough open walkways for kids,
adults, sand pipers, sea gulls, bikers,
roller-bladers, flowers, & PURE JOY!

- Emily, Sunset business co-owner



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's my favorite spot to skate, bike, &
watch the sun set. My mental health is
improved because of this. I love skating
and dancing, and GHWY gives me the
space + clear area for that




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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it gives me a safe place to
skate and bike! It fills my heart
with joy everytime I'm there 



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

OUR KIDS FEEL SAFE

BIKING ALONE

ON IT.



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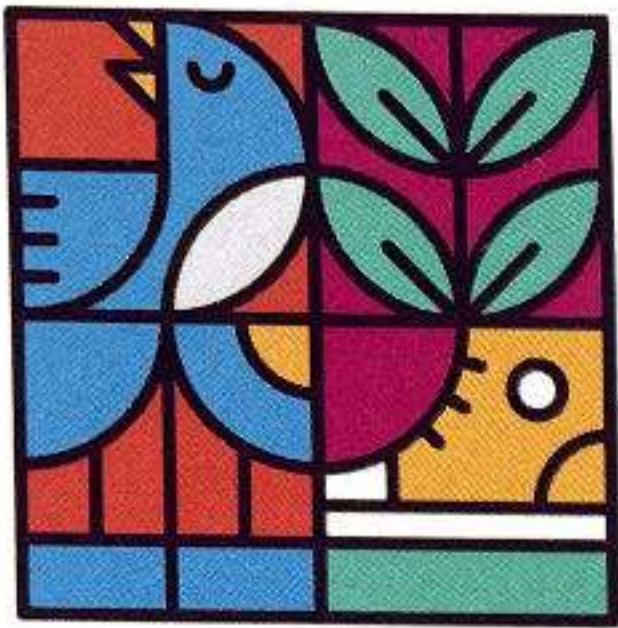
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

We are lower Great Highway
residents and walk, skate, bike
on the closer Upper G.H.

every day! Time to envision
this space. ~~Also~~ People over
cars!

Michelle Fliegant
1626 Great Highway



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it allows the Sunset community
& visitors to fully enjoy,
appreciate, and access
Ocean Beach. It will become
a landmark if we nurture
it!

- Noriega 3 48th Ave resident



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's amazing to see how a space
transforms from transient to a place
to be in, with the simple removal of
cars. It's cleaner, safer, easier to maintain
& opens up the ocean for the people to
enjoy. Please let this be our future!

-Inner Abby



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Sunset walks

incessantly checking the waves

cruising on bikes

48th & Noriega



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can walk with my husband & baby
in her stroller! It has been great to
have a safe, outdoor ~~safe~~ space to breathe
clean air. It has helped us stay healthy,
physically & mentally, during this pandemic.

~ Scott & Gemma



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it is fantastic to have a safe place
for my family to run, bike, and walk
by the beach, especially during the
pandemic when it is tough to find fun
activities.



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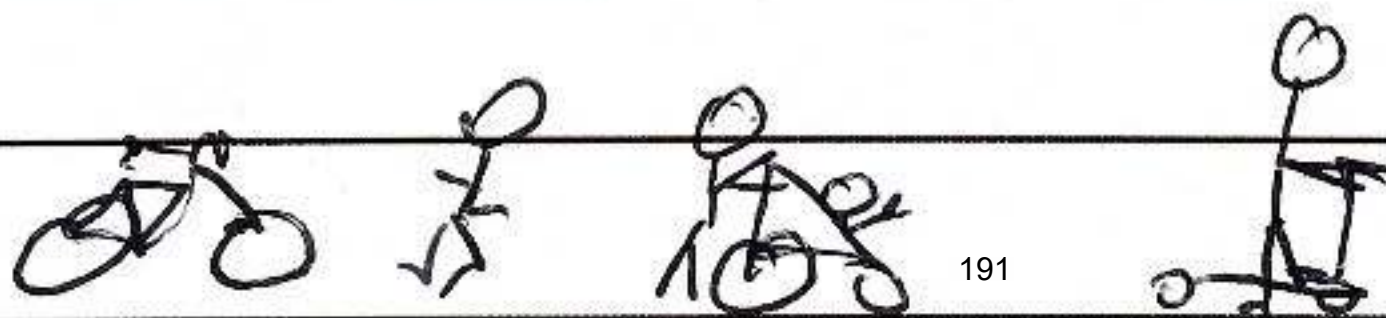
THERE'S NO BETTER USE FOR OUR

PRECIOUS, GORGEOUS COASTLINE;

PEOPLE > CARS; AIR POLLUTION SUCKS;

IT'S TIME TO SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE.

GO GREAT HIGHWAY !!!



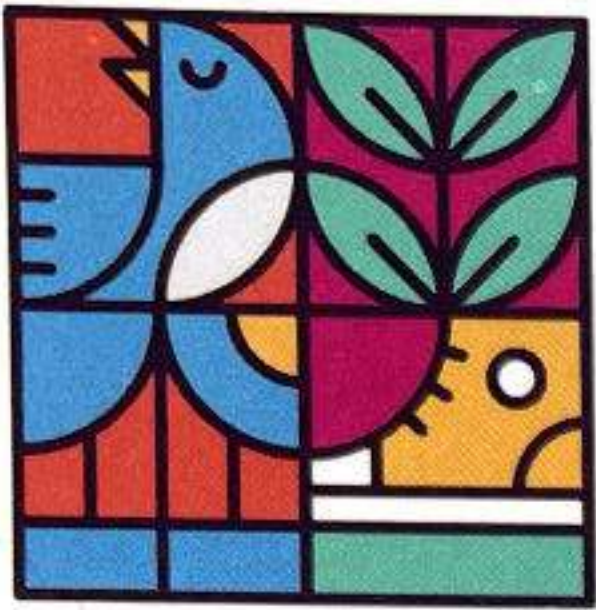


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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

BECAUSE I LIKE THE
WAY YOU OPEN UP THE
STREET. THANKS TO YOU ALL.
LOVE TERPHERA.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it provides a large + safe place for
our children to bike + play. It also
brings us down to more local businesses
along UGH.

James + Laura Sullivan

29th + Santiago

193

Dist. 4, Garden Mar



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's a great open space
for exercise — the UGH
used to worry me so much when
I crossed it with dogs and
kids — now I don't worry!
I live at 44th Ortega — I have
no issues with traffic and don't notice more



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I like biking on it
- Hazel 5

I like running and feeling
safe visiting ocean beach!
- Rachel (Hazel's mom)



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Please keep
open for
people, not cars!
Math taxpayer



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Hi! I use the great walkway
to bike for my job, every day!

It's so lovely to enjoy this
space!

Molly F. / 94312



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Fabulous open space for
people to be HAPPY — no
traffic noise or exhaust!

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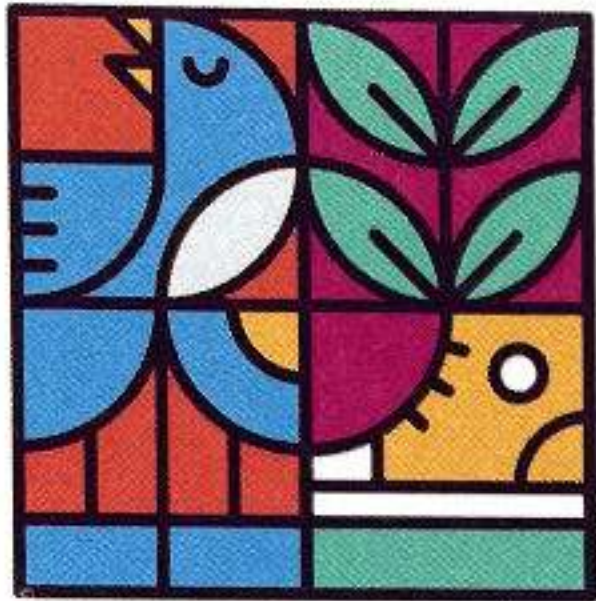
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I love the place and
quiet — no cars zooming
down the street!
S.C.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT'S FOR EVERYONE! AND

WALKING IS GOOD FOR ALL!

LET'S KEEP IN THAT WAY!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Great for healthy
recreation

JG



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's amazing seeing so many people, especially families
with young kids, come out to enjoy a space free of cars,
and all of the noise, pollution, and danger they bring.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

No cars is good!

Keep it open for all!

C. Merer
merer@sonic.net



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I use it every day

The community loves
people

Joe, Linton St.

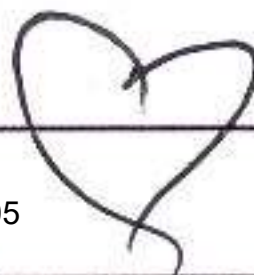


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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My Daughters can
ride their bikes
and slide down the
sand dunes,



JOH



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's beautiful and it brings people
together.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT'S A GREAT SAFE PLACE FOR
KIDS & GROWN-UPS ALIKE. I'M
A NATIVE SF RESIDENT WHO HAS
DRIVEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY FOR
YEARS AND MUCH PREFER IT AS
A PARK! WHERE IT CAN SERVE
EVERYONE NOT JUST CARS.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It keeps SF residents

fit and healthy !!!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It brings people from all walks of
life together ...

And, it is fully utilized! There are
people enjoying the great walkway at
all hours!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

The Great walkway makes sense ...
Other countries have similar spaces
for their residents and visitors. Just
think about how awesome it would be
to make this another fabulous SF
icon!!! Monica Moreno - U45 Santiago



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

MORE SPACES FOR

WALKING + SCOOTING &

BIKING MAKE CITIES

MORE LOVELY

THANK YOU!

MATT TROCKER

RESIDENT, DISTRICT 4



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

"there's no cars" - Thalia age 6

"I can ride my bike and play in
the dunes! - Victor age 3
and fun!"

"It's safe for my kids" - David age 41



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My kids are safer.

It's great for the community!

Mark Sarah Lyra Farallon

Ysth + Santiago

Mas



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

THIS IS THE BEST SPACE FOR KIDS
to LEARN riding, biking, and an
abundance of outdoor space I never
had growing up in the city
my son, 4 years old, learned to
bike for the first time. ~~learned to~~ ~~can~~ ~~ride!~~
(from MONSTER truck + grew up on
suspense!!)



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Lets Get Together To Keep
this Beautiful Area For
Families To Enjoy and spend
time together

Love

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's safe and let older people
enjoy their walks



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

we enjoy weekly family bike rides
along the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

Please keep the Great Highway closed to
cars and open to walking, running,
scooting and biking!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's a wonderful amenitie to our
whole city - everyone can bring their
kids & dogs & bikes here! It is also in line
w/ the natural state of the DUNES + the beach.
A paved road is NOT IN LINE w/ the natural
state of the area. Address climate
45th + Lantons claudia CHANGE preemptively



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I have a safe place to bike
my young granddaughter
and not have to breath car
exhaust



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

We need open dedicated spaces
for people in S.F. There are
NOT ENOUGH !!

Keep it closed - it's a highway
truly to NOWHERE. There are
many other routes.

Gene Hess

ghess45@gmail.com



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

YOU CAN RIDE ON
BIKES, & THAT'S
GOOD FOR THE WORLD.

SAXATHATI - 6 ³/₄ YEARS



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT'S NOISY!
(WITH MUSIC & FUN)

- ANSELMO - 4 ³/₄ YEARS



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it keeps me safe!

*Please support safe bike and
walk spaces in the city! ☺*



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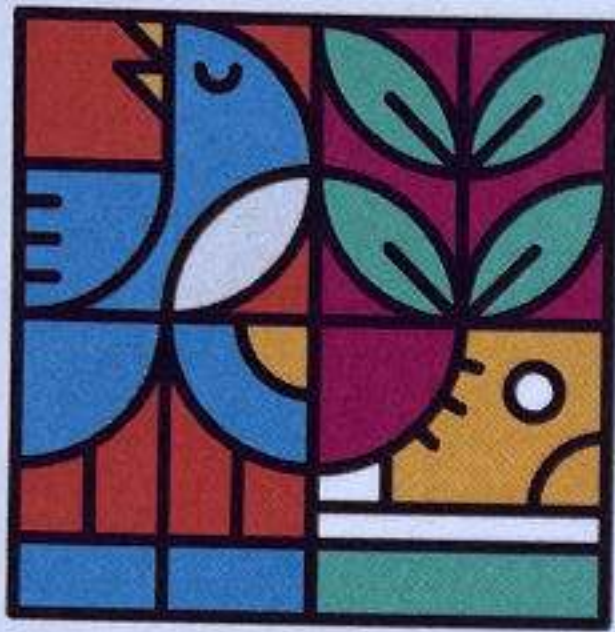
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

NO MORE CARS

Electric Shuttle for
elderly and handicapped

Food trucks and Art and
music -



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Kids deserve to enjoy playing
in our streets again!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

There are so many happy people
riding bikes, walking dogs,
playing with neighbors, admiring
the beach. I feel so much safer
as a runner + biker on this
path & I thank public land
should be for PEOPLE, not cars!



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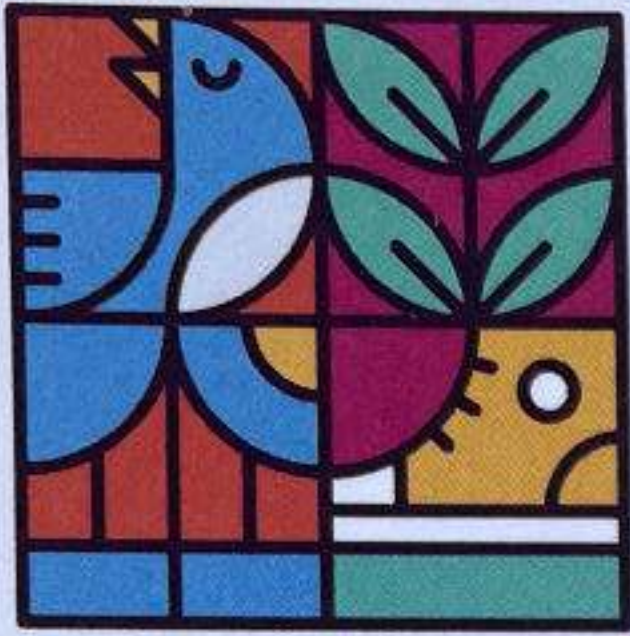
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I love to ride my bike without
the danger of cars!

-Fran

Ulloa + Grt Hwy



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's a safe place that's
smooth, perfect for skating!

Upper Great Hwy & Union



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

EVERYONE gets to enjoy the
beautiful ocean in a car free
and safe space.

Great Highway and Rivera



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I could hear it down the street!

I wanted to come see/hear where!

48th + Judah cross. my neighborhood!!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's not right to prioritize
CARS over people. public
SPACE is provided to make
people happy & cities more
livable, replacing a HWY
with a park should be a
no brainer. unless you support TRUMP



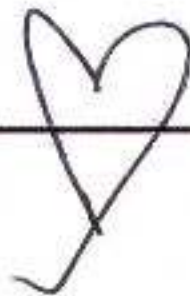
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I love the open space
to run and bike
safely. CARS DON'T
OWN THE ROAD





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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

my wife & I (& soon our 1st kid!) can
walk, bike, & skate car free while
enjoying one of ~~the~~ most beautiful
parts of our city!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I just learned to ride a bike! I feel
a lot safer having the wide open road
here to practice without fear of cars.
Probably wouldn't have gotten my bike
otherwise! Thank you 😊



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

- It's a safe place to ride a bike
for the less athletic
- It brought me to the outer sunset + there
are so many great local businesses I never knew
about
- Nature thriving in the city: so important for
physical + mental health + the health of our planet



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can bike & enjoy the sea air with my
mom without fearing for my safety. I can
cross to the beach without ~~for~~ fearing for
my ~~re~~ safety as well!

- Kelly



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

You can be free ~

Call me 415-238-8549



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My children have learned to ride bikes
and skate here. It makes the beach
and dunes so much safer for everyone
it creates a true community



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Vernon Legakis
1487 39th Ave.

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's amazing to see so many people
enjoying this walkway outside of
their cars!

I love the great Walkway!!



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Lauren
Graham
4th!
1660

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It's such a wonderful collective
community experience! Not only
is it fun, but it makes me feel
more connected to my neighbors.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

THE CITY SHOULD ACCOMMODATE
PEOPLE NOT CARS. WHAT AN
AMAZING EXPERIENCE TO WALK
ALONG THE OCEAN WITHOUT CAR
STRESS & NOISE!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

THE OCEAN FEELS ACCESSIBLE FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN THE 40 YEARS I'VE
LIVED IN SF! I BIKE & WALK IT
ALMOST EVERY DAY NOW!

WILLIAM SALT



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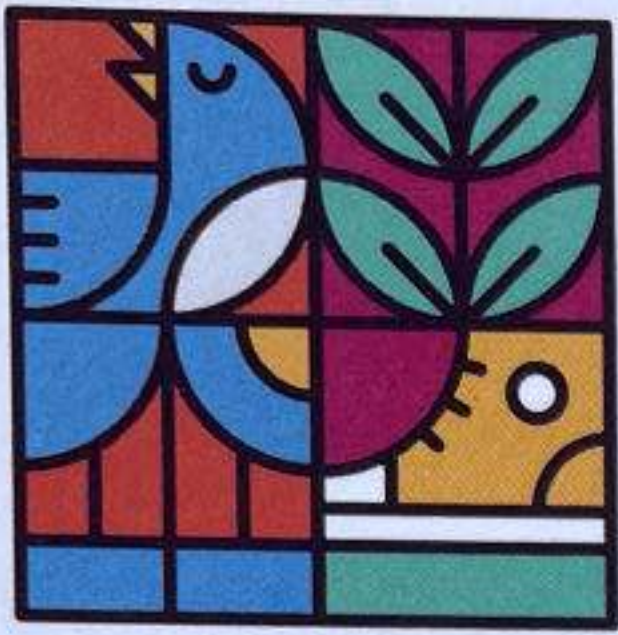
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I love walking out here now more than
ever. It's great to see everyone enjoying
the outdoors. Let's prioritize people!

Don Ferguson, Great Hwy & Lawton



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It is a wonderful place to safely
exercise (walk, bike, skate...) in front of
the Ocean. More accessible than the sandy Beach
itself for some people with disability.

So peaceful and healing without the cars!!!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

The foot path is not enough
we need more space for
the health of the people
without car exhaust fumes.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Keeps this senior

healthy every day

46th Ave btw Q & R



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's the most inclusive, healthiest
happiest thing to happen on Outer Sunset
in the 20+ years I've lived here.

LYYH + MORAIS

BRANDON REIF + FAMILY



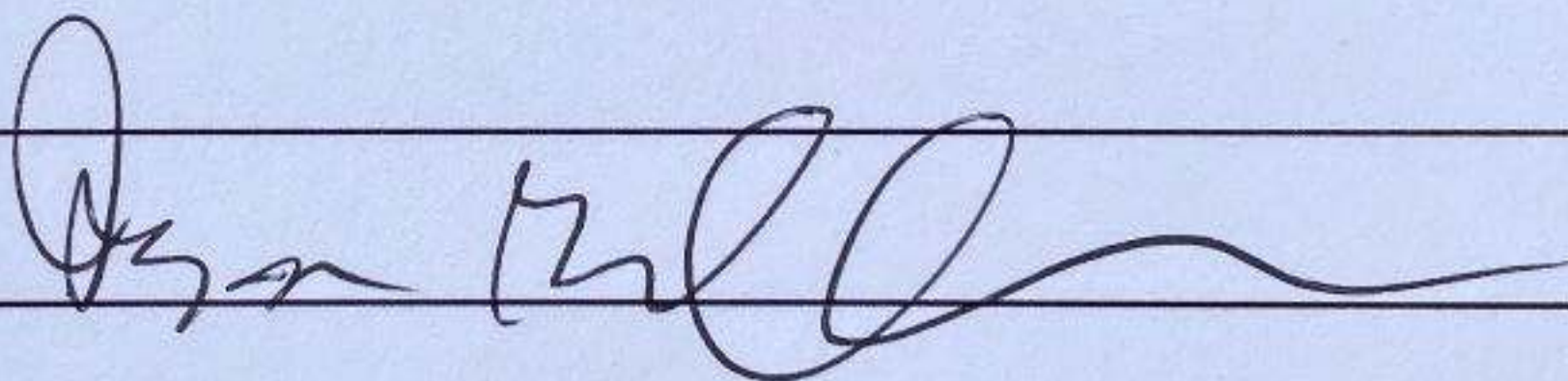
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MY WIFE SAYS IT'S GOOD





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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

my family enjoy the safe outdoor
space for walks together.

Arnel Bantista
District 4.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I'm Arlo! I'm 1.5 years
old Please keep the
great walkway & I FK
open to me! Make
a city that has room
for me & a future
for clean living!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I don't have to worry
about my daughter
getting hit by a car

on her way to The
beach
wanders, I know her play



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it prioritizes people over cars.

Hannah Norden

1496 La Playa



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I run on it every day

Judah and La plaza
District 4



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I ride my bike and skate on it
and my dog loves it

Sidrah and la Playa
District 4



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I want to keep
the street open
for people



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It was one of the only safe places
to walk with my new born when
I was post partum. I had post
partum depression and the
ocean air was very therapeutic



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it provides a safe, ~~quiet~~ quiet, joyful
space to enjoy the outdoors and the
ocean. Me and my girlfriend come from
Emeryville to enjoy and support ~~spaces~~
the Great Walkway and other spaces like
it in SF.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

less noise - I don't feel like I
live next to a major highway
any more. I can hear the birds, the
ocean, the people talking and walking.
More community feeling both in the neighborhood
and with the rest of the city. People don't
pass through so much as come to visit the OB,

Also having the highway closed means
friends with mobility issues now visit
me and can visit the beach! They
don't have to try to navigate sand
to see the ocean - this is big for some
people I know.

Elizabeth Carman, Great Highway +
Lawton St.



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It is a safe place to walk and bike.
Car-free spaces are rare in the city.
We need to promote and protect car-free Transpo
to fight climate change

J Hunt

3005 Noriega St

San Francisco CA 94122



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

its a safe place for everyone! its
amazing to see the community come
out every night / day. I walk my dog
here everyday and love that its car-
free The ~~city~~ cars have the entire
city, cant the people have this? I
drive the ~~city~~ everyday preponderance

and never enjoyed the views of the ocean as
much as I do walking it. We are so
much healthier and ecofriendly with
the hwy closed. KEEP IT CLOSED!

-Mia



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it is quiet and safe: the
perfect place to listen to the
ocean, run / walk / bike / roller
skate, and see the beautiful
community that has come out here.

I live in Bernal Heights and come out
to the Sunset so much more now →

that there is such a wonderful
community space to enjoy.



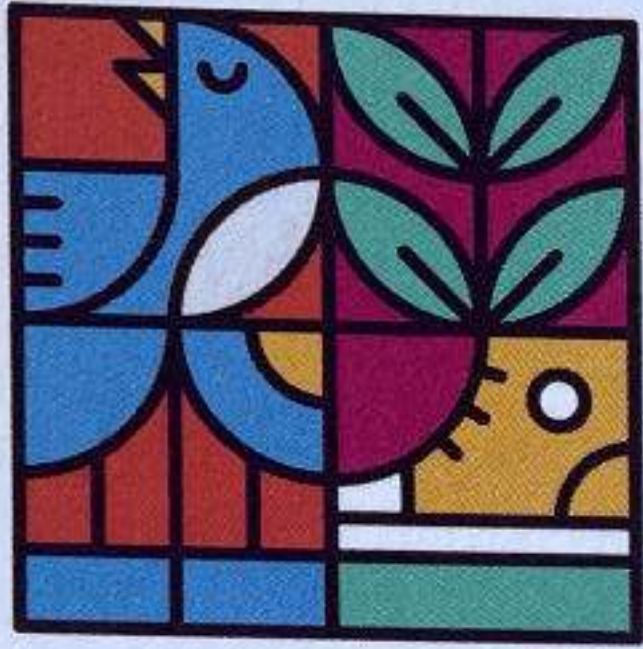
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's a great community & great access
to the beach

Alex Kaplan
Ullaa & 45th



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's so special to be able to
feel the sea breeze while
biking, walking my dog, meeting a
friend halfway. I have a car +
drive, ~~and~~ and I used to drive thru
here but I'm totally ok with the
detour to extend the use of this space
car-free

Hélène Park
Ulloa + 35th Ave



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE
WHICH IS WHAT SF
SHOULD ALWAYS STRIVE
TO BE

People first!!

5/25/54
Lap 2
1266 4800
St. at
gave



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

The beach becomes so much
more accessible! No more
worrying about cars! Kids
can play freely at the beach.

Also it makes for a great bike
ride

17th Ave & Irving
District 5



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

No Cars!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

SF Deserves a Pacific Promenade.

Imagine Good trucks, Activities
Bicycle classes

I Ride here Daily!

Garvin



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's a stellar place to get outdoors &
run, walk, ride, etc safely. My 3 yo learned
to ride during quarantine, and now we get
to bike together SAFELY on the GREAT WALKWAY -
he loves it out here and logged nearly six miles
on Saturday. Please keep the GREAT WALKWAY
Great for families!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE PUT
A 4-LANE HIGHWAY HERE IN
THE FIRST PLACE. IT'S A MISTAKE
OF MID-20TH C. CAR-ORIENTED
PLANNING, & CUTS THE CITY OFF FROM
OUR WATERFRONT. WE HAVE A CHANCE
TO PLANT THIS WORK, SO DO IT NOW!



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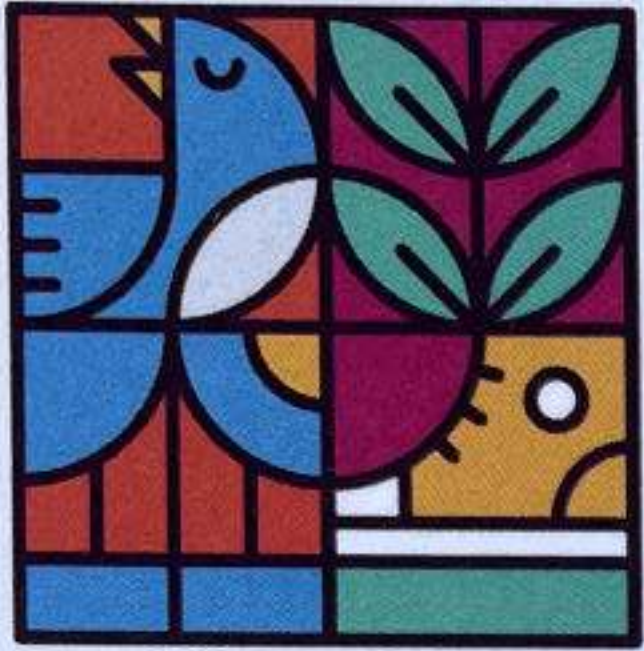
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It is a safe place to
take my 18 month Son.

Funsto / Judah



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It brings the neighborhood together.

It's safe for pedestrians

It helps the environment

Nancy Beam
1315 32nd Ave
SF, CA 94122



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Gordon Mar, this is one of the most
special places in all of San Francisco. All
day long I speak with people that tell me it's
amazing for physical, emotional and mental health.
For their kids to play in a safe place, across
from the beach, there's nothing like it. I live
directly across from the highway on La Playa

and Kirkham, and the ~~the~~ traffic is not bad.
I have a 1 year old daughter and I'm
very sensitive to that. The speed bumps
and re-routing has helped control car
speed: What was once a forgotten
neighborhood is now an incredibly safe,
warm, friendly place, and the open
great highway to foot traffic is a
key driver of that. Please, please, please
consider keeping it closed ~~the~~ for people
to use for ~~work~~ their physical, mental and
emotional health. Thank you!

Spencer, ²⁸³hannah, and Remy Warden



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it provides an open and safe space for
kids and families to be outside - together.

Lincoln and 30th

Superior Mar

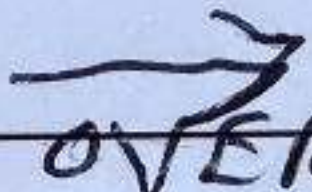


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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

MY OLD DOG & I HAVE WALKED
2 1/2 - 3 MILES DAILY SINCE IT HAS
BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, I AM
GOING TO BE 78 IN 9 DAYS & AM
QUITE SURE HAVING THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO SAFELY SOCIALIZE WITH SO MANY
OF MY NEW "COVID" FRIENDS ~~OVER~~ 

IT HAS SAVED MY SANITY THE
PAST YEAR.

I HAVE OWNED MY HOME ON
LOWER GREAT HWY SINCE 1975
AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE
PLAN TO MAKE THE UPPER HWY
CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SUCCEED!!!

THANK YOU

Sherry Nava 

beachpups @

comcast.net



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

outside community spaces are
invaluable for strong caring
neighborhoods and city culture

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

The Freedom, the Expanse of the
Pacific Ocean, shall not be
infringed upon, by petty
automobile rules or accident
worries
5th District?

Brad Smellridge
1264 8th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122



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Scott and Waller St

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I want to add to the many voices calling to keep the great Walkway closed to cars. We chose not to rebuild the ~~emborced~~ highway to return our beautiful bay to the people. Now it's time to do the same with the ocean!

- Kurt



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Scott +
Waller

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it allows the community of San Francisco to come together and take advantage of the beautiful (fog and all) city!

I've personally really enjoyed getting to walk and bike down the great walkway and it feels much more accessible.

Elizabeth Lo



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

This great highway has been my
HAPPINESS for a year: quiet, ocean
summer, wind, people beauty -
WE NEED LESS CARS NOT
MORE! Electric Shuttle for
the Elderly and handicapped -

Marianne Perl

1465 5TH AVENUE

SF CA 94122



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I live at Stanyan & Beulah and am a marathoner. All this car-free space kept me safe on long runs →

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it made it easy for me to take care of my mental health, to connect with my own body through personal fitness goals and find a new safe community through all the art. As the world starts to open into something new, we must keep this space open to for all the hope, possibility and health it provides.

and meant I didn't need to rent a car and add more pollution to the planet! (to drive to trails or somewhere else)

D5 - Preston

Stanyan @ Beulah



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it lets me explore the city & visit places & businesses safely and peacefully! I love it because I ran my first ever marathon "virtually" on Great Walkway (and other slow streets). I love it because it makes me feel like I'm PART of a ~~Community~~ with all of the people I see here, every day. You can't greet nearly so many people (& dogs!) from a car window at 50 MPH. →

D5 - Preston

Stanlyan @ Devlah

And I love it because it shows that with a little help from the City, people will show up to help fight climate change!!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Great walking makes it safe for me
to visit the beach and travel North/South
on the west side of the city or anywhere.

Please keep the great walking!

Best,

Dan Feldman



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

SARA O'Malley
1536 McAllister
San Francisco, CA 94115
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it is a place for everyone
big, small, young, old, able & disabled

@DS Dean Preston



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It makes the area accessible to
children.



@D~~S~~ Dean Presdon



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's a ^{real} public space — finally!
the way our ocean beach promenade
was always meant to be —
but never achieved its potential
until now. Magical. Beautiful S-f-e.
For kids. For teens. For adults.
The Great Walkway for ALL!!  

Luke Stewart
1943 Page #6
SF, CA 94117



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It's safe, fun, healthy, and wonderful
for the city and us!

We love this place to ride a bike or
~~and~~ walk. That's why it's the Great Walkway.
Right!!

844 Lyon St.

300

San Francisco, CA 94115



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I like To ride my BIke
Love PAX



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I've never felt so safe riding my
bike in the Sunset. I feel like
I actually belong in my city now.
And I now ride to the farmers
market in the Outer Sunset almost
every week (I never did that before the
Great Walkway & Slow Streets.) D7 resident



KID SAFE

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Dear Supervisor Melgar,

KID SAFE.

SAFE FOR

EVERYONE.

#KIDSAFESF ❤️

I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it is a safe place to bike!
I bike from Sunnyside to the
Great Walkway many times a week
for exercise and I love it!
Please help keep it safe.

303

-Patrick Linahan



KID SAFE

SF TO SUPERVISOR

MYRNA MELGAR

**KID SAFE.
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EVERYONE.**

#KIDSAFESF ❤️

I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

IT'S WHERE I RIDE MY BIKE,
AND PLAY WITH MY SISTER.

I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY.

→ PAX 4 YEARS OLD





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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE LET IT OPEN FOR
PEDESTRIAN / BIKE / STROLLER ONLY!!
OR THIS IS A WORLD MONOPOLIZED BY
CAR, WE NEED MORE SPACE FOR
PEOPLE !! THANK ³⁰⁸ MIRALINDA ^{SF}
ALVIM TOVIM



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

i can run while the kids are
safe biking; I can bike from one
end to GGP without worrying about
getting run over. Take an evening
stroll and with my fellow
san franciscans.

A unique opportunity for a new public

monterey & valdery





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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Mission 22nd & Guerrero
it's one path towards
a car-free future,
and it's been an incredible
resource in COVID times!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My daughter can play safely and
experience the beauty of our city.

Please help us save this beautiful space!

- Luke, 1959 15th



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EVERYONE.**

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

my daughter loves to
scoot by herself - 2yo!

Emily Glick
DOB

15th & Church



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

our daughter loves to scoot
safely & she's 2yo.



1959 15TH STREET



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

I can bike and run along one of the
greatest natural spaces in San Francisco.

Please keep it car-free for everyone!

Andrew Wang

15th + Noe

Rafael Mandelman



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

it's a space where the community
can come together and enjoy the
Pacific Ocean in a safe, family
friendly way!!

Tiffany Chen

CROSS streets

Noe St + 15th St

Supervisor

Rafael Mandelman



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

Some times my
dad brings me there and it's
really fun also we can
walk from Golden Gate Park to
the beach! ~~and~~ I Love to bike too.
:P

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- Andrew McCabe, 10 - from Bernal



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

If opens up access to San Francisco's
amazing shoreline - it brings business
to the local neighborhoods! I love
being able to bike on the great
highway with my kids and stop for
pizza slices on Divisadero.

314

Mike McCabe, Bernal



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Stuart
Collins
D9 Resident
1136 Shetwell St

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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

- Attractive, community People spaces
keep San Francisco vibrant + great to live in.
- The Walkable Great Walkway is a HAPPENING -
hosting with people of all ages + creeds + backgrounds + colors.
 - Its a safe place to roam, blissfully. As a kid or adult
 - Makes SF attractive! + Special
 - encourages non-car modes of transit (bus, bike, walk, etc)



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

DEAR SUPERVISOR RONAN!
PLEASE PRIORITIZE SAFE STREETS FOR
EVERYONE. ESPECIALLY OUR
CHILDREN. WE HAVE BEEN USING
THEM DAILY TO COMMUTE TO SCHOOL &
WORK BY BIKE!



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

My son has a safe + beautiful
place to ride his bike.

Family time! Please don't
take it away ♡
Claire

32411 Mission St
SF 94110



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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

It helps me access
the beach from Potrero Hill!



from district #10
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I LOVE THE GREAT WALKWAY BECAUSE...

thru the pandemic, thru the
wildfire smoke, thru the school
closure our family has had a
free, healthy, smoke-free, outdoor
activity that we can do together.
the Great Hwy closure has been
one of the greatest gifts of →
the year. Please keep the
beach access open for all SF
residents!

Thank you

Date : 6/22/2021 7:40:30 AM

From : "'Julia Lavroushin' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

To : "mark.ghilarducci@calema.ca.gov" mark.ghilarducci@calema.ca.gov

Cc : "mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org" mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org,

"ChanStaff (BOS)" chanstaff@sfgov.org, "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org

Subject : Re: Proposed pilot program to close the Great Highway in San Francisco- Hearing 6/22/21 10:00.

All-

Resending as my lack of **c**affeine was mirrored in the lack of the **c** of **sfcta**.

JL

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 07:27:30 AM PDT, Julia Lavroushin <jlavroushin@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to read my letter.

Today at 10:00, there is a hearing for a pilot program to close the Great Highway in San Francisco for two years. This is a heated issues with a meeting that went for hours when it was open to debate. The Great Highway has been closed already for most of the COVID in order to give people a safe place to recreate during the shut down. San Francisco is now attempting to return to normal.

This route, aside from the obvious fact that it is one of the few north to south routes on that side of San Francisco that allows residents to move via car/bike/pedestrian, is our emergency route should there be a disaster.

I am truly concerned that those who are tasked with serving the residents of San Francisco would consider permanently closing an emergency egress thus endangering lives.

Please help to bring some prudence to this process. It will save lives.

Kind regards,

Julia Lavroushin - who wants to retain the option to be able to escape safely with her family from San Francisco, along with her neighbors, in case of an inevitable earthquake or other disaster.

Date : 6/22/2021 6:52:16 AM
From : "Kristin " kristin.kerr@sbcglobal.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Re-Open Great Hwy - Vision Zero
Attachment : Vision Zero High Injury Network 2017.pdf;TransBASE 19th Ave.pdf;TransBASE GreatHWY.pdf;TransBASE Sunset.pdf;

Clerk,

Please include the following as part of the public comment for the June 22nd Meeting re: Re-Open Great HWY.

San Francisco Supports Vision Zero. Keep our citizens safe by re-opening the Great Highway. The current plan to re-route Great Highway traffic to Sunset and 19th Ave is NOT consistent with Vision Zero. Both of these routes are part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network.

Vision Zero High Injury Network: Sunset Ave

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Vision Zero High Injury Network: 19th Ave

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Great Highway has no fatalities and significantly lower injuries than Sunset and 19th Ave. See, TransBase data from 2016-2020 (Attached). Furthermore, bus routes on Sunset and 19th increase pedestrian traffic with a corresponding exposure to traffic injury. The closure has also increased car traffic in Golden Gate Park which is a very popular public recreation area.

Re-directing safe traffic flow on Great Highway to high injury network roads is unsafe for San Francisco.

Note: The addition of a new bike path does not make this proposal consistent with Vision Zero. Adding safe bike paths is only part of the equation.

The primary goal of Vision Zero is the reduction of traffic related injuries and deaths. Keeping the Great Highway open for its intended purpose achieves that goal by prioritizing the use of existing safe roadways.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the safety data.

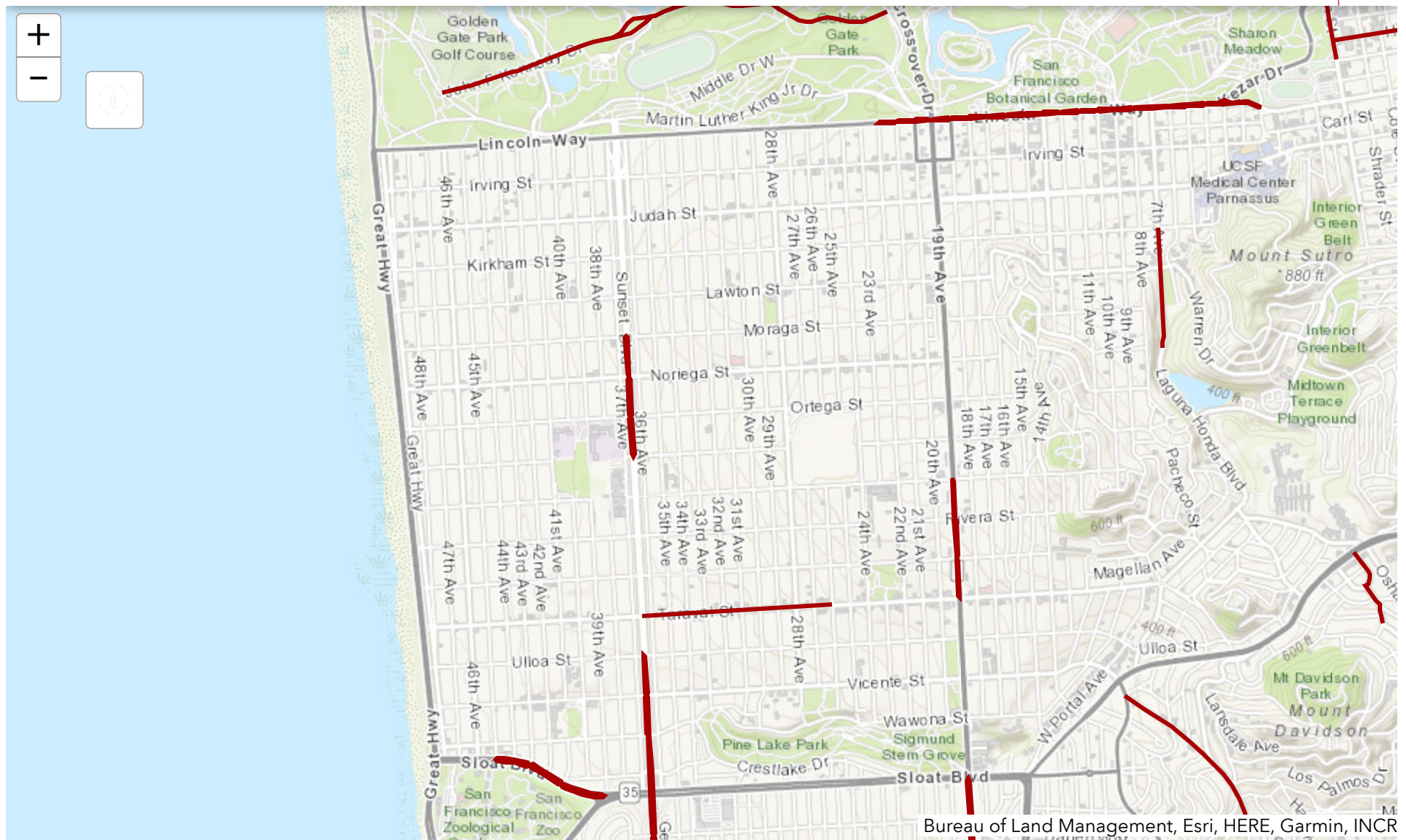
Kristin
(District 1 Resident)

P.S. The historic 49 Mile Scenic Drive includes the stretch Great Highway subject to closure. This drive is enjoyed by many who are not able to bike or walk long distances.



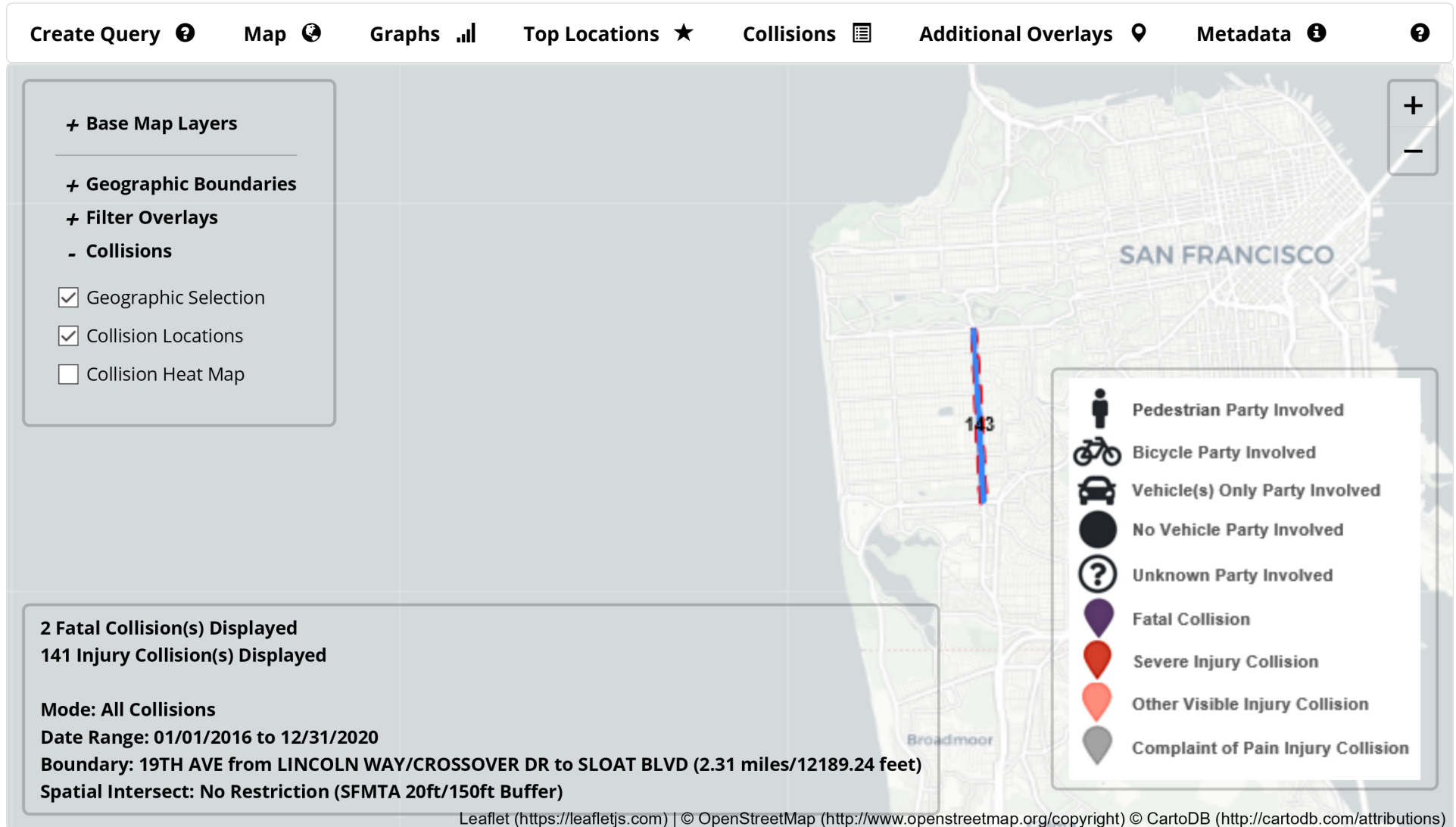
Vision Zero High Injury Network: 2017

San Francisco Department of Public Health

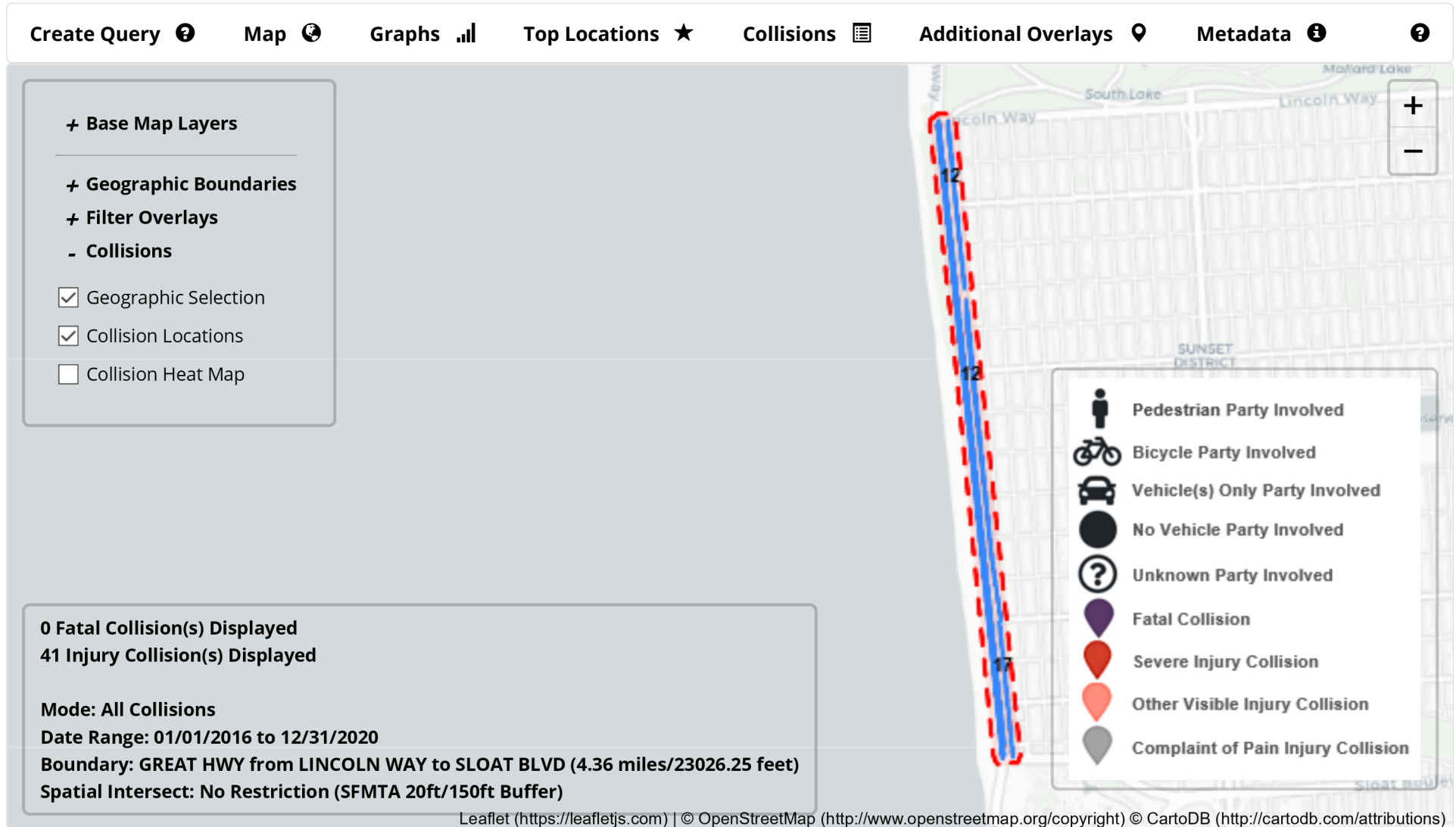


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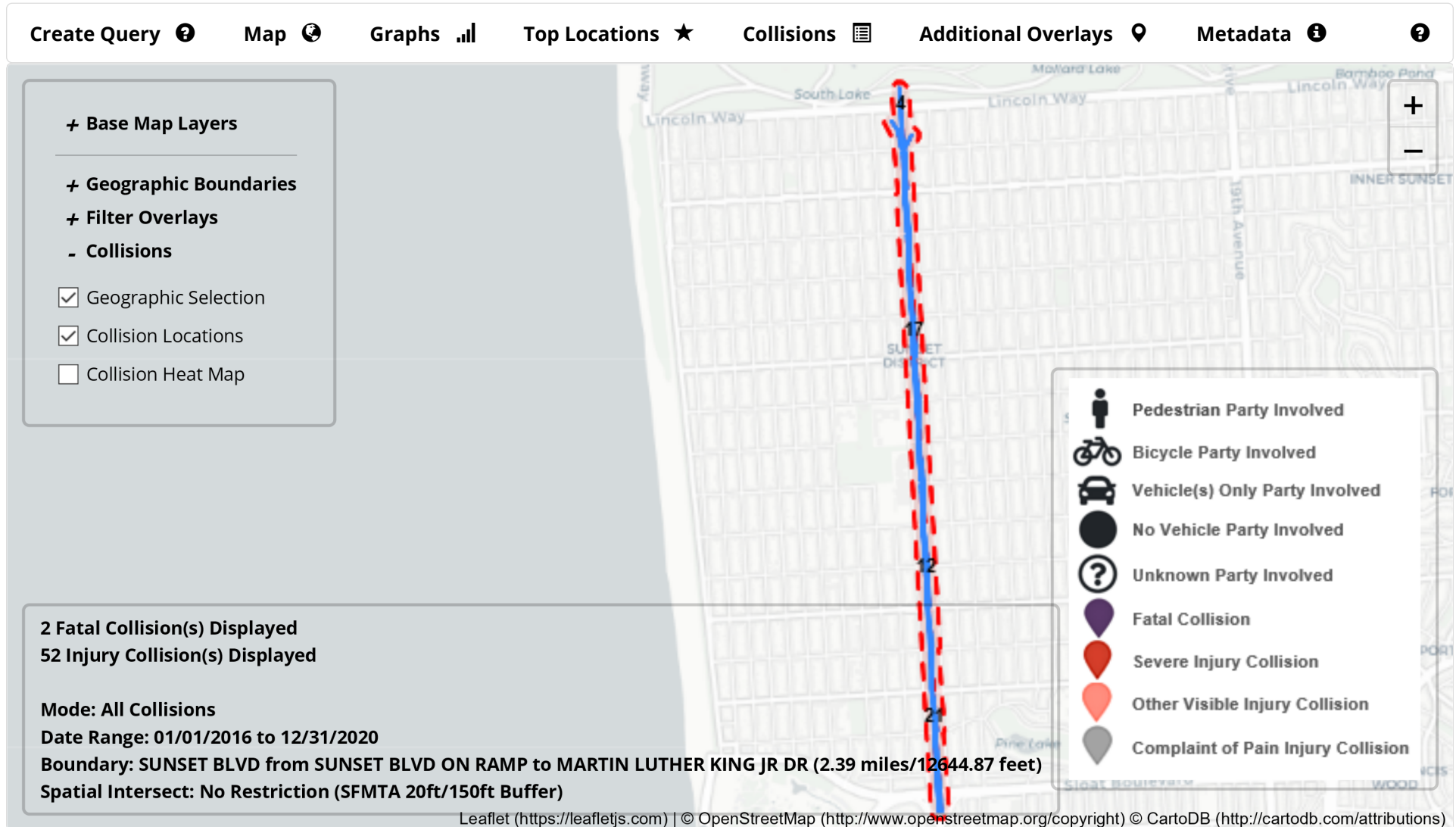
TransBASE Dashboard



TransBASE Dashboard



TransBASE Dashboard



Date : 6/22/2021 1:04:52 AM

From : "Leslie Wong" molliespack@gmail.com

To : "MTABoard@sfmta.com" MTABoard@sfmta.com, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org, "recpark.commission@sfgov.org" recpark.commission@sfgov.org, "rec-thegreathighway@sfgov.org" rec-thegreathighway@sfgov.org, "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org" Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org, "Tom.maguire@sfmta.com" Tom.maguire@sfmta.com, "GreatHighway@sfmta.com" GreatHighway@sfmta.com, "dennis.kern@sfgov.org" dennis.kern@sfgov.org, "Supervisor Connie Chan" chanstaff@sfgov.org, "Gordon.mar@sfgov.org" Gordon.mar@sfgov.org, "Aaron.peskin@sfgov.org" Aaron.peskin@sfgov.org, "board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org" board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org, "Dean.preston@sfgov.org" Dean.preston@sfgov.org, "Matt.haney@sfgov.org" Matt.haney@sfgov.org, "Shamann.walton@sfgov.org" Shamann.walton@sfgov.org, "Hillary.ronen@sfgov.org" Hillary.ronen@sfgov.org, "catherine.stefani@sfgov.org" catherine.stefani@sfgov.org, "Melgarstaff@sfgov.org" Melgarstaff@sfgov.org, "Connie Chan" connie@conniechansf.com, "Ahsha.safai@sfgov.org" Ahsha.safai@sfgov.org, "mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org" mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org

Subject : REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY

Attachment :

FB_IMG_1624340778351.jpg;Screenshot_20210621-225612_Facebook.jpg;

OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY!!!

I am writing to voice my support of REOPENING The Great Highway and to oppose the 2 year "pilot" closure.-

I am a resident of District 1, living in the Richmond District and would like to voice my concerns around the closure of the Great Highway and urge it's reopening.

The Great Highway is and has always been an HISTORIC SCENIC HIGHWAY and thus, should remain so for the public to traverse by automobile as well as foot, cycle and other vehicles allowing all to fully enjoy its beauty. How does keeping the Great Highway closed help the residents of our City? Aren't we supposed to be 'sharing' the public lands? 'Complete Streets' INCLUDES cars, not just pedestrians and bicyclists! Closing down one of the few thoroughfares from North-South/South-North has caused hardship not just for those trying to use The Great Highway in such a manner, but also for residents dealing with increased traffic onto their streets; traffic that has become sporadic, aggressive and unpredictable. Drivers do not stop at stop signs or look prior to crossing through intersections.

The few areas we use to cross through the park are more congested and slow to move through. Cars stuck in this traffic to cross the park emit a higher concentration of pollutants. You strive to take more cars off the road because of this yet do not care that your actions cause an increase in emissions?

It is clear that the goal is to have less cars on the road, but it is unrealistic to think that there is zero need for us to use our cars. During the Shelter in Place many were forced off this commute path to alternates that, in the beginning, were likely not problematic since few people were on the road. As Shelter in Place was lifted and with individuals experiencing Covid fatigue or the need to go be out and about, (coupled with the City beginning to lower restrictions), so did we experience an increase in the number of cars on the road. With an increase in motor vehicles there is the need for more options. More options would certainly allow for an increase in traffic safety as well as public services access. IT IS TIME TO REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY and allow residents who need to traverse the area by car to again SHARE THE PUBLIC SPACE.

The expansion of an already large recreational area into much needed roadway where there is greater need just does not make sense. This area already has a safe, separated "boardwalk" for cyclists and pedestrians to enjoy. The beach has always offered space to recreate and the park adjoins the area with many closed roads and open areas. It seems unfair that the wants and desire for expansion of something that already exists is put above a greatly needed roadway that relieves street congestion and restores what was taken. I appreciate the efforts to gentrify and make a recreation area more appreciated and useful; however, this should NOT supersede the safety of the area. This has been a vital transit area. More options for expeditious ways of transiting must exist. It would be unreasonable to continue to keep this vital artery closed.

The way that The Great Highway was set up pre-closure had a good balance providing a thoroughfare for motorists, walking and bicycling opportunities as well as many areas to sit and enjoy the view and beach. This very large area is not a just a playground; it is a Historic Scenic Highway to be enjoyed by ALL. IT IS TIME TO REOPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY!!!

Leslie C. Wong

Attached photo:

1: FB_IMG_1624340778351.jpeg

posted on FB: Chain of Lakes, Thursday 6/10/2021, 5:10pm.
#ReOpenGreatHighway!

2: Screenshot_20210621-225612-Facebook.jpg

posted on FB the afternoon it took me an hour and 20 minutes to get home from San Bruno. The extra 50 minutes was all park traffic!



Lake Bridge

Crossover Dr

Transverse Dr

Similar
ETA

Leslie Wong

Everyone is trying to get through the
park..

APR 17 AT 3:22 PM



Date : 6/21/2021 9:11:20 PM
From : "'Michael Chan' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Cc : "Michael Chan" mccmcc2@yahoo.com
Subject : Reopen the Upper Great Highway

Dear Members of the Board:

Please do not approve this final study. SFCTA is biased in its data analysis in favor of permanent closure, as are efforts of RPD and SFMTA. These three city agencies have worked relentlessly for 14 months to close this highway forever to the detriment of the safety of thousands of residents and commuters of two districts. All data has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the worst pandemic in 100 years which renders it moot and useless. Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. Also please note that 8,711 people have signed our "Open the Great Highway petition.

Thank you.

Michael Chan
District 4 Resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Date : 6/21/2021 9:01:39 PM
From : "'John Carlson' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : UGH Public comment for 6/22/21 10 AM Board Meeting

Dear Members of the Board:

Please do not approve this final study. SFCTA is *biased* in its data analysis in favor of permanent closure, as are efforts of RPD and SFMTA. These three city agencies have worked relentlessly for 14 months to close this highway forever to the detriment of the safety of thousands of residents and commuters of two districts. All data has been acquired not during normal traffic times, but during the worst pandemic in 100 years which renders it moot and useless. Also, please do not approve the RPD/SFMTA Pilot Program that will leave the UGH closed for the next 2 years. This is unfair for thousands of people, while a relatively small number of people are using the highway for recreation, especially during the week. Please remember the working commuters who are stuck in traffic daily and the residents in danger when walking and biking the residential streets when making your decisions on these matters. Also please note that **8,711** people have signed our "Open the Great Highway petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Carlson
Resident and Voter in District 4

Date : 6/21/2021 10:48:59 PM

From : "'geoffrey moore' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

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board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org, "cityattorney@sfcityatty.org"

cityattorney@sfcityatty.org

Subject : UGH Public Comment for June 22 10 am Board Meeting

Please enter the following information into the public comment for the meeting to discuss Upper Great Highway usage.

I believe that the discussion and information related to the Great Highway issue has become overly complex, and has also been potentially flawed by erroneous or corrupt data. The highway is an established earthquake and tsunami evacuation route in city plans, and also functions as a significant part of city infrastructure, just as the sewer underneath it. These two parts of critical city infrastructure should be managed actively and consistently along the following order of decreasing priority:

- 1) first and foremost for public safety needs,
- 2) second, consistent with environmental concerns and regulatory requirements, and then finally (assuming the first two objectives have been met)
- 3) for the best and broadest multi-purpose use and enjoyment of the publicly owned resource by the entire community.

For some reason folks seem to be focused on arguing about the tertiary needs, and are further compounding the discourse by framing the issue as a binary open or close decision (with arguments related to the first two needs). So, please consider the following input.

Regarding safety - I have lived next to the road for more than 3 decades, and I can state unequivocally that there is indeed a big safety issue by the highway. The issue is that we have multiple drownings and ocean rescues every year. People die here. However, we have experienced few road incidents, and many of us are unclear why the pilot program characterized the pre-covid road use as "high risk" with NO DATA. If there is historical pre-covid data to clearly support a "high-risk" conclusion then that data should be validated and shared, and then juxtaposed with the very real and new safety issues caused by the road closure. These new issues include not only the presence of thousands of vehicles on residential streets (which our own fire department recently highlighted as dangerous), but also the increased beach usage by unfamiliar visitors who now regularly miss the warning signs at the crosswalks about the deadly riptides. Beyond these obvious new safety issues, there seems to be no active discussion about alternate evacuation or safety planning contingencies for a closed road, particularly in light of the acknowledged congestion increases, let alone the obvious presence of not only Hayward and San Andreas faults, but the primary concern for those of us who set tsunami watches, which is the larger fault to the north. If you are not familiar with the Cascadia Subduction Zone then you have zero business legislating for our community. Please consult with a litany of unbiased safety experts before engaging in gross negligence with people's safety. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR INDIVIDUAL VOTE, AND PERSONAL LIABILITY RISK, HAS BEEN RECORDED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. This way, when we have finally figured out how to get the FEMA supplies in through a patchwork of broken roads, we can have a clear sense for who exactly to blame. There is no compelling safety need for closing the road, and several compelling considerations for leaving it open, and I would think that so-called transportation officials would place a high priority on infrastructure of this nature, and would have the ability to exercise some basic common sense. Bikes don't carry people or supplies in emergencies - period.

Regarding environmental issues - it is unclear how or why SFMTA, Park & Rec, or other transportation officials could or would be qualified to opine about significant environmental impacts or regulations. It appears that none of these groups were included in the federal review by the Army Corps of Engineers related to roadway and infrastructure protection (see https://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Portals/68/docs/Environmental/Ocean_Beach_EA_DEC2020.pdf?ver=kEnmSpKJ5XDE_ItYgEGouA%3D%3D). The city risks significant liability risks if it fails to

conduct appropriate environmental reviews, and its attorneys are already keenly aware of the legacy history of multiple environmental lawsuits and directives as a result of non-compliance. The appropriate review should consider not only the erosion risks and animal habitat risks from the perspective of the road closure - for example, increased erosion of the dunes due to higher use (which leads to destabilization of the sand); endangered species no longer benefitting from warning signs at the crosswalk; and higher vehicle emissions due to residential street congestion - but most importantly from the perspective of the sewer directly underneath it. The long-term "managed retreat" plan mandated by state law for the inevitable erosion should include disposition of the wastewater treatment plant (which will not ultimately survive despite short-term sand protection), and that disposition should be transparently disclosed for our citizens to understand where exactly this multibillion dollar time bomb will be relocated. If you do not have a clear plan at this time for managing the sewer lines in the short, medium, and long-terms, then it seems negligent to attempt a plan to repurpose the infrastructure directly above it. So, manage them consistently, as there is no need to close the sloat extension in 2023 if the wastewater plant is still present (the Ocean Beach Master Plan contains a defect on this point, as the sensible recommendations a decade ago to maintain a single-lane extension were ignored - ironically, for the same poor reasons that bring us to the tertiary consideration . . .)

regarding usage preferences - the legislative process for our community should be based upon a completely different perspective if there are no compelling and urgent safety issues to fix. What we have at the end of the day are multiple preferences, rather than requirements, for various community needs. If we are discussing preferences rather than requirements, it would seem that all community voices and needs should be considered and dispositioned in a balanced fashion. However, pre-closure many needs were already met. As an example, closure proponents have offered no suggestions for improving the existing pathways that have served the community for years - for example, by simply repaving and widening the existing pathway that runs between the UGH and LGH roads. Tellingly, this pathway was not even discussed in the so-called D4 mobility plan, which is a grossly negligent omission of a functioning mobility route in a mobility study. The closure proponents continue to just discriminate against one type of community user, which is the person who drives a car. Personally, I rarely drive, and I happen to enjoy walking my dog and riding my bike by the UGH - but I have done that for years on the existing pathways, and I sympathize with Richmond residents who are trying to commute. I would be fine with a flex plan that closes the road, for example, from 10 -3 every day, and on the weekends - this would actually resemble what we have had for years, which is closures from time to time for special events, such as Sunday streets and spare the air beach days. However, a full closure (which proponents claim would be just too complicated for us dumb citizens to understand) cannot be justified in terms of maximizing resource use. As just one example - do we plan to waste the resource at night, while cars continue through the residential streets? That is a 50% waste of a publicly owned resource, and one of the multiple problems with a full closure.

Please stop treating my neighborhood as an experiment. Pump the brakes, listen to informed residents, and THEN design a pilot with full community input which recognizes multiple needs and accommodates them flexibly. That plan should include vast usage and parking towards the north end of Ocean Beach (where we already know the primary sand migration increases beach width) so that folks can come to enjoy the beach safely from all neighborhoods in the city, and regardless of their mode of transportation. That plan should also include the best managed retreat handling for the area where we know there is heavy sand erosion, including the proper dismantling of the multibillion dollar timebomb under a road that is fine for everyone's use in the meantime. Please take the time to do things properly rather than reactively, and to establish a real budget and a real plan to maximize usage in the short and long-term. Thank you.

Date : 6/21/2021 10:26:54 PM
From : "Marie Fontenot" marieyfontenot@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : UGH Public Comment for June 22 10 am Board Meeting

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Sincerely,

Marie Y. Fontenot
District 4 resident & voter
Homeowner on Lower Great Highway

Date : 6/21/2021 10:04:45 PM

From : "Robin Pam" rsvprobin@gmail.com

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

Subject : UGH Public Comment for June 22 10 am Board Meeting

Hi,

I'd like to submit a public comment in favor of keeping the upper great highway closed to cars 24/7 for the duration of the 2 year proposed pilot program. Opening the road to cars in any way, whether part time or partially, would dramatically reduce the benefits of this public space, and provide relatively little improvement for car commuters, who primarily drive to and from the outer Richmond. This is a citywide resource, and the needs of all San Franciscans, not just those who live close by and want to drive faster, should be considered in making this decision.

Thanks,

Robin Pam D7 resident

Date : 6/21/2021 9:28:26 PM
From : "Sarah Murphy" csbmurphy@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : UGH Public Comment for June 22 10 am Board Meeting

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Thank you.

Sincerely.
Sarah Murphy
Resident and Voter in District 4

Date : 6/21/2021 9:19:37 PM
From : "Michael" mhyoung510@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
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Sincerely.
Michael Young
Resident and Voter in District 4

Date : 6/21/2021 9:13:40 PM
From : "'H. Wong' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harry Wong

Resident and Voter in District 4

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Date : 6/22/2021 6:26:32 AM

From : "Madison Clell" madisonclell@gmail.com

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

Subject : UGH Public comment for June 22 10 am Board Meeting

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in staunch opposition to this UGH pilot program and it's closure overall. The problems this closure has caused are many, and do nothing to help the environment. Quality of life in the Outer Sunset has been greatly reduced, and even more traffic comes out here now, people DRIVING with bicycles and scooters, then parking, then riding up and down the closed highway, then driving away. I see this daily.

It's too early for me to write a good letter in time for the meeting, so I'm adding two emails written from fellow neighbors. I agree with every word.

Keep in mind that many people who need the UGH opened cannot attend these meetings - they are at work! The SFBC, SFMTA and Parks & REC are all well funded, well organized groups who are steamrolling residents with this closure decision. We don't have connections, fancy websites, and millions of dollars.

Do the right thing!!! Letters below:

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Sincerely.

Madison Clell

1. The "Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report" SF-CHAMP modeling shows that District 4 will be forced to take on the burden of more than 5000 additional vehicles on residential streets—never mind the SF-CHAMP predictions for a massive increase of traffic volume on Sunset, traffic delays on Lincoln and Sloat, etc.

- This burden of moving 18,000-20,000 vehicles from the safest N-S artery in San Francisco into District 4 is contrary to Vision Zero—which Tumlin and SFMTA are failing at already.

- The pollution generated by this massive number of vehicles is being placed at the doorsteps of citizens, which is known to produce an enormous number of respiratory and cardiovascular deaths and health issues

- The SF-CHAMP simulations do not include induced traffic by creating a new leisure destination—so the predicted burden on D4 is underestimated

- Concept 4, the weekend closure alternative, is predicted to have a lesser impact on D4, and apparently that does not factor into the evaluation and recommendation, apparently because that recommendation was decided upon months ago.

- SFMTA did not even consider Concept 2 (two-way road), a compromise option that surely would reduce the vehicle volume burden on D4.

- SFMTA continues to avoid presenting Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) projections which is a good predictor of accident rates and pollution, despite repeated requests to provide such data. This metric is a CEQA standard. This suggests that they do not want to present such data.

2. The "Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report" should not be adopted and should not be entered into the public record? It is deeply flawed and biased. I have been an Editor or Associate Editor for scientific journals for decades. I have reviewed hundreds of scientific papers. I have published hundreds of scientific papers. This report is a classic case of "lying with statistics".

- * The reported survey is completely not credible. It is not a representative sample. No amount of chart candy can hide that. Entering this statistical garbage into the public record will mean that this nonsense will be quoted as "fact".

- * The low-collision data in Figure 8 is more statistical garbage of traffic data collected in the midst of the greatest reduction in human mobility in all of history. This cherry-picked data which is clearly

impacted by the pandemic cannot be used for any assessment of the Upper Grate Highway closure.

- * The report does not include VMT

- * The SFMTA predictions do not include induced traffic expected from a new park destination.

—Peter Pirolli
District 4 Resident

Date : 6/22/2021 7:41:56 AM
From : "Stephen Gorski" sjgorskilaw@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : UGH Public Comment for June 22 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting

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