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**Subject : ;PR FAVOR!Please HELP save the Great Highway Park - support a
pilot to extend the promenade's life****

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

The pandemic had countless negative impacts, but one of the few silver linings was the creation of The Great 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.

The pilot — proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents and collecting better data to make an informed decision.

* The SFCTA's survey showed that about

i am also a long time (30+) yr resident of the sunset AND a bike commuter, presently recuperating from a bike/car collision,
please help us keep our roads safe for ALL, not just convenient for cars.

with much appreciation,
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Date : 6/18/2021 12:57:33 PM
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Subject : Car-free Great Highway is a huge improvement!!!

Dear SFMTA and SF Board of Supervisors,

My name is Richard Girling and I have lived in San Francisco for 45 years. I am 66 years old and I live with injuries that I sustained from being run over by a MUNI bus 16 years ago while cycling home from my workplace, Lowell HS, around Lake Merced where there was no bike way. This cost the city a lot of money and completely altered my life, as well as my families, as I was hospitalized for 12 months and off my job for over a year. (Thankfully, bike lanes are finally being planned for there). Obviously, I have a personal interest in having safe, car-free places to ride!

I can't tell you what a game changer the closing of the Great Highway for cars has been. I have managed to get back on a bike, and now my wife and I ride on the car-free portion of the Great Highway 2-4 times a week. From my home in Bernal Heights, we cycle to the waterfront through GG Park (which has also been much, much better with no cars), then across the to the Great Highway. Car Free Great Highway has been a huge improvement on par with the fortunate destruction of Embarcadero Freeway after the earthquake... showing that disasters can have their silver linings.

It has been great to see the freedom gained by people of all colors, sizes, genders, ages, and physical capabilities making use of this newly found resource. I have seen people safely riding bikes, trikes, skateboards, scooters, inline skates, training wheels and wheel chairs, and others walking, sometimes with their walkers, jogging, crawling, skipping and even dancing in the street. I hope that this will continue considering how it has improved both the physical and mental health of San Franciscans.

Though a few motorists may feel that this has inconvenienced them, there are alternative routes. Also, we need to begin relying less on our cars in order to

maintain our health and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Having a safe place for everyone to enjoy the waterfront is essential to our wellbeing.

One last point. My wife and I have done cycling trips in Europe where there are many, many places to cycle without having to compete for space with automobiles. That is why we traveled to Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Germany along the Danube, and Vienna. When San Francisco has adequate cycling and walking infrastructure, our City will be even more attractive to tourists as well as for its residents.

My wife, Valerie Girling, and I strongly support the 24/7 pilot program of car-free Great Highway and hope it will become permanent.

Date : 6/19/2021 11:00:09 AM

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Subject : Car-free Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

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

Thank you,
Ryan

Date : 6/20/2021 9:49:16 PM
From : "Tina Perdices" trpinsf@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Comment for June 22 Meeting

Dear SFCTA Board Members,

I am an Outer Sunset resident who commutes to work in San Mateo county. I support reopening the Great Highway to vehicular traffic. There is no lack of recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity given the existing walking paths along the Great Highway as well as Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park. But there will not be adequate safe and efficient thoroughfares available if the Great Highway is permanently eliminated as travel returns to typical pre-pandemic levels. Sunset and 19TH Avenue alone are not sufficient.

Thank you for considering my input!

Tina P

Sent from my iPad

Date : 6/21/2021 7:43:56 AM
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To : "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org,
"clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: 6/22 meeting of the SFCTA Board

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>
Subject: 4/27 meeting of the SFTCA Board
Date: April 26, 2021 at 5:54:29 PM PDT
To: clerk@sfcta.org

This is a comment for the board.

As traffic has begun to resume, keeping the Great Highway closed and attempting to ameliorate the resulting pouring of traffic into previously quiet adjacent streets with "traffic calming" measures, it should be increasingly obvious that closing a major artery without first providing decent alternatives is an exercise in futility.

Number one, the decision to close the Great Highway apparently did not take into consideration the two year construction work on 19th Avenue and the additional slow street closures in GG Park. This has resulted in major jams at Chain of Lakes and Crossover Drive. I use to use the Great Hwy 1-2 times/week to go north/south to the Sunset and the Peninsula and now there are regularly 30 min delays trying to use alternate routes. Several parents and teachers attempting to make that commute for their children and to work also report 30-40 minutes delays. I was on Chain of Lakes around 2:30 pm last week and the traffic was backed up from MLK to beyond JFK (at least 30-40 cars).

Number two, the purported numbers of 4000/day recreational users of the closed Great Highway vs the 18,000/day cars that use to use the GH seems dubious. We have numerous observers who live by the Great Hwy and others who have taken photographs of the recreational use of the GH at all hours of the day show nothing close to 4000 users/day. We also have numerous observers and photographs of the resultant crush of cars on the Lower Great Highway including mobs of dirt bikes using this formerly residential street as the surrogate Great Highway and along Chain of Lakes.

Number three, the Great Highway was designed as a car thoroughfare with many safety features. Timed lights to slow traffic. Controlled intersections to allow for safe pedestrian crossing. No cross traffic

with cars reducing the chances of crashes at intersections. A median to lessen the chance of head on collisions. Now you have diverted 18,000 cars on to residential streets that have NONE of those safety features. Speed bumps, more stop signs, closures of entrances and forced turns will only displace drivers to yet other streets without these obstacles. Drivers will always find a speedier route if they find hindrances such as what is being created now with “traffic calming”.

Number four, there are many other recreational facilities for walkers and bicyclists. The adjacent paved walkways (which I use to walk along all the time without feeling any need to walk on the Great Hwy itself), the beach itself, GG Park, Lake Merced. It seems ironic that you want to create a “park” out of a highway when there are already so many other real parks, and in the course of making this unwise decision forcing more cars into genuine parks like GG Park.

Number five, air pollution invariably will rise with these idling cars stuck in traffic and taking longer and more circuitous routes. Not everyone can ride a bike. Personally I am 71 years old, injured my meniscus two years ago, sold my bike years ago and will NEVER use the Great Highway to bicycle. Going to Home Depot for lumber will not be done on a bicycle. Traveling to San Mateo, SFO, etc will not be done on a bicycle. When I want to walk, I will use sidewalks, the paved walking path along the GH, or trails along GG Park or Lands End and NOT a highway. (As an aside, when I cross Cabrillo and 23rd Ave which have become slow streets I see the few pedestrians still using the sidewalks and rarely a bicyclist).

Number six, there are few public transportation options to go north south from the Richmond. Going east west is not a problem. So closing the Great Highway to cars hoping people will shift to Muni is a mirage.

Number seven: Outside Lands and other events are being resumed. This will impact traffic even more with the continued closures and inability to drive north south through GG Park.

I hope that turning the Great Highway into a “promenade” is looked at very very carefully, not just from the perspective of Sunset district residents, but the entire city who needs safe efficient routes to commute north south across the city. I don’t see how converting a PUBLIC highway into an essentially local recreational spot can be justified. If other people outside the Sunset district are going to enjoy this “park”, how will they get there? If they drive where will they park (residential streets of course)?

A very vocal, very impassioned group of bicycling advocates has made this seem like a no brainer of a decision but I believe that an even

larger number of people impacted by the closure of the Great Highway has not had the chance to be heard and protest. I think you are about to hear from them.

Christina Shih
Outer Richmond resident since 1985

Date : 6/21/2021 7:39:59 AM

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Subject : Fwd: District 4 mobility study

Forwarding to you all the emails sent early to the SF Park and Rec and MTA regarding closure of the Great Highway.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>

Subject: District 4 mobility study

Date: March 13, 2021 at 7:29:36 AM PST

To: marstaff@sfgov.org

I would like to know how anyone could have considered shutting down the Great Highway at the same time 19th Ave was undergoing two years of construction projects, GG Park transit is limited to 46th Avenue and Chain of Lakes by slow street closures win the park, and the Muni 18 line was shut down and 28 shortened (not to mention the precipitous decline in Muni riderships due to COVID fears). My understanding is that 18,000 cars use to use the Great Highway to go north south and was the easiest route to get to the Peninsula for western SF residents. It now accommodates 4000 recreational users who ALREADY have a paved pathway, the beach itself, and GG Park (increasingly car free) for recreation. It has displaced thousands of cars on to previously quiet residential streets. You have taken a road designed for safe car/pedestrian use such as timed traffic lights to control speed, controlled intersections for pedestrians to cross, little cross traffic for cars and put those displaced cars into streets which have none of those features.

All the traffic calming efforts now proposed (speed bumps, diversion signs, controlled turns) etc is playing whack a mole. You fill one street with more obstacles and drivers start using another street without them.

You give one set of residents a "calm" street at the cost of making another set of residents living on adjacent streets a busier and less safe street. Look at all the speed bumps installed along Lincoln in the Presidio which were removed after money was spent to install them.

I myself have had to spend an extra 20-30 minutes winding my way through the Sunset district attempting to use Sunset Blvd and absent mindedly failing to get off on the right to use 36th Ave and having to face the labyrinth of closures in GGPark causing me to have to complete backtrack to Sunset, make multiple right turns off of it to go north again. Coming back home from Twin Peaks and using Lincoln

Way I saw at least 30 cars waiting in the right lane to turn right into GG Park (at least 10 light changes to be optimistic).

When I drive down streets intersecting slow streets I rarely see people using the slow street. Two days ago along 23rd Avenue I saw exactly one pedestrian on the sidewalk and one bicyclist. Every time I drive down 36th and cross Cabrillo I see no one using Cabrillo as a slow street. When I want to take a walk I use sidewalks to get to parks like GG Park, Lands End, Lincoln Park and walk on pathways designed for pedestrians, not cars. When I was teaching my daughter how to ride a bike, I took her to parks or unused parking lots to learn. Why would you want to teach kids that it's ok to play and ride bikes in streets? Slow streets still have cars on them and not all streets are slow streets. You want children to learn to use streets instead of playgrounds?

Date : 6/21/2021 8:31:12 AM
From : "SFCTA Info" info@sfcta.org
To : "Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org, "d4mobility@sfcta.org" d4mobility@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: GH Closure - Against!

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From: **Marshall Schneider** <em4mars@aol.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 7:37 PM
Subject: GH Closure - Against!
To: <info@sfcta.org>

This is cut and pasted from someone who has spent a long time doing research into the effects of closing the GH and I agree with this:

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

hardly promotes the decrease in car use. It just shifts it from necessary use (getting to work, medical care, schools, shopping) to recreational.

I live in the Richmond district and strongly oppose the closing of the GH.

Thank You,

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Subject: Hello
To: <info@sfcta.org>

My opinion , forget the walkway project .. open the great highway
My opinion as a citizen. Of S.F.
Nancy zahov

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/21/2021 7:41:40 AM
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Subject : Fwd: Impact of the closures of the Great Highway for recreational purposes
Attachment : Image 4-8-21 at 10.52 AM.jpeg;

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>
Subject: Impact of the closures of the Great Highway for recreational purposes
Date: April 8, 2021 at 11:02:30 AM PDT
To: "Chan, Connie (BOS)" <connie.chan@sfgov.org>, Krista.Pfefferkorn@sen.ca.gov, Scott.Wiener@sen.ca.gov, phil.ting@asm.ca.gov, d4mobility@sfcta.org, Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org, dennis.kern@sfgov.org, greathighway@sfmta.com, Tom.maguire@sfmta.com, "ChanStaff (BOS)" <chanstaff@sfgov.org>, "Marstaff (BOS)" <marstaff@sfgov.org>, Jeffrey.tumlin@sfmta.com, Sarah.Jones@sfmta.com, Timothy.doherty@sfmta.com, Gordon.mar@sfgov.org
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Photographs taken by Loreen Herb Bernardini showing the impact of closing the Great Highway for the "4000 recreational users" (not likely) on the Crossover intersection from the displaced drivers on Apr 7, 2021 at 3:35 pm by the Great Highway and 3:55 pm at Crossover. I believe that most reasonable people would consider the closures of the Great Highway due to environmental reasons and coastal erosion but only AFTER a thoughtful plan to address where 18,000 cars are going to go once displaced. I think closing the Great Highway for recreational purposes WITHOUT any plan for the displaced 18,000 cars is madness that bandaids approaches like traffic calming measures are not going to fix. Now is not the time to create a promenade with a permanent closures of the Great Highway. Not with 19th Avenue under construction and GG Park with slow street closures resulting in Crossover being overwhelmed. I would not be surprised if a photo at Chain of Lakes would show similar congestion on that date and time.



Date : 6/18/2021 10:22:51 AM
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Cc: Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>

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Subject: June 22 public comment - item 11
To: <info@sfcta.org>, <clerk@sfcta.org>
Cc: Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>

To the SFCTA Board:

I write today asking you to reject the adoption of the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report due to fundamental flaws in its methodology.

The District 4 Mobility Study, and the CTA, MTA, and RPD's work regarding the closure of the Upper Great Highway to 18,000-22,000 people per day has been irrefutably and irredeemably biased, and the best approach available to the City today is to reopen the Great Highway and start from scratch using a neutral third party to design an unbiased pilot project.

By the very language used in public outreach and internal materials, it is clear that staff have been working to find ways to justify a continued closure of the Upper Great Highway and to continue to exclude the thousands of San Franciscans per day who used to use the Upper Great Highway in cars, both for travel and recreation.

Work conducted to date belies a total lack of understanding of, and intolerance for, people in cars – including a consistent assumption that car drivers do not appreciate the beauty of the Upper Great Highway, and that the presence of people in cars makes it physically impossible for people not in cars to enjoy the Great Highway and the nearby beachfront.

The reports often cite Vision Zero, while ignoring the fact that even if car travel were magically reduced by the closure of the Great Highway (a contention based on a deliberate misunderstanding of the fundamental mechanics of induced demand), the remaining car trips on the streets of the Sunset will **increase the number of potential pedestrian-vehicle conflict points by a factor of four to eight**. They cite Transit First, while forgetting that the ordinance states that “the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods” – a portion of the ordinance that stands in direct conflict with the closure of the Upper Great Highway.

The pieces of the report that have been made available so far show the pervasive bias in the creation of the Upper Great Highway alternatives and how they have been advertised to the people of San Francisco. Graphics shared to show the alternatives were cropped to over-emphasize the small portion of the public right-of-way on which people in cars are allowed. Documents cite a voluntary survey as if it were scientific, even though it was written with biased questions and was not distributed in a statistically random manner –guaranteeing selection bias in the responses.

Despite many pleas from the public to acknowledge the shortcomings of the survey, SFCTA staff still proudly cite “nearly 4,000 responses” – meanwhile, a [change.org petition](https://www.change.org/p/sfcta-reopen-the-great-highway) to reopen the Great Highway to all has **over twice the number of signatures**, but is never mentioned by CTA reports.

As progressives, we should believe in good government and accountability. This report is not good government – it is corruption. While its perpetrators may believe in their cause, the fact is that they are subverting public processes to meet their own ideological goals. Such well-meaning corruption cannot be forgiven any more than we should forgive the actions of former Public Works Director Nuru.

Please reject this biased, fundamentally flawed report. The people of San Francisco cannot sign their names to such a document. Let us start over and let the voice of the public, not the idealogues, be heard.

Sincerely,

Chris DiPrima

District 9 resident

Date : 6/21/2021 7:40:32 AM
From : "Christina Shih" christinashih@comcast.net
To : "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org,
"clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: June 22 Public Hearing Closing the Great Highway

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>
Subject: Public Hearing
Date: February 19, 2021 at 5:11:49 AM PST
To: "Sustainable.Streets@sfmta.com"
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As an outer Richmond resident who used the Great Highway frequently to go north-south to the peninsula for both work and personal reasons, I find it irresponsible and insane to close off the Great Highway while also 1) closing off roads in Golden Gate Park for slow street purposes and 2) a two year project to work on 19th Avenue at the same time. This has created bottlenecks in Golden Gate Park around Chain of Lakes and also along Lincoln with cars trying to get on to the 19th Ave entrance to cross the park. Last week there were about 50-60 cars jammed in the right lane waiting to make that right turn. That would have required 10 traffic light changes. Now routinely Chain of Lakes is backed up as opposed to occasionally.

Sunset Blvd does not compensate for the loss of the Great Highway given it dumps you into the closed GG Park streets which have NO directional signs or signs warning of closed streets before you make turns at the preceding intersection. Having made the mistake of not staying on the right while on Sunset in order to take 36th Avenue to Lincoln to proceed west to the 45th Avenue entrance a few times, I've had to make u-turns, try another route only to find it closed, finally backtrack to Sunset and traverse formerly residential roads. This wastes time and fuel and generates more CO2 which I presume is one rationale for discouraging car use.

What you have accomplished by closing the Great Highway along with the other traffic impediments to alternative routes, is produce more traffic on formerly quiet residential streets, prolonged traveling times, and generated more CO2 as people are jammed into bottle necks.

Speed bumps, more stop signs, and other "calming" methods to mitigate the increased residential street traffic YOU caused by shutting down the GH when alternatives are not available is like jerry rigging a patchwork of "solutions" when the main issue is the closing of a major

artery without first considering what alternatives motorists would be able to use.

Others have mentioned that the Great Highway is now no longer actually safe for the mix of people on it. Bicycles weave in and out of walkers, no one adheres to traffic patterns like you had with the parallel walking/bicycle paths immediately adjacent to the Great Highway. There is plenty of space for recreation - the Golden Gate Park, the beach itself, the parallel paved pathway along the Great Highway. I use to frequently walk along those pathways and did not feel the need to walk on the highway itself.

The decision makers should take into consideration the overall picture (construction on 19th Avenue, closed GG Park roads, closing the Great Highway) when making their decisions. People are claiming “so many people are using the GH for recreation” without also taking into account the many people diverted and delayed by the closure of the GH and the residents impacted by increased traffic in their neighborhoods.

Date : 6/21/2021 8:30:58 AM
From : "SFCTA Info" info@sfcta.org
To : "Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org, "d4mobility@sfcta.org" d4mobility@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: Keep the Great Highway Open

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From: Sue V Rosser <srosser@sfsu.edu>
Date: Sat, Jun 19, 2021 at 7:16 AM
Subject: Keep the Great Highway Open
To: info@sfcta.org <info@sfcta.org>

To whom it may concern:

Please open the Great Highway. I am a 74 year old woman who lives on Ocean Beach on the north side of Golden Gate Park. The closure of the Great Highway has made it very difficult to get to the other side of the Park and the City. Although I used to depend on the Great Highway to get to my job at San Francisco State, I still need to use it several times a week to go to medical appointments and run errands. For people who still need to use the Great Highway to get to work on time, the closure causes a major loss of time and inconvenience. The back-up of cars going through Golden Gate Park on 43rd or 19th because of the closure is significant.

Bike and walking paths down the middle of the median on the Great Highway allow access for those on bicycles or who wish to walk. Very few people actually use the closed Great Highway for biking and walking during the week. The only significant use is on nice days on week-ends or holidays. Keeping the Great Highway closed caters to the elite from other areas of SF who use it for recreation during these limited times; the closure presents a significant problem for hard working, elderly or disabled individuals who actually live in the Outer Richmond

and need to travel south. Although my preference is to keep the Great Highway open at all times, others and I could manage well with a Sunday closure only.

Thank you,

Sue Rosser

Date : 6/21/2021 7:45:10 AM
From : "Christina Shih" christinashih@comcast.net
To : "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org,
"clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: Next-door posting in favor of reopening the GH June 22
SFCTA hearing
Attachment : Screen Shot 2021-05-28 at 6.33.50 AM.png;Screen Shot
2021-05-28 at 6.34.29 AM.png;

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>
Subject: Next-door posting in favor of reopening the GH
Date: May 29, 2021 at 12:13:21 PM PDT
To: "Chan, Connie (BOS)" <connie.chan@sfgov.org>

I posted on Nextdoor regarding the June 10 hearing and am including the link. Please note it is one of the most active posts now and that over 90 supporting likes have been generated (0 negative responses) all them from your constituents. https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=188320049

The SF Park and Rec posted pro-closure posters along the Great Highway (conveniently skipping the Lincoln Way/Great Highway where the traffic jam of cars occurs, thus avoiding reopen the Great Highway supporters) advertising the June 10 hearing.

This is akin to the D4 mobility study which was limited in responses, skewed in the demographics of those that did respond, did not have wide publicity, and continues to be touted as showing support for the permanent closure of the GH which, faulty as the survey is, does NOT show that. It showed that 74% of YOUR constituents in D1 opposed permanent banning of cars - why? Because your constituents actually USED the GH to get north south across SF as opposed to the D4 residents who had limited access to the GH for driving. That D4 survey only had 3700 respondents, the change.org petition to reopen the Great Highway has over 7500 signatures now.

I urge you to be more proactive in your support for re-opening the Great Highway. We have enough data on the negative outcomes of the closure (metastatic "traffic calming" measure creeping across the Sunset so that now 5 parallel blocks adjacent to the GH are unsuccessfully blocked from Lincoln Way), deterioration of GG Park itself at Chain of Lakes (once again 40 cars on it when I drove on it at 2:30 yesterday). Just last month there was an accident on Park

Presidio which shut down 19th Avenue for a period of time leaving only ONE north south major artery usable (Sunset Blvd) which itself is impeded.

Ironically, because of sand intrusion even bicyclists can't use the "promenade" which leaves it useful only for walkers who always had the beach itself and the paved path adjacent to the GH to use.







Date : 6/21/2021 7:42:26 AM
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"clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: Open the Great Highway - June 22 hearing
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Open the Great Highway
Date: April 30, 2021 at 2:22:58 PM PDT
To: "RPDInfo, RPD (REC)" <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>

Here are some of the latest photos of the latest effects of the closure of the Great Highway. Now semi trucks are going down city streets since they can no longer go down an artery DESIGNED FOR CARS. I hardly think speed bumps are going to mitigate the effect on residents of these streets.

I suggest Park and Rec STOP posting web sites about the great ocean walkway and "park" since the Great Highway is neither a "park" or a "walkway" in it's design nor intention.

I find it ironic that Park and Rec would be supporting an initiative that has resulted in a detrimental impact on an actual park - GG Park with increased gridlock there on roads not designed for the high volumes of cars now flowing through the park. I was on Chain of Lakes last week around 2:30 pm and the traffic was backed up from MLK to beyond JFK in both directions. So now you're mingling idling cars, bicyclists, pedestrians in an actual PARK as opposed to the cars driving efficiently on a ROAD.

Incidentally, every and I mean EVERY time I cross MLK on Chain of Lakes I see at the most 2-3 walkers (usually on the paved pathways for pedestrians) and maybe 1 or 2 bicyclists.

Finally when I was going north on 19th and attempting to turn left on the Crossover intersection, there were 30 cars waiting.



On Apr 30, 2021, at 12:58 PM, RPDInfo, RPD (REC)
<rpinfo@sfgov.org> wrote:

Christina,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the emergency closure of the Upper Great Highway to cars. First, we want to recognize any confusion and frustration around how the road will be used as the COVID-19 recovery process begins. Project team members from SF Rec and Park, SF Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) and County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) are working closely to establish clear communications with the public about the next steps in this process.

Currently, Rec and Park and the SFMTA are developing an outreach plan to engage residents, businesses, key stakeholders, and other members of the public to address impacts to the community and evaluate future uses of the roadway. As always, any efforts to make permanent changes to the Great Highway will go through a thorough public process before they can be approved. You can find the latest updates on the Great Highway, along with background information and an FAQ on our website: <https://sfrecpark.org/1555/The-Great-Walkway>

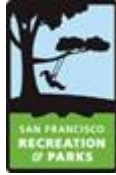
We are continuing to take close note of all incoming feedback while navigating the challenges of addressing COVID-19 shelter-in-place and recovery. Thank you for your patience as we navigate the next steps together.

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From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:38 AM

To: RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

Subject: Open the Great Highway

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I live in the outer Richmond and use to use the Great Highway frequently to access the Peninsula and Sunset district.. Now with the GH closure the north south commute across the park has become a nightmare.

It's idiocy to consider making the GH closure permanent when alternatives for the 18,000 cars that use to use the GH don't exist. 19th Avenue is undergoing 2 years of construction. There are even intermittent signs on 19th Ave says to use alternative routes. What alternative routes? GG Park at the end of Sunset Blvd has slow street closures making passage through the park difficult. Chain of Lakes is now a 30 min traffic jam.

The Great Highway is a HIGHWAY designed for cars. Timed lights to control speed, few cross traffic intersections that minimize car-car collisions, controlled intersections to allow for pedestrian crossing, median to prevent head on collisions. Pedestrians and bicyclists have many other alternatives (the beach itself, the parallel paved path, lower Great Highway), GG Park, Lake Merced.

Traffic including massive motorbikes now are diverted to the Lower Great Highway impacting those residents severely. Traffic calming measures are whack a mole. Traffic will just divert to other streets less cumbersome to use. The money spent on these traffic calming measures could be saved by JUST REOPENING THE GREAT HIGHWAY FOR IT'S INTENDED USE - NAMELY AS A MAJOR TRAFFIC ARTERY.

Many many people use the Great Highway as the most efficient path north south. Idling in traffic or circling through previously quiet residential streets promotes more traffic, accidents, pollution, etc than the benefits that accrue for exclusively recreational use of a HIGHWAY.



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Date : 6/18/2021 4:36:31 PM
From : "SFCTA Info" info@sfcta.org
To : "Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org, "d4mobility@sfcta.org" d4mobility@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: OPEN the Great Highway

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From: **Carol Golani** <carolgolani@att.net>
Date: Fri, Jun 18, 2021 at 4:09 PM
Subject: OPEN the Great Highway
To: info@sfcta.org <info@sfcta.org>

"The closed Great Highway serves no purpose other than recreation for bicyclists and pedestrians since it doesn't run along commercial districts where people can shop or get to work and there are many alternative recreational sites nearby.

The Great Highway was VERY safe for cars/bicycles and pedestrians given the median divided highway (no head on collisions), lack of cross traffic (no intersection collisions), timed lights, controlled pedestrian crossings.

There were NO traffic fatalities along the Great Highway for the past several years.

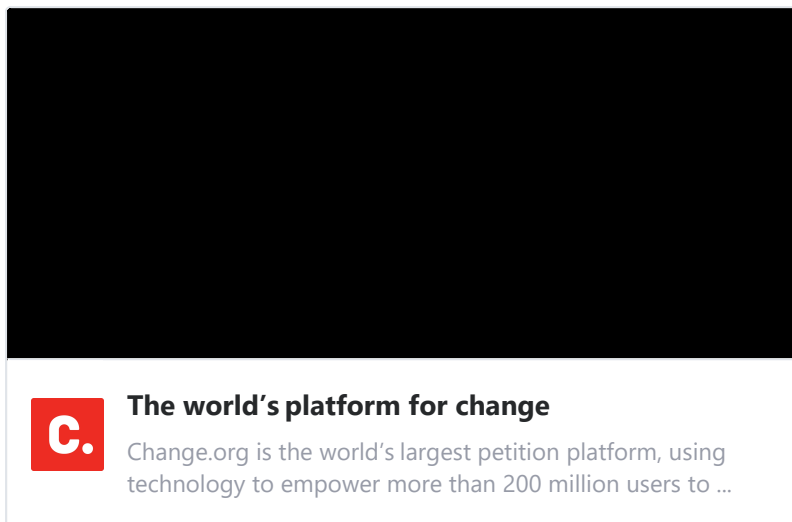
The Bicycle Coalition and the City should be prioritizing creating safer streets where people actually need to commute for work, school and commerce and where traffic fatalities have occurred.

Closing the GH has ironically made those routes less safe and more congested, just so 4000 recreational users can have a playground while 18,000 motorists idle in traffic, generating more CO2, fuel usage, lost productive time.

Closure of the Great Highway is contrary to both the Ocean Beach and SF Park and Rec Master Plans which acknowledged the importance of the

Great Highway as a major traffic artery that protected true residential neighborhoods and Golden Gate Park.

Many many letters, attestations, etc have been sent to the Park and Rec, MTA, supervisors on the negative impact closure has had on the adjacent neighborhoods. The touted 54% support for closure is based on a survey that had 3700 responders (ie 1988 individuals) but on closer reading the open the Great Highway support was 74% from Richmond district residents who relied on the Great Highway for transiting north south. The change.org petition has nearly 9000 signatures to reopen the Great Highway. The June 10 joint hearing by the SF Park and Rec and MTA boards was clearly biased. Note the verbiage “has brought joy to ‘many’” referring to the touted 4000 users/day vs the “minimal inconvenience for a ‘few’ motorists” (18,000/day) which distorts the definitions of “few” = 18,000 users, “many” = 4000 users, and “minimal” which means 30-45 minute delays getting across a route that use to take 30 minutes so people can walk or ride when there are ALREADY paved paths, beaches, parks, etc for those uses.



Ironically we have documentation of recreational users DRIVING to the nearby neighborhoods, parking there, then unloading their bicycles to ride on the Great Highway. Closing the Great Highway hardly promotes the decrease in car use. It just shifts it from necessary use (getting to work, medical care, schools, shopping) to recreational."

Date : 6/18/2021 10:59:55 AM
From : "Britney Milton" britney.milton@sfcta.org
To : "Jen Shader" jen.shader@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: Open the Great Highway!

Britney Milton
(she/her/hers)
Clerk of the Transportation Authority

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Subject: Open the Great Highway!
To: <clerk@sfcta.org>

PLEASE! For so many reasons...

Sincerely,

William Isham

Date : 6/21/2021 8:30:42 AM
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To : "Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org, "d4mobility@sfcta.org" d4mobility@sfcta.org
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Subject: Open the Great Highway
To: info@sfcta.org <info@sfcta.org>

To whom it may concern:

I live at the corner of Fulton and the Great Highway, and am opposed to keeping the Great Highway closed for the following reasons:

For those of us in the Outer Richmond, this closing removes the main route to the areas south of Golden Gate Park to the San Francisco State University Area, 280, Daly City, and points further south. The closing has increased traffic along Fulton and through Golden Gate Park (at times gridlocked) or on Sunset. We need to get to work, to doctor appointments in the Stonestown area, and to our children's schools/daycare. My driving time typically is doubled as I try to get to these areas. I'm not surprised that people in other parts of San Francisco want the GH closed, because it does not negatively affect their lives. It does affect ours.

The increased traffic brings increased pollution, especially as we sit bumper to bumper when trying to cross the park.

Seniors and those with disabilities or a couple of young children can't simply hop on their bikes and head down the Great Highway. And some folks must commute south beyond

biking range. The closing is discriminatory against these groups. San Francisco is for everyone, not just for a few elite groups.

There already are walking and bike paths on the median down the Great Highway, plus plenty of bike paths through the park. The Great Highway need not be closed too.

The closed part of the Great Highway rarely is used except on nice days on weekends and holidays. As a compromise, I'd be willing to let this area be closed on those days. Some of the surveys must have been taken earlier in the pandemic, when the area was used more.

I take public transportation when I can, but many points south cannot easily be reached this way.

In short, please keep the needs of hardworking San Franciscans in mind when you address the leisure needs of a small, vocal group.

Thank you,

Patricia Miller

Date : 6/21/2021 8:29:32 AM
From : "SFCTA Info" info@sfcta.org
To : "Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org, "d4mobility@sfcta.org" d4mobility@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd: PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE GREAT HIGHWAY

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Date: Sun, Jun 20, 2021 at 11:11 AM
Subject: PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE GREAT HIGHWAY
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Respectfully, I am so tired of this controversy. Anecdotaly, it seems there are 100 people opposed to closure for every 2 or 3 in favor of closure. I used to use the GH everyday, and it has become a traffic nightmare to take alternative routes. I am often in that area, and simply don't see that many people using the GH on foot. Isn't there room for all of us, pedestrians, cars and bikes? As you all know, it's not like there is a lack of pedestrian pathways. I am not going to run through all the logical arguments for ending this closure. You have seen and heard them. Please consider them.

I am also in GGP every day, as I live half a block from the 8th Avenue entrance on the Richmond side. On weekdays, no matter what time of day, there are few if any pedestrians in the roadway. We are all on the sidewalk paths. You'd be run down by a cyclist if you walked in the roadway. All you have to do is go take a look. Why do bikes have no much power here in SF. I am an active Senior, but I need my car!!

Please demonstrate some diversity of thought here in our City government. It feels like no one is listening to their constituents. There is a real feeling of not being heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nina Steinman

Date : 6/21/2021 8:30:25 AM
From : "SFCTA Info" info@sfcta.org
To : "Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org, "d4mobility@sfcta.org" d4mobility@sfcta.org
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From: **susan clarke** <suzclak@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 19, 2021 at 3:13 PM
Subject: Reopen the Great Highway
To: <info@sfcta.org>

Dear Supervisors, It is so important that you vote to reopen the Great Highway. We need to get back to normal now that the pandemic is over. People are going back to their workplaces and there will no longer be a need for places for people to ride their bike or walk. The traffic congestion that the closure causes has been a real headache for any of us who need to get from the Richmond to the Sunset. We have been good sports about the closure but now that the pandemic is over there should be some consideration for those of us who live in the Richmond and Sunset districts.

Please, please, please vote to open the Great Highway.

Thank you,

Susan Clarke

Richmond district resident since 1964

Date : 6/21/2021 7:44:13 AM
From : "Christina Shih" christinashih@comcast.net
To : "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org,
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Subject : Fwd: SF Park and Rec and violating their own Master Plan for
SFCTA board hearing June 22

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christina Shih <christinashih@comcast.net>
Subject: SF Park and Rec and violating their own Master Plan
Date: May 6, 2021 at 7:28:17 AM PDT
To: "Chan, Connie (BOS)" <connie.chan@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "RPDInfo, RPD (REC)" <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

Someone brought this to my attention. It's not clear when the SF Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Golden Gate Park was created but closure of the Great Highway and the negative impact on Chain of Lakes clearly violates the Master Plan.

Edited for clarity and red highlights are mine.

"I am not a lawyer, however after reading suggestions for one (and it not being the first time this is suggested) I looked some stuff up and found that indeed the decisions around the great highway are in the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation department (blue book: https://www.sfmta.com/.../10/blue_book_8th_edition_pdf.pdf section1.3.3.

Then the SF Park and Rec web site with the Master Plan Objectives and Policies has some guidance about nonpark traffic (Section III E on page 3-14):

POLICY E - NONPARK TRAFFIC

Restrict nonpark motor traffic to designated throughways in a manner that fully separates business, shopping, and commute traffic from the park experience.

1. **The Great Highway, Crossover Drive, ParkPresidio Bypass, Kezar Drive, Stanyan Street, Lincoln Way, Fulton Street, Masonic Avenue, and Baker Street should be the basic components of a designated**

throughway system. Private vehicular access to the park proper should be limited from designated throughways and Some provision should be made for north south through traffic movement in the western half of the park. Chain of Lakes Drive carries north-south through traffic, but should remain a minor roadway in keeping with the western park's "naturalistic" character. <https://sfrecpark.org/.../11713/C-Objectives-and-Policies...>)"

Date : 6/21/2021 7:09:22 AM

From : "'Aaron Goodman' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

To : "board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org" board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org

Cc : "Clerk of the Board Alberto Quintanilla" clerk@sfcta.org

Subject : Great Highway - open and mass transit options now.

With multiple big projects on the sunset horizon there is a need to link loop and connect the muni LRV lines on the west side.

Without any shovel ready projects and the ocean masterplan and great highway closure clotting the roadways adjacent it's critical to have a mass transit solution in place prior to discussing any road permanent closures.

It was nice during the pandemic but now it's time to discuss real equity and plans outside the downtown.

Until that occurs we should reopen the great highway and solve for mass transit linkage systems and bi-county transit solutions.

Aaron Goodman D11

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/20/2021 8:30:45 PM

From : "Tad Tassone" tadtassone@gmail.com

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

Subject : Great Highway

We are in favor of reopening the Great Highway to automobile traffic.

Thank you,

Jude T. Tassone
Barbara L. Tassone
30 Westwood Drive
San Francisco

Date : 6/20/2021 8:25:45 PM
From : "Maria Vengerova" maria.vengerova@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway

Dear SFCTA representatives,

Please, open the Great Highway. In terms of the environment, this is the best ecological solution for the city (the ocean cleanses air pollution effectively). In all other respects, this is a natural and convenient way for the people to travel to and from work and recreational areas. The Highway serves well our business, emergency, and routine needs. If you want the Highway to accommodate bikers and non-vehicular traffic, there can be many ways to adjust to their desires, as well, while keeping the Highway open. Please, keep it open!

Best regards,

Maria Vengerova
San Francisco.

Date : 6/20/2021 8:06:41 PM

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Subject : Great Highway

Hello,

I understand there is a hearing coming up regarding Great Highway future plans. I just wanted to write in an express my support for keeping It car-free as it is now.

As a native San Franciscan, I've used this street a lot over the years, both as a driver, using the path as a runner, and biking on the road. I currently visit at least once a week with my family and friends. When the street was closed to cars, it was an amazing transformation. To see people of all ages and walks of life out enjoying the space and access to the beautiful views and Ocean Beach you realized how special it is. It's too valuable of a resource for cars when there are other alternate thoroughfares nearby.

Also the safety issue cannot be ignored. When I used to ride my bike there it could be frightening with some cars tearing down the street at breakneck speeds (and often running red lights). Now this is a place where seniors can stroll, toddlers play, and my own daughter who is a teenager and has been afraid to ride a bike because of cars is now finally learning riding a bike because she feels she has a safe area to do so.

I see this as a similar situation to the Embarcadero and Central Freeways after Loma Prieta earthquake.

We thought we needed them but after they were gone, it turns out there are other options and now the spaces where they once were (The Embarcadero and Hayes Valley) are transformed into vibrant new areas that have revitalized the city.

This resource is too good to use for cars when there are other options nearby to funnel traffic, specifically Sunset Ave. We can figure out a way to divert traffic from the local residential streets so the nearby residents don't take the brunt of this.

I urge you to support keeping Great Highway car free.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Rey

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/20/2021 8:01:29 PM
From : "'Greg Syler' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway

Please consider this a request in favor of reopening the Great Highway and keeping it open. There already is a walking path and it needs to be open to facilitate traffic in San Francisco

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Date : 6/18/2021 5:23:07 PM

From : "'Daniel Healy' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Great Highway

With the added congestion on the alternate routes to and from the closure it is easy to see the increase of auto pollution we are creating to our EPA standards. Please reopen the Great Highway for the health of all San Franciscan not just the few!

Dan Healy

Sent from my iPad

Date : 6/18/2021 12:46:47 PM
From : "Carol Brownson" cdbrownson@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway

I'd like to comment about the future of the Great Highway. We frequently used to drive down it to appreciate the views of the Pacific as we were heading to other destinations.

With my deteriorating ability to walk, I got a mobility scooter. The parks in my neighborhood are all very hilly – not a good place to learn to ride it safely. But it was Covid time and the Great Highway had become the Great Walkway. A lot of flat open space for me to learn. We set it up there, I climbed on and gingerly started off. Soon I was accelerating, breaking and turning properly. People smiled and waved & I found myself floating along in that magical space, the line between San Francisco and the Pacific Ocean. The Great Walkway not only gave me my mobility back, it gave me my life back - an “only in San Francisco” sort of life it is.

Please keep the Great Walkway car-free and safe for all ages of people to learn to ride without threat of being hit by a car.

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Carol Brownson

Date : 6/20/2021 9:31:57 PM
From : "'Hoc Nguyen' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway Hearing

Dear Sir,

We are writing to ask SFCTA members to immediately fully reopen the Great Highway to car traffic.

The State of CA has been reopened after the COVID pandemic. It is time for San Francisco and the Great Highway to return to normalcy as well.

The Great Highway is a vital traffic artery for Northbound/Southbound traffic for the western side of the City. It relieves traffic congestion on 19th Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard. There is already a footpath and the entire beach just a few steps away for foot traffic.

Please do the common sense action and re-open the Great Highway.

Thank you
Hoc Nguyen
Thu Thuy Doan

Date : 6/19/2021 1:20:04 PM

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Subject : Great Highway Park - support Option 3 pilot: full walkway, every
day.**

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

The Great Walkway pilot Option 3 pilot: full walkway, every day— proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents, while collecting better data to make an informed decision.

Would you like to be remembered in SF history as visionary, big-picture, people-centered, environmentalist leaders? Leaders who made a great impact by opening a new park, taking advantage of an opportunity to make possible real change for the benefit of the neighborhood, the city, the region, and the ecosystem?

When the agencies and commissions charged with oversight and management of traffic, transit and public space including the Great Walkway advocate for full walkway, 24/7, increasing numbers of residents enjoying the great walkway, where is the logic in compromising to appease the residents who prioritize driving fast, bypassing a vibrant neighborhood? Why reintroduce traffic to a recreation area, the walking//biking paths, and the beach?

The Option 3 pilot will continue to train vehicle drivers to use other arteries, Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, so that residential street traffic will continue to decrease. Any compromise will exacerbate confusion. More people will drive all the way to the western Sunset, then use neighborhood streets, because they can use

the Great Highway some of the time and don't remember that it is closed other times.

The Sunset and the Richmond need traffic calming, and thoughtful improvements need to continue.

Safe, car-free travel and recreation space also need to continue! It should be a high priority to the City as it is a high priority to people who have discovered the healthy option of exercise and use of outdoor space, and people-powered travel on the Great Walkway in the past year.

The high profile crashes in the Sunset are emblematic of reckless driving that has plagued roadways during the pandemic, not an excuse to open a different road for people to speed on. Traffic violence has not increased in the Sunset even while it has remained high throughout the pandemic elsewhere.

The goals of RPD, a transit-first, Vision Zero, walk-first city, environmental and climate future concerns, all point to the Walkway.

What is the goal of encouraging more driving for a pilot period?

Thank you, and please take care.

Date : 6/20/2021 7:27:35 PM
From : "'Ops' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Great Highway Reopening

Hello,

Please open the Great Highway to cars ASAP. The closure has caused such a mess. It seems as if the City has used COVID to further their carless agenda. Too many families are affected by the closure. There are plenty of places in Golden Gate Park to ride bicycles. The residents of the Richmond, Sunset and neighbouring coastal communities have been suffering for too long and now that we are opening back up the continued closure of the Great Highway is making traffic and safety worse.

Thank You,
Omar Dudum

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/20/2021 11:32:11 PM
From : "betty winholtz" winholtz@sbcglobal.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : great highway

Dear SFCTA:

My message is simple: keep the highway open. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Betty Winholtz

Date : 6/18/2021 3:02:45 PM

From : "'paul stein' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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Subject : Great Highway--I strongly support permanent closure to cars

Dear Supervisors and all,

As a resident of the Parkside/Sunset, I strongly urge you to maintain the Great Highway as a car-free space for walking, biking, roller skating, and communing with nature and our fellow San Franciscans. At a minimum, the outboard lanes on the west side should be kept car-free. This is a golden opportunity to promote the health, happiness, and well-being of all San Franciscans, as well as the millions of people who come to visit each year. With global warming and sea rise already upon us, transit policy must prioritize emission-free ways of getting around the city. If the City decides complete closure is too much too soon, it should adopt a two-lane closure, with an eye toward complete closure within a reasonable period. I ride the Great Highway several times a week on my bike; it's a miraculous resource and should be developed in a way that maximizes recreational opportunities for everyone in the city, protects the environment, and prioritizes people over cars.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Paul Stein
2477 21st Avenue

Date : 6/17/2021 4:20:47 PM

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Subject : Great Hiway

Dear Mayor and SfCTA,

As a. Long time resident of the Richmond District, north of the Golden Gate Park, I would like to ask you to REOPEN the Great Highway..

I walk at least 3 x a week along the Ocean Beach Boardwalk, sometimes on the paved path from Lincoln to Judah and have never had cause to walk along the hiway that is now closed.

My concern is that I also am a car driver and find it so frustrating to have to go around so many streets as I travel from Fulton to drive south to get to Pacifica. What was once ,pre covid, a short and pleasant drive is now a nightmare of detours, and increased times by a lot.

Driving through Chain of Lakes is often bumper to bumper, and confusing to boot.

I am a senior and appreciate this area For it's access to the beach and park for walking and don't think the closing of a main traffic route is necessary now that lockdown is a thing of the past as we all social distanced for the past year and a half.

There are bike lanes for cyclists, and plenty of walking and jogging paths. Please,OPEN The GREAT HIGHWAY!

Sincerely,

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Subject : Great Walkway at Ocean Beach

Thank you so much for making this a matter of public interest and participation. There is a vocal group of people on both sides of this discussion, and it feels like those in favor of cars on the Great Highway are raising their voices and yelling to drown out those who disagree.

I have lived on the Great Highway for 4 years and visited many years before that. While it seems like common sense those who want to walk can use the beach or the path, in truth this experiment with closure has shown there is something about the open highway which attracts many thousands of people daily, especially on weekends. It is a lovely place to go.

I drove Great Highway most days and love the access but would choose to have it closed to cars and open to bikes, skaters, strollers and walkers any day. Golden Gate Park is nice also but Great Highway is different and unique.

I vote to keep it permanently closed to cars.

Thank you.

Eric Jamison

Date : 6/19/2021 2:01:36 PM

From : "'Nicholas Rademacher' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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Subject : I am a senior whose quality of life has been enhanced beyond what words may express. It has been utter joy.

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

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

The pandemic had countless negative impacts, but one of the few silver linings was the creation of The Great 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.

The pilot — proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents and collecting better data to make an informed decision.

* The SFCTA's survey showed that about 80% of San Franciscans support a promenade in some form, with a majority of San Franciscans and Sunset residents supporting a four-lane promenade 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

* SFMTA's data shows that more than 144,000 people are using The Great Highway Park monthly — making it the second-most used public space in San Francisco — and that's before tourists flock to this amazing public space as our city reopens.

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.

Concerns about north-south traffic to/from the Richmond are also valid, and there are a number of ways to improve north-south transportation while keeping The Great Walkway safe and fully open. These include, but are not limited to, diverting car-traffic from Chain of Lakes to Crossover Drive and Great Highway, improving north-south public transit service, optimizing traffic-signal timing on Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, or allowing southbound-traffic to use MLK to get to Sunset Boulevard. Solutions to these concerns are feasible and effective — we can improve north-south travel while keeping The Great Highway Park open for people to safely walk, connect, and commute using sustainable modes.

Making these improvements will be a win-win for everyone involved, while a "compromise" will make everyone upset and leave us worse off. The "weekday/weekend" compromise is problematic, because it marginalizes people who use The Walkway on weekdays (e.g. people who commute using sustainable modes, service-industry workers, childcare providers, families, etc.) and would negatively impact the promenade space by mandating the space be clear for cars. The "half-highway and half-promenade" compromise is problematic, because it would make the promenade more dangerous, noisy, and unhealthy while forcing people using the promenade to navigate sand dunes, making it inaccessible for people with disabilities, kids, and people using bikes.

It's important to address concerns about the Great Highway closure, but the answer is not to kill the Great Highway Park and put cars back on the beautiful and joyous public space. I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

It is difficult to comprehend that preserving this rare environment has not occurred previously. Please act now. Thank you, and please take care.

Nicholas Rademacher
Outer Parkside, Taraval at 47th Ave.
SF resident from 1972

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Subject : I support 2 year pilot of GH closure

Hello,

I am a D2 resident and my family supports the 2 year pilot study closing the Great Highway to personal automobiles. While we've only recently gotten to enjoy the promenade after receiving our vaccinations we think this is an opportunity to transform the waterfront similar to what happened to the Embarcadero. Out of tragedy we improved our city.

The pilot would give us the opportunity to study what is possible, beyond simply closing the street to vehicles we can consider even more substantial changes such as turning it into a proper park and recreational area.

I understand and recognize the issue of equity and I think any study needs to be coupled with what we can do to provide accessible, and affordable transit options so everyone can enjoy the space should we choose to transform it. For example how we recently extended the 30 bus into the Presidio giving people more options to access that special place.

Regards,
Brandon Duncan
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Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway

Climate Change and Vision Zero should be the priority as we come out of this pandemic environment.

As someone who lives in 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.

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Cc : "kristen@sfbike.org" kristen@sfbike.org
Subject : I support a 24/7 closure of the Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As a long time resident of the Richmond District, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7.

I invite you to spend sometime on the closed Great Highway so that you could witness the joy of San Francisco residents of all ages and colors enjoying the freedom and safety of a recreational space with no cars. Let's make something positive out of Covid and permanently close some of the safe streets to traffic.

Not to mention, less cars are better for the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Francine Prophet

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

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in District 7, 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.

Even though some people will be inconvenienced, I think this is right direction for San Francisco for the following reasons:

1. We have a climate crisis. We have about a decade to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels for the planet. San Francisco's biggest problem when it comes to GHGs is emissions from private transportation. We can't justify any public investment that makes it easier to burn fossil fuels by driving.
2. Travel behavior has changed considerably due to COVID-19. Instead of 5 days, I will only be commuting 3 days a week when I return to the office in September. Many of my friends will commute on a selective basis or not commute at all. I think it's a mistake to assume that the demand from private vehicle drivers will return to what it was before. Furthermore, SFMTA ([confirmed by an independent study](#)) is confident that the demand to drive in the Outer Sunset can be absorbed via the existing road network.
3. Meanwhile the Great Walkway has become the 2nd most popular open space in San Francisco. It's crazy to me that we would give up so much demand for active open space for the wants (not even needs) of people to drive their personal automobiles. What kind of message would that send to future generations?

Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.
Thank you,
Sara barz

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

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

I'm a 25-year resident of San Francisco, and I have raised my two kids here in the Castro, in a home that I have owned for 16 years. For most of these past 25 years, I have not owned a car, and we get around primarily by bicycle plus walking and transit.

One of my favorite bike rides during the pandemic has been through Golden Gate Park and along the car-free section of the Great Highway. I've ridden this route with friends and family many times, and it is a vision of a better city - one where we make space to safely enjoy outdoor exercise together with friends and community. The "Great Walkway" as we call it now is such a huge improvement from the scary car-dominated street of old!

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.

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Subject : June 22 public comment - item 11

To the SFCTA Board:

I write today asking you to reject the adoption of the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report due to fundamental flaws in its methodology.

The District 4 Mobility Study, and the CTA, MTA, and RPD's work regarding the closure of the Upper Great Highway to 18,000-22,000 people per day has been irrefutably and irredeemably biased, and the best approach available to the City today is to reopen the Great Highway and start from scratch using a neutral third party to design an unbiased pilot project.

By the very language used in public outreach and internal materials, it is clear that staff have been working to find ways to justify a continued closure of the Upper Great Highway and to continue to exclude the thousands of San Franciscans per day who used to use the Upper Great Highway in cars, both for travel and recreation.

Work conducted to date belies a total lack of understanding of, and intolerance for, people in cars – including a consistent assumption that car drivers do not appreciate the beauty of the Upper Great Highway, and that the presence of people in cars makes it physically impossible for people not in cars to enjoy the Great Highway and the nearby beachfront.

The reports often cite Vision Zero, while ignoring the fact that even if car travel were magically reduced by the closure of the Great Highway (a contention based on a deliberate misunderstanding of the fundamental mechanics of induced demand), the remaining car trips on the streets of the Sunset will **increase the number of potential pedestrian-vehicle conflict points by a factor of four to eight**. They cite Transit First, while forgetting that the ordinance states that “the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods” – a portion of the ordinance that stands in direct conflict with the closure of the Upper Great Highway.

The pieces of the report that have been made available so far show the pervasive bias in the creation of the Upper Great Highway alternatives and how they have been advertised to the people of San Francisco. Graphics shared to show the alternatives were cropped to over-emphasize the small portion of the public right-of-way on which people in cars are allowed. Documents cite a voluntary survey as if it were scientific, even though it was written with biased questions and was not distributed in a statistically random manner – guaranteeing selection bias in the responses.

Despite many pleas from the public to acknowledge the shortcomings of the survey, SFCTA staff still proudly cite “nearly 4,000 responses” – meanwhile, a [change.org petition](#) to reopen the Great Highway to all has **over twice the number of signatures**, but is never mentioned by CTA reports.

As progressives, we should believe in good government and accountability. This report is not good government – it is corruption. While its perpetrators may believe in their cause,

the fact is that they are subverting public processes to meet their own ideological goals. Such well-meaning corruption cannot be forgiven any more than we should forgive the actions of former Public Works Director Nuru.

Please reject this biased, fundamentally flawed report. The people of San Francisco cannot sign their names to such a document. Let us start over and let the voice of the public, not the idealogues, be heard.

Sincerely,
Chris DiPrima
District 9 resident

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Subject : Keep cars off the Great Highway

Please keep the Great Highway open: to pedestrians and bicyclists, to wheel chair users and strollers, to roller skates and skateboards.

Yes, that means closing the Great Highway to cars.

I have lived in San Francisco for more than 35 years. This whole time, I have wondered why San Francisco so resolutely turned its back on the ocean and turned away from the Pacific Rim, from the sunset and the waves, leaving the ocean to a few tourists at Land's End and a few surfers at Ocean Beach.

The Pandemic has changed that. I've bicycled from my home in the Mission to the Great Highway two to four times a week for most of the pandemic. I almost never did before the pandemic; the shoulder was full of sand and narrow, too close to speeding cars. The pathway was uneven and unpleasant, and views to the ocean were blocked.

But now, whether it's a glorious, sunny, weekend day or a cold, blustery, Monday morning, the Great Highway is always full of San Franciscans enjoying our new, world-class promenade. There's room for little kids to learn to ride a bike and road bikers to go fast and old bikers like me to take our time and enjoy the waves, for scooters to scoot and skaters to go backwards with headphones oblivious to the world. There's room for old couples to walk and young parents to push carriages. Dog walkers have space to let their leashes out. The good pavement makes the Highway accessible for wheel chairs in a way the bumpy, narrow walkway never was. The Great Highway opens us up to the Ocean for the first time since I've lived here, and has drawn me over the hill to the Ocean again and again.

We don't need the Great Highway to keep traffic moving. The Highway regularly gets closed because of blown sand, and drivers were used to using alternatives like Sunset Blvd even before the Pandemic. Closing the Great Highway to cars (while opening it to people not in cars) doesn't prevent people with mobility issues from getting to ocean. Once someone is in a car, all of Highway One is accessible to them,

with miles of beaches within a half-hour's drive, while like I said before, the Great Highway is a now a great place for a roll-and-stroll. Some argue that restricting cars on the Great Highway is racist, that it makes access to the ocean and parks more difficult for people of color from the poorly-served-by-public-transit southeast of The City, but that's a false argument. Opening the Great Highway to cars adds no parking places near the ocean, doesn't improve public transit in the southeast, and doesn't remedy decades of underinvestment in McLaren Park or Candlestick Point State Park, which both could be spectacular.

Please, don't choose one of the false compromises on offer. Don't close the city to the Ocean again. Keep one of the few good things that came from our months of lock-down. Keep all four lanes of the Great Highway open to us, the people, in our walking, bicycling, scooting, skating, wheeling glory.

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Subject : Keep Great Walkway Kid Safe!

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

The pandemic had countless negative impacts, but one of the few silver linings was the creation of The Great Walkway (and other people-first spaces in our city). The Walkway has given countless residents a safe place to walk, roll, and connect, and we must save it by approving a pilot to extend the promenade's life while continuing to invest in traffic-calming and north-south transportation improvements.

I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The pilot — proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents and collecting better data to make an informed decision.

The SFCTA's survey showed that about 80% of San Franciscans support a promenade in some form, with a majority of San Franciscans and Sunset residents supporting a four-lane promenade 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. SFMTA's data shows that more than 144,000 people are using The Great Walkway monthly — making it the second-most used public space in San Francisco — and that's before tourists flock to this amazing public space as our city reopens. It's clear that the majority of San Franciscans love The Great Walkway 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.

Concerns about north-south traffic to/from the Richmond are valid, and there are a number of ways to improve north-south transportation while keeping The Great Walkway safe and fully open. These include, but are not limited to, diverting car-traffic from Chain of Lakes to Crossover Drive and Great Highway, improving north-south public transit service, optimizing traffic-signal timing on Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, or allowing southbound-traffic to use MLK to get to Sunset Boulevard. Solutions to these concerns are feasible and effective — we can improve north-south travel while keeping The Great Walkway open for people to safely walk, connect, and commute using sustainable modes. Making these improvements will be a win-win for everyone involved, while a "compromise" will make everyone upset and leave us worse off.

The “weekday/weekend” compromise is problematic, because it marginalizes people who use The Walkway on weekdays (e.g. people who commute using sustainable modes, service-industry workers, childcare providers, families, etc.) and would negatively impact the promenade space by mandating the space be clear for cars.

The “half-highway and half-promenade” compromise is problematic, because it would make the promenade more dangerous, noisy, and unhealthy while forcing people using the promenade to navigate sand dunes, making it inaccessible for people with disabilities, kids, and people using bikes.

It's important to address concerns about the Great Highway closure, but the answer is not to kill the Great Walkway and put cars back on the beautiful and joyous public space.

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

Thank you, and please take care.

- Alice Ahn

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Subject : Keep The Great Bike(High)way Closed

Hi.

I really hope you will read my email although I know you will receive a lot.

I am hearing that some of our supervisors are planning on reopening the great highway.

This is a really bad idea and I would like you to reconsider this decision.

When the pandemic hit and the road closure program started nobody expected such success. Nobody including our supervisors and Mayor.

So many cyclists and pedestrians have enjoyed this new safe area.

Do not answer to the wish of the car supremacists. This minority wants cars to dominate our cities.

Please keep The Great Highway and JFK closed for the benefit of all San Franciscans.

Thank you for taking the time to read me.

Happy to talk to you if you would like.

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Subject : Keep the Great Highway as a Walkway

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

Hi. I'm a senior who has lived at 46th Ave (btwn Q&R) since 1993. Never has the quality of my life, and I believe the neighborhood's life, been better since the UGH has been closed to traffic. I bike on the UGH every morning for an hour, and then often again in the afternoon. That, and the less auto exhaust, has improved my health and I believe I will live longer because of it.

My observation is that by now most of the traffic that used the UGH no longer comes through the residential streets due to the calming measures and the fact that it simply is no longer an efficient choice. If you open the UGH back up to traffic, all of that hard earned learned behavior will be wasted.

The future of the UGH is here. Please keep the traffic off.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Perry

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Subject : Let's keep the Great Walkway for people & bikes 24/7!

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As both a resident of District 8 and a co-lead of Urban Environmentalists (<http://urbanenvironmentalists.org>), I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the entire Great Walkway, 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. I've enjoyed lovely bike rides with my partner, covid-safe socializing on the Bike Coalition's women & non-binary ride, and a safe place to be outdoors with my 4 year old niece as well.

Our city's largest source 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 conversion to public space and people-powered mobility 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.

Plus, as climate change makes neighborhoods farther east hotter and potentially unsafe for vulnerable populations without air conditioning, it's important to make our more temperate oceanfront land welcoming to the public.

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

Thanks,

Joanna Gubman

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Subject : Open Great Highway

Please open up the Great Highway. While it has been a temporary solution to the Stay at Home orders during the Pandemic to get out and get some fresh air, the Great Highway is not intended as a park or recreational area for pedestrians, strollers, skaters, and bikes. The main purpose of the Great Highway is a highway to get across town especially for me to get to the SF Veteran's Medical Center at 4150 Clement St from the SF Bayview neighborhood in the southeastern part of the city.

I have a partner residing at the VA Hospital for two months now. To visit each day I have to deal with the detour on La Playa St which is parallel to the Great Highway. This is a narrow crowded street with cars back to back driving to Lincoln Ave to get back on the Great Highway.

The Great Highway with two lanes in each direction is the practical solution to travel by car to get to the VA Medical Center with synchronized traffic lights perfectly timed to calm traffic compared to the congestion on La Playa St.

The other alternative is driving down Sunset Blvd and having to go thru Golden Gate Park to Chain of Lakes Rd to get to the Richmond District to get to the VA Medical Center. I'd prefer driving down the Great Highway any day.

Please open up the Great Highway.

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Subject : Open the great highway

Hi,

I'm a resident of the outer Richmond district. I used to take the Great Highway and hop on to the I-280 to work and school everyday to avoid the congestion on 19th Ave. It brought me great convenience, and I think most the residents who commute daily feel the same way too. As California reopens, traffic is back to normal gradually. And with the Great Highway still closed, much of the traffic is being diverted to the already congested 19th Ave, plus the road work that's underway, heavy congestion is happening everyday especially during the rush hours; huge delays make people annoyed and cause more road rages and bad driving manners than before. I noticed there are rapid increase of speeding and running stop signs. Therefore I hope that the authority reopens the Great Highway and let it ease the heavy traffic.

Thank you
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Subject : Open the Great Highway

To whom it may concern:

In my view, keeping the Great Highway closed is unnecessary and counterproductive. There are enough paths and embankments for people to walk on alongside the highway, and using a four-lane road to accommodate relatively few walkers makes no sense. The highway was intended for cars: it is relatively far away from houses and is separated from them by a raised walkway

Vehicle traffic is currently being diverted so that cars pass closer to houses, burning more gas, creating more noise and pollution, wasting people's time, and harming the environment. The pandemic is over, and the artificial road closures should be ended as well.

Best regards,

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Subject : Open the Great Highway

I am writing in support of opening the Great Highway. The Great Highway is an important main travel route for those who need to get across the city without creating traffic jams going through the park, specifically at the park entrances and exits of 43rd Ave & Fulton and Lincoln. During peak travel times, cars are bumper to bumper, inching across the two lane road waiting at three four-way stop signs just to get across town! Wasted time and air pollution!

Please open up the Great Highway! We have more than enough open space for walking, biking, hiking, etc. The great highway is a main thoroughfare and it's time to open it back up so we can get back to a sense of normalcy!

Thank you!

Janice
Richmond district resident

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Subject : Open the great highway

Please open the great highway and all the safe streets as soon as possible. Traffic is so bad going to/from the Sunset/Richmond because of the closure. If you permanently close it, you will see that traffic is horrendous going forward and people will later complain. 19th Avenue is already a mess and Sunset Blvd has most of the traffic but without the great highway opening, everything will be much worse.

Nancy Lim

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Subject : Open the Great Highway

Dear Leadership of San Francisco,

During COVID, the Great Highway was closed to cars to provide greater outdoor space. Due to the outstanding leadership and residents of this city, we no longer are in lockdown, and businesses, schools and communities can resume some normalcy.

I disagree regarding the plan to keep the Great Highway closed as a two year pilot study. It has been closed for 18 months already, so what is the purpose of a two year study? There is already an existing beach walkway, lower Great Highway street access, Golden Gate Park road closures and the entire Ocean beach for recreational use.

There are many residents, families, seniors and people with physical disabilities who must travel south to north on weekdays on the western side of the city. Also on weekends there are many music festivals and foot race events that close off roads for many days per year. With the Great Highway closed, it produces great stress and gridlock on the only other north/south roadways which are 19th Avenue and the Chain of Lakes two lane road going through the park. More consideration should be taken for the residents of the Richmond and Sunset district as we are not being fairly represented regarding this issue.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPad

Date : 6/20/2021 9:09:59 PM
From : "Debra Howard" deb127@sbcglobal.net
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Subject : Open the Great Highway
Attachment : mime-attachment (9.38 KB);

Date : 6/9/2021 5:54:51 AM
From : "Debra Howard"
To : "MTSBoard@sfmta.com"
Subject : Open the Great Highway

My name is Debra Howard and I am a resident of the Sunset for 40 years.
I am also a recently retired Registered Nurse and the Upper Great Highway was a lifesaver for getting me back-and-forth to work at the VA Hospital for over 30 years.

I also walk along the Great Highway Seawall Promenade, which is parallel to the UGH, and runs from Noriega to Santiago Streets, almost every day for the last 20 years, and not only is there that area for pedestrians and cyclists, but on the opposite side of the UGH is a beautiful paved path that extends from Sloat Boulevard to Lincoln Avenue.

There is also the entire Ocean Beach available that extends for miles.

Keeping the UGH closed would be a nightmare for several reasons.

Not only is it the main artery for us to get in and out of the city, but as a active NERT member, I'm very concerned about emergency vehicles accessing all of us quickly out in the Outer Avenues if the UGH is no longer an option.

If we have a large enough earthquake, which will occur as it is just a matter of time before we do, how are the emergency vehicles and others going to get to us to administer help, food, water and medical supplies?

I'm also concerned if there are any swimmers or surfers in the ocean that are under duress, because I have no idea how fire engines and other emergency vehicles are going to access the beach in a timely manner in order to save people from drowning or resuscitate a heart attack victim if they do not have a direct path to access the beach.

Every medical emergency requires as rapid a response as possible!!

It is common knowledge that on our few very warm days each year that there are several emergencies at Ocean Beach with people either drowning or near drowning and the SFFD has always used the UGH to access the beach in order to provide rescue.

We do not need more recreational space in this area as there is sufficient room for everyone as there is. As I mentioned, I walk here nearly every day, seven days a week, and never encountered any issues as a pedestrian with the UGH open.

The speed limit is 35 miles an hour, the signal lights are timed, and there are no turns allowed from Sloat to Lincoln in either direction which keeps the highway very safe.

All of the crosswalks have signal lights as well.

I respect what the beach and surrounding areas offer to everyone, but people that are now coming from all different areas of the City and outside of SF due to the pandemic shelter in place edict, are forced to drive and park on the Lower Great Highway, which not only impacts the safety of the residents all along the LGH, but there is quite a bit of disrespect for the speed limit, the stop signs, driveways, crossing pedestrians and the increased volume of traffic cannot continue to be supported on a narrow 2 lane street.

I fail to comprehend why the Upper Great Highway cannot remain exactly that, a highway.

Ironically, and sadly, because recently parts of the Great Highway Seawall Promenade are now covered in sand with piles that I cannot walk over easily, I did walk along the UGH last week for about a block and a half.

There is nothing comfortable about walking on a concrete surface that was made for cars and not peoples feet!!!

The city is slated to open on June 15th and with people getting back to work etc., you have created a nightmare that was totally unnecessary and should be rectified as soon as possible.

We also have to contend with the construction that will be going on for several years on 19th Ave. as well as the constant back ups now through Golden Gate Park as people search frantically for alternate routes.

Golden Gate Park, Fort Funston, the walkways on either side of the UGH and other nearby areas, ie, Stern Grove, have always provided more than enough room for everyone.

As you are aware, there have been several car accidents, including rollovers on the LGH, since the UGH closed last March.

It's only a matter of time before there is a fatality.

I hear grumbling all the time from UPS, FedEx, and other delivery people that it is a nightmare for them to reach this area because the main artery, the UGH, is no longer available to them.

Multiply that with the thousands of commuters every day forced to use the surrounding streets, as well as the large semi trucks, and one cannot fail to see the environmental impact this causes, not only to the residents but to ocean flora and fauna as well.

Are you aware that the snowy plover has a protected area on Ocean Beach?

But now that the UGH is closed to cars, it is a free-for-all for pedestrians without having only the specific cross streets available to access the beach now, and throngs of people tamp down the dunes when trampling across them all the time to create one big playground, which has also impacted and damaged the ice plants and the seagrass.

I was coined the "Ambassador of the Great Highway Seawall Promenade" by Supervisor Katy Tang over seven years ago, and I worked very closely with her Staff and DPW in consistently having the sand piles removed as well as additional trash cans supplied and emptied on a routine basis.

Now that there is quite an enormous increase in the amount of filth, garbage, empty take-out food containers, liquor bottles, beer bottles and human waste in the 22 trash cans along the six blocks (Noriega to Santiago) during the last 15 months, it is difficult to keep up with keeping it clean with the additional people that flock to this area on the weekends.

Even more frustrating, as due to the pandemic, the staff is greatly reduced at DPW so it is difficult for me to get the areas cleaned as often as they need to be right now.

Not only are the trash cans overflowing every day, but the crows, ravens and seagulls pick out the containers and strew all the paper goods along the promenade.

Sadly, I believe because it is not "their neighborhood", many people who visit the area have no vested interest in keeping it clean and they certainly do not "take out what they bring in".

There are also the same amount of bathroom facilities as they were pre-pandemic which is not sufficient.

I also find it quite ironic that when I try to cross at Rivera Street to start my walk along the promenade, that I never had any anxiety about crossing the street when the light was green and there were cars, but now because the bicyclists are riding in all directions, as do joggers and many dog walkers, I find I now have to walk carefully while crossing the street.

We truly do not need yet another four lanes of concrete for people, who do not even live in the area, to come to walk and bike, when there are so many places within a 2 mile radius which are meant for recreation.

I have heard quite a few arguments, and sadly many have been quite rude and tinged with a sense of entitlement, from the SF bicycle coalition which does not grasp that not everyone is a 20 to 40 year old bike rider that can easily get around without a car.

I am very irritated with the sense of entitlement that cyclists have exhibited in SF for the last decade, as they never seem willing to compromise.

I think the City is for all of us and we have to accommodate everyone.

I'm hard-pressed to believe that the demographics of the Outer Sunset and Outer Richmond are not predominately people over the age of 50.

The entire time I worked as a nurse I could never rely on public transportation because I would have to leave home at 6 AM every day and hope that a bus would come and I would not be late for the start of a 7 AM shift.

Considering it was a 13 minute drive, there were no other options for me but to drive as I could not risk not getting to work late, so it is a moot point to think that all people can rely on public transportation in SF.

I hope that you will take my comments seriously and into consideration when you make a decision about reopening the Upper Great Highway.

Sincerely,
Debra Howard

Date : 6/20/2021 8:17:54 PM

From : "Susan McKeon" mckeonsf@comcast.net

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

Subject : Open the great highway

You told us the great highway was closed on a temporary basis. Now we have to debate on whether to keep it closed or open it back up? It is one of the main thoroughfares in the city and it keeps cars out of the neighborhood. It is a highway not a walkway. You need to re-open the great highway as well as the slow streets.

Susan McKeon
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Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/20/2021 7:42:49 PM
From : "'leeyesiu' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway

The complete closure of the Great Highway is a slap in the face to those who need to commute to the Outer Richmond. And, is in total disregard to the San Francisco VA Hospital that sits on top of the hill of 42nd and Clement. My father, who lives in Daly City, fell down a few weeks ago, and requested to go to the VA Medical Center in San Francisco because that is where he gets his care. He has a complex medical history, which includes peritoneal dialysis at home, and so wanted to go to the place where they know how to properly take care of him. The EMTs were hesitant to take him to the SFVA because of the Great Highway closure. They said that they should not take city roads and should take a highway. Instead, they took him to Zuckergurg San Francisco General, where they ended up transferring him to SFVA anyways because they were not equipped to handle his care. This delay caused my father to skip his dialysis treatment for over 36 hours, which cascaded to a myriad of kidney complications which ended up with an over 3 week hospital stay (which, remember, his original reason for going was because of his fall). I cannot imagine this safety issue to be acceptable to anyone.

Sincerely,

Judy Lee

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Date : 6/20/2021 9:35:48 PM

From : "Patrick" pgmulligan@gmail.com

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Subject : open the Great Highway to cars

Dear Chair Mandelman & Commissioners,

As someone who lives in district 7, I am asking the SFCTA to re-open the Great Highway to cars now that pandemic related restrictions have largely been removed. Since April 2020, I have gone on daily walks in various neighborhoods/parks around San Francisco, with a weekly walk along the Great Highway. While I did initially use the Great Highway road for walks, I found the beach to be a much more scenic experience and far easier to maintain social distancing.

Until a more extensive commitment is made to public transit in the Sunset, the neighborhood residents are largely dependent on cars and the Great Highway serves as one of the few essential North/South roads.

I appreciate the swift accommodations taken during the start of the Pandemic last year, but it is time to return the road to regular car traffic. The beach is the best place to take a walk.

-Patrick Mulligan

Date : 6/17/2021 2:37:03 PM
From : "William Isham" ishwish00@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway!
PLEASE! For so many reasons...

Sincerely,

William Isham

Date : 6/20/2021 8:26:49 PM
From : "Helen Galvin" helengal@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : OPEN the GREAT HIGHWAY!

To whom it may concern:

This beautiful, scenic and very important throughway to the peninsula needs to be reopened ! Especially for those living in the Northwest of San Francisco. Nineteenth Avenue is becoming a nightmare to travel, not just because of the endless construction going on there but also because it's now the only way down there and I understand there are plans afoot to close one of the 3 lanes going South .

Please re-open The Great Highway

Sincerely ,

Helen Galvin MD

Date : 6/20/2021 11:25:55 PM
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Subject : Open the Great Highway

The closure of the Great Highway has created major traffic congestion, while also decreasing livability and quality of life in the Outer sunset, Richmond and surrounding areas.

[According to D4 mobility study](#) completed by SFCTA, during the week the average number of cars using GHW was 17,000-19,000 (pre-Covid). That is more than 17,000 cars to be pushed through residential neighborhoods.

Now people return to work and kids go back to school, traffic, gridlock, anger, frustration will get much worse.

Never put recreational use of any roads above the normal use for work and school, please open the great highway and slow streets!

Thank you!

Date : 6/20/2021 9:53:47 PM

From : chadbrenle@hotmail.com

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

Subject : Open the Great Hwy!

Please open the Great Highway! This is part of my regular commute as an outer Richmond resident and this closure has caused me and many people anguish and costs us a lot of time. In addition, it disrupts the traffic patterns all through the outer sunset which I'm sure is an issue for many of the residents there.

If the closure is under the guise of having a place to walk or ride bikes, there are plenty of other options. I'm pretty sure this is just an excuse to get out of maintaining the highway. San Francisco always cheats out when it comes to our neighborhoods out here. We pay taxes too! The Great Highway is our only realistic commute option. Please open it back up! Highways are for driving!

Thanks,
Chad Brenle

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 6/20/2021 8:16:06 PM

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

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

Subject : Please Allow cars on the Great Highway

To the Clerk of the Transportation Authority,

I would like to voice my support for opening the Great Highway back up for cars, at least on weekdays. It would reduce congestion and speeding on nearby streets, and greatly help traffic to and from the Richmond and Sunset Districts. Traffic on 19th Avenue and through the park has been markedly worse. Speeding on streets near the GH has been worse. I have used the GH recreationally in the past few months, and everything I did could have been done on the existing walkways. There really was not a huge reason to have the roadway blocked from traffic. The benefits are relatively small, and the cost to those it impacts is great.

Thank you

Kris Fong

Date : 6/19/2021 12:31:52 PM

From : "'Nathan Powell' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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Subject : Please find a way to save the Great Highway Park

To all those charting San Francisco's path into the future,

Though prompted by the terrible pandemic, it's been wonderful to see the ways in which we've explored alternatives to past usage of public space such as outdoor dining, slow streets, and of course, the Great Walkway. I think they offer a path forward into a more vibrant, neighborly, and active City, focused more on shared spaces supporting even greater community culture and a plethora of activities. It's been amazing to watch parents pushing strollers side by side, skaters practicing, kids learning to ride on a long flat surface, and all of it happening all at once, together. I know of no other place in the whole City where such things can occur, and then we add to that the beauty of the sunset over the ocean, and the incredible convenience to a swathe of residents in the middle of the outer Sunset who are not close to any other large parks, I just think it's an incredible, nearly world-class asset to the community.

I get that there are some down in Daly City and up in the Outer Richmond for whom the Great Highway was a convenient car route, but I think that the planned shutdown of the Sloat-Skyline connector already requires a rethinking of that route, and I would hope that we find other ways to accommodate those drivers rather than returning some of the most precious space in the country to the near-exclusive use by cars, especially when it's almost never the most direct route.

I understand there are some hybrid-use options, but I think mixing the use likely leads to frustrated visiting drivers discovering that it's not an available route and then driving up the avenues, and possibly unsafe situations where people don't realize that the space has been switched to automotive use until they have cars bearing down on them. It also seems like it would be more expensive to maintain the space for both uses; if it becomes a permanent recreational space, then the City doesn't have to maintain traffic lights, can be more relaxed about sand removal, and can perform surface maintenance without establishing detours and scheduling around commute hours, etc. A hybrid space would need all that plus any expense there might be to manage recreational usage.

Best to use it all one way or all the other. But using it as an automotive thoroughfare already entails many unpredictable days a year of closure for sand removal or flooding, and then in a few years the connector to Skyline goes away and we'll almost certainly be having this conversation again. It seems most direct to just focus on making the transition now, enjoying the benefits right away and mitigating the impact of the change in advance.

I hope you can bring a beautiful future into being sooner rather than later.

Thank you,
Nathan Powell
Outer Parkside

Date : 6/20/2021 8:43:51 PM
From : "'Mechell67' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please Open the Great Highway

To the San Francisco County Transportation Authority,

I am sending this email in support of my vote to please **OPEN THE GREAT HIGHWAY.**

Also:

- Please open all the other slow streets **as soon as possible**, including 41st Avenue.
- Please remove the no right turn restrictions on Lower Great Highway, La Playa, 48th, and 47th avenues.

We need to open up the streets of San Francisco again, PLEASE.

Thank you,

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Date : 6/21/2021 8:12:22 AM

From : "'Susanne Maruoka' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Please open the Great Highway

The right decision was made in spring 2020 to close the Great Highway as San Francisco was gripped by the pandemic. Thousands appreciated and enjoyed the additional space to safely get outdoors.

It is now summer 2021 and we are gradually returning to a more normal way of life. Schools will be soon be open, people are returning to work, tourists are venturing to SF.

Traffic along the western edge of the city reflects this activity with congestion, endless bottlenecks, and frustrated people attempting to resume life again.

Please make the right decision summer 2021 and open the Great Highway.

You will be rewarded by applause and accolades from those of us who have patiently waited for the opportunity to navigate the Outer Richmond and Outer Sunset safely once again.

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Date : 6/19/2021 2:12:54 PM

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Subject : Please please keep Great Highway Park closed to cars

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

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.

The pilot — proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents and collecting better data to make an informed decision.

* The SFCTA's survey showed that about 80% of San Franciscans support a promenade in some form, with a majority of San Franciscans and Sunset residents supporting a four-lane promenade 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
* SFMTA's data shows that more than 144,000 people are using The Great Highway Park monthly — making it the second-most used public space in San Francisco — and that's before tourists flock to this amazing public space as our city reopens.

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.

Concerns about north-south traffic to/from the Richmond are also valid, and there are a number of ways to improve north-south transportation while keeping The Great Walkway safe and fully open. These include, but are not limited to, diverting car-traffic from Chain of Lakes to Crossover Drive and Great Highway, improving north-south public transit service, optimizing traffic-signal timing on Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, or allowing southbound-traffic to use MLK to get to Sunset Boulevard. Solutions to these concerns are feasible and effective — we can improve north-south travel while keeping The Great Highway Park open for people to safely walk, connect, and commute using sustainable modes.

Making these improvements will be a win-win for

everyone involved, while a "compromise" will make everyone upset and leave us worse off. The "weekday/weekend" compromise is problematic, because it marginalizes people who use The Walkway on weekdays (e.g. people who commute using sustainable modes, service-industry workers, childcare providers, families, etc.) and would negatively impact the promenade space by mandating the space be clear for cars. The "half-highway and half-promenade" compromise is problematic, because it would make the promenade more dangerous, noisy, and unhealthy while forcing people using the promenade to navigate sand dunes, making it inaccessible for people with disabilities, kids, and people using bikes.

It's important to address concerns about the Great Highway closure, but the answer is not to kill the Great Highway Park and put cars back on the beautiful and joyous public space. I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you, and please take care.

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

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

Writing as a resident and home owner in the Outer Sunset to state my full support for saving the Great Highway Park! It has had such a positive impact on my mental health during this time and I cannot imagine life in the community without it. I hope you will consider this in making your decision.

All my best,
Cecily Lloyd

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To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Please reopen the Great Highway!!!

To whom this may concern,

I'm writing in support of reopening the Great Highway in San Francisco. I travel between the Richmond district and Sunset often because my parents and I live in these neighborhoods. Congestion throughout Golden Gate Park has increased immensely with the closure. I understand why it was necessary but with the city reopened and restrictions lifted, we no longer need the Great Highway to remain closed.

There's already many streets in the city that are designated "slow streets". There's many other recreational areas and parks that cyclists and pedestrians can use. I'm very surprised the city is even considering keeping the Great Highway closed with the amount of increased traffic and construction in surrounding areas. I urge decision makers to please reopen the Great Highway now, it's long overdue!

Best regards,

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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?

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Thank you for your great work.

Best,
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Martha Ehrenfeld
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I really have enjoyed riding my beach cruiser along the Great Highway of late (photo attached). My bike was bought used (\$45!) during the height of pandemic, and since she is a light orange color, I named her Velveeta. I don't own a car, and am mindful of the fact that most pavement in this city is dedicated to the automobile. Maybe it's time to re-evaluate the assumption that the dominant paradigm is the best paradigm. Velveeta certainly doesn't think all pavement need be dedicated to cars. We are all taxpayers and cyclists pay for those roads, too.

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Very respectfully yours, Lydia Brown (Outer Richmond Resident)



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Sincerely

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When the Upper Great Highway was used by cars it was incredibly unsafe. Cars routinely ran the timed lights. My partner, 1 year old and 5 year old were all struck by a car while attempting to cross at the Noriega crosswalk several years ago. Any sort of hybrid option will surely make horrible incidents such as this.

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Making these improvements will be a win-win for everyone involved, while a "compromise" will make everyone upset and leave us worse off. The "weekday/weekend" compromise is problematic, because it marginalizes people who use The Walkway on weekdays (e.g. people who commute using sustainable modes, service-industry workers, childcare providers, families, etc.) and would negatively impact the promenade space by mandating the space be clear for cars. The "half-highway and half-promenade" compromise is problematic, because it would make the promenade more dangerous, noisy, and unhealthy while forcing people using the promenade to navigate sand dunes, making it inaccessible for people with disabilities, kids, and people using bikes.

It's important to address concerns about the Great Highway closure, but the answer is not to kill the Great Highway Park and put cars back on the beautiful and joyous public space. I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you, and please take care.

Bernie McGinn
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Subject : Please support a two-year pilot to save the Great Walkway

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

I absolutely love rolling blading, biking and walking with my friends on the Great Walkway. 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.

The pilot — proposed by the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and supported by RPD's Commission and SFMTA's Board — will allow RPD/SFMTA to address car-traffic concerns while increasing access to The Walkway for a diverse group of residents and collecting better data to make an informed decision.

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Thank you, and please take care.

-Theresa Carper

Date : 6/21/2021 6:56:03 AM

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Subject : Please support the Great Highway Park pilot**

Dear Supervisors & Commissioners,

Over the past year and a half, the pandemic has had many negative impacts. As an Outer Sunset resident, The Great Highway Park (and other people-first, safe-street efforts) have been one of the positives. Our family regularly enjoys the space by going on walks, runs and bike rides. The Great Highway Park (as well as other safe street spaces) connects us to other people and to other parts of the city - we feel much safer biking from the Outer Sunset through Golden Gate Park and across Page Street, all corridors with limited or no car traffic.

We urge you to approve a pilot to extend the promenade's life while continuing to invest in traffic-calming and north-south transportation improvements.

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Thank you, and please take care.

John Barkis

Date : 6/20/2021 7:00:50 AM

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Subject : Please support the Great Highway Park**

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

My family and I strongly support keeping the upper Great highway a car free zone. It's wonderful to see people of all ages out using it, in all different ways. It makes our neighborhood much less cut off from our beautiful ocean and beach. It's a great place for kids to learn how to ride their bike, for old people to walk, for people to skateboard, for people to watch the sunset, and everything else.

We do drive in town, including drives through the sunset and to the richmond. If there's a trade-off, making those drives longer, it's worth it. Traffic calming and blocking entrances from Lincoln to the lower Great highway and the first couple streets seems to have really helped the lower Great highway. It feels safe, and not overcrowded.

Please please keep this public space. Cars can make it through on Sunset and 19th.

****Just like the earthquake knocking down the embarcadero freeway made our downtown a much better place, the pandemic opening up the upper Great highway makes the West part of our city a much better place.****

Thank you very much for your service and your consideration.

Read Vanderbilt
Gretchen Rubel
Owners and residents, 2639 42nd Ave, 94116

Date : 6/20/2021 8:52:21 PM

From : "Judi Yabumoto" jsyabumoto1@outlook.com

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

Subject : Public hearing on 6/22/21

Attachment : re-open the great highway hearing on 6_10_21 - Copy.eml;

To the Clerk of the Transportation Authority:

For public commentary at SFCTA meeting on 6/22/21, please accept this email sent to 6/10/21 meeting on same subject. Copy was also sent to Supervisor Mar's office.

A major question I and many others have: **what were the demographics of the residents who participated in the surveys cited in all the mobility reports. How much outreach was done to have ALL segments of the population participate.**

Thank you,
Judi S. Yabumoto
District 4 resident in outer Sunset

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Date : 6/20/2021 9:13:46 PM
From : "John Park" josparkcom@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : re: Hearing on the Fate of the Great Highway

Dear SFCTA,

The reasonable and fair course of action would be to restore the Great Highway and reopen it to cars, the way it was before the pandemic.

The transportation and commuting needs of the many outweighs the recreational needs of the few – especially when there are so many recreational alternatives.

- There is already a great walkway – the huge beach next to the Great Highway!
- There is already an elevated bicycle/pedestrian walkway next to the Great Highway!
- Bicycles already had a bike lane on the Great Highway.
- Golden Gate Park – one of the largest urban parks on the West Coast is already nearby!
- During any given day, exponentially more people in cars would use the GH than recreational users.
- During bad weather, rain, fog, night-time – cars can still use the Great Highway. Recreational use of the Great Highway is fickle and often dependent on nice conditions. More drivers and passengers can use and need the GH than recreational users.

Closing the Great Highway:

- Increases car undesired traffic into residential neighborhoods and increases pedestrian danger by diverting traffic flow into the Sunset.
- It increases pollution by diverting traffic 19th Ave – which already experience traffic issues. 19th ave has construction, and is often jammed during peak hours. This pushes a burden onto that neighborhood.
- It also diverts traffic onto Sunset Blvd – where there are more pedestrian crossings. It is next to Saint Ignatius School. North-South traffic is safer and more expedient if on the Great Highway rather than Sunset Blvd. And pushes a burden onto that neighborhood too.

Did your committee adequately and democratically canvas and survey the neighborhoods surrounding 19th ave and Sunset blvd to get their opinion and input on keeping the Great Highway closed to cars? Are they aware of the negative impact on this decision on their neighborhoods?

It cannot be denied nor should it be ignored. It is overwhelmingly more logical and practical, and more fair to more people, to restore the Great Highway, than to keep it in this condition!

Sincerely,
--John Park, San Francisco resident, citizen, & voter.

Date : 6/20/2021 8:19:06 PM
From : "Peter Truong" petertruong105@gmail.com
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Subject : RE: Keep the Great Highway open and as a highway!

SFCTA,

I live in the neighborhood and have enjoyed the space to walk around during the pandemic. With that said, the pandemic is nearing its end and the intention of the closure has fulfilled its purpose.

It's time to open the highway!

While the city opens back up we've already started to see the traffic problem of the area. Pushing that traffic to other streets increases travel distances/time, increases gridlock, increases emissions, increases needless infrastructure spending, and endangers people!

It's extremely selfish for the few to needlessly take the highway for themselves as motorists and the entire bay area suffer the closure of a major road for novelty reasons. There are no highways or freeways on this side of the city! There are many other options for those who want recreational space. Ride bikes on the bike path and walk on the sidewalk or the beautiful beach or park!

It's ridiculous that people are trying to force through without a city vote. And the money that has been allocated to it being an option is frustrating to hear as this city is facing so many other issues that should take priority. This is another illustration of the city catering to the haves who are looking to increase their property value and ignoring the have-nots who have to suffer.

Open the highway. The people need it! The Bay Area needs it! The city needs it!

Outer Richmond resident,

Peter Truong

Date : 6/20/2021 10:13:47 PM
From : "Gregory Vernitsky" vernitskyg@hotmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Regarding Great Highway closure.

I think, this is a terrible idea:

Preventing people to congregate and to get to popular spots by making driving slow and unpleasant was a questionable tactic even at the height of pandemic.

Now it is plain wrong for the following reasons:

- Together with road closures in Golden Gate Park, Great Highway closure chock transportation between Richmond and Sunset, and further places on Peninsula.
- As good as it may feel for people, living on last Avenues AND not having to commute to Richmond or Peninsula, it hurts everybody else.
- Constant discrimination against people who need to drive for living has nothing to do with health or even climate change issues. It is purely political move to squeeze middle class (represented in large part by people of color) out of the city.
- It is divisive, racist, economically hurtful and must stop.

Regards,

Gregory Vernitsky

Date : 6/18/2021 4:44:29 PM

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Subject : Registering support for 24/7 closure of the Great Highway

Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

As a District 7/Golden Gate Heights resident and an avid and functional cyclist, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. Since April 2020, I have found this space to be an invaluable addition to both my recreational and functional cycling. By providing me and countless other residents a safe, car-free stretch for walking and cycling the length of Ocean Beach, the city has provided an incredible service.

Not only has this space welcomed thousands of people for walking, biking, and rolling every day; it has provided the City with an opportunity to prioritize people-first space on a corridor already drastically impacted by rising sea levels and climate change. 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, we have an opportunity to preserve lifestyle changes that we made for the better during the pandemic. This is a moment to reimagine how we use our streets and plan for the future of SF. Now is the time to think big and prioritize the Great Highway for people, not cars.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion as your commission works toward a decision about the next steps for the Great Highway.

Rebekah Wolman
526 Pacheco Street

Date : 6/21/2021 8:45:39 AM
From : "'Lily Lee' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Re-open Great Highway to motorist please!!

To all the Board members of SFCTA,

My family has lived in the Outer Richmond district for almost half a century. This is where I grow up and where I raise my children. But since early 2020, I felt that I'm being landlocked with the closure of Great Highway.

With the current construction work and therefore ongoing traffic jams at 19th avenue, I will need to use the Chain of Lakes (43rd ave) in order to cross the park and then use Sunset Blvd going south. Due to the stop signs, bikers and joggers inside the Park, there is always traffic jams along the Chain of Lakes especially in the afternoons during the week and on the weekends.

Bicyclists and motorists shared the Great Highway before the Great Highway was closed to motorists. I believe that we can continue to do that moving forward without taking the rights away from any group so that everyone can access regardless of his or her mode of transportation with equity. I firmly believe in sharing the roads. But closing Great Highway (and Slow Streets) is NOT contributing to the goal of "sharing the roads" but are prejudiced against motorists and definitely no equity. Not all people can walk or bike long distance. Personally I have knee issues and cannot bike. Driving will be the most time efficient way for me to get around in the city now. As you know, Muni has cut down a lot of services and I do not believe it'll resume pre-March 2020 level of service anytime soon.

So I urge all of you to vote for resuming all pre-pandemic road usage in San Francisco like the Great Highway. Please open the Great Highway again to pre-COVID usage like the rest of the city, state and country.

Thanks for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,
Lily Lee

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Date : 6/19/2021 7:19:58 PM

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Subject : Reopen the Great Highway to vehicular traffic

Dear Mayor Breed and San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board Members:

My wife and I live on LaPlaya Street at Fulton, a block from the Great Highway in the Outer Richmond. We have owned our condo since February 1985. My wife was born and raised in San Francisco and Daly City. I am almost 84 and she is almost 71. We understand that you will be meeting on June 22 to consider the question of whether to keep the Great Highway closed to motor vehicles or to reopen it.

In our opinion, the proposed closure of the Great Highway for 2 years is very unwise, destructive of the environment, and both elitist and ageist. People use the Great Highway as the most efficient way to get to and from their jobs and appointments at the Veterans Med. Center at Fort Miley. And to get to and from the Richmond and Sunset District to their jobs down the Peninsula. It is ageist and elitist to require those working people or patients to either ride bicycles (not practical and often impossible), or take much longer alternate routes to and from where they need to go.

Because of age and infirmity, neither of us can ride bicycles and even when we were younger and could ride them safely, we never used them to go shopping. Before the recent temporary closure, we used the Great Highway all the time to go to and from the Peninsula and other places south of the Richmond: SFO, Stonestown, San Francisco State, the golf courses near Lake Merced, Westlake Shopping Center in Daly City, the Zoo, Serramonte Shopping Center, and other places south of here. Now, during the temporary Covid-related closure, it takes us twice as long, and twice as much gasoline, to go from here south, and back. That causes much more vehicular pollution, and costs us more.

The Great Highway, with its timed traffic lights, is a very efficient way to get around the City. Much better than either 19th Ave. or Sunset Ave. And now those 2 alternate routes are clogged with extra traffic as is the Chain of Lakes road through Golden Gate Park, due to the temporary closure.

The rationale for the temporary closure was to provide people, especially Sunset residents, with more outdoor recreational places during the pandemic. Even that rationale was flawed, since the Sunset and Richmond Districts are rich with such places already. After all, we have Ocean Beach with miles of sand where one can walk, jog, fish and play. And there's a bike lane on both sides of the Great Highway, plus a walking/biking path east of the lanes of traffic. That paved path could and probably should be widened, if the bicyclists need it to be wider. Also, of course, there's Golden Gate Park, accessible from both the Richmond and Sunset. It has miles of bicycle paths and roads.

It seems elitist in the extreme to close the Great Highway just to let a few people recreate in a place where they already have a plethora of recreational choices, while pushing tens of thousands of the rest of us onto streets already clogged with traffic, increasing pollution and the use of fossil fuels, and driving up the costs of getting to and from work and shopping.

I hear there is some dream of making the Great Highway into a tourist destination. We who actually live here doubt that very much. Many - perhaps most - days of the year it is cold, windy and foggy for at least part of the day out here. There is already a promenade along the seawall from Lincoln all the way up to Sutro Heights. Some tourists do come out to gaze at the ocean but few linger long due to our typical inclement weather conditions. In addition, it is impossible to see the ocean from much of the Great Highway! So why would they come out to just gaze at sand dunes in the cold and wind??

Closing the Great Highway also puts us who live out here in greater danger. How are we to evacuate the area in event of an earthquake? We in the Richmond and Sunset have no Auxilliary Water Supply, so if our neighborhood catches fire after an earthquake and the main water mains are disrupted, we will need to get out to escape the fire. The Great Highway could be the widest and safest route out for tens of thousands of people. But we would not be able to use it, because if the City now closes it to vehicular traffic and regular sand removal stops, it would not be driveable.

In short, my spouse and I believe that it is extremely unwise, as well as elitist and ageist to refuse to reopen the Great Highway to motor vehicles again. The vocal and well-funded bicyclist groups should not dictate policy for the majority of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Jo Wilson
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Subject : Request to keep great highway closed

Dear Supervisors/Commissioners,

I would like to voice my support for keeping the Great Highway closed for pedestrians. I am an resident and homeowner on 45th avenue & Pacheco. Having the highway closed has made the neighborhood much more friendly for our kids on the weekend.

I understand that there's a commuting impact and - if the highway cannot be closed permanently - then closing it on weekends and holidays would be a great compromise.

Thank you,
Sebastian Joll

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"mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org" mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org
Subject : San Francisco County Transportation Authority Meeting June 22nd 2021

To whom it may concern,

This message is in regards to agenda topic 11: "Adopt the Upper Great Highway Concepts Evaluation Final Report – ACTION" of the upcoming SFCTA meeting on 06/22/21 and 10am.

I am a resident of the Richmond District that commutes south through the park five days a week. The traffic on 19th Ave./Park Presidio has become unbearable. As we return to our pre-pandemic normal, more and more people returning to work. I strongly feel the great highway should re-open.

I hope this message finds you well and that you have a productive meeting next Tuesday.

Best,

-Michael Herman-Mancarella
San Francisco Richmond District (District 1) Resident
925-876-7496

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Subject : SAVE the Great Highway Park & a keep JFK closed

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Subject : The Great Highway - talk to your office of Emergency Preparedness

Dear people,

Our family lives in the outer Richmond. Our kids will be going to school at Lowell and Hoover in the Sunset, along with thousands of other kids at any of the many schools on that side of town

Lost in all of the vitriol between the two sides are a few simple facts:

1) 20,000 cars carrying 30,000-50,000 people use the highway on average every day and night. 4,000 people on average have used it for leisure during Covid in the day time only, which will decline as the city reopens. There are other ways to provide for leisure activities but no new roads for those of us who are forced to drive down that highway.

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3) No responsible agency has prepared any alternatives for disaster relief at this time. It is dangerous to close the highway without any contingency plans and preparation.

Citizens whose safety is being ignored deserve more.

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Subject : the Great Highway is too nice to just give to fast cars

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and don't allow cars**

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There are a bunch of very compelling reasons stated below why you should approve the Great Highway Park pilot and NOT allow any cars. The simplest reason is that the city needs more pedestrians, bikes, skaters, bladers, scooter-ers and WAYless cars. This is an opportunity to make that happen in one of the most beautiful parts of the city.

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Making these improvements will be a win-win for everyone involved, while a "compromise" will make everyone upset and leave us worse off. The "weekday/weekend" compromise is problematic, because it marginalizes people who use The Walkway on weekdays (e.g. people who commute using sustainable modes, service-industry workers, childcare providers, families, etc.) and would negatively impact the promenade space by mandating the space be clear for cars. The "half-highway and half-promenade" compromise is problematic, because it would make the promenade more dangerous, noisy, and unhealthy while forcing people using the promenade to navigate sand dunes, making it inaccessible for people with disabilities, kids, and people using bikes.

It's important to address concerns about the Great Highway closure, but the answer is not to kill the Great Highway Park and put cars back on the beautiful and joyous public space. I join Kid Safe SF and countless organizations/residents in urging you to approve a two-year pilot that extends The Walkway's life beyond the emergency health order as a four-lane promenade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you, and please take care.
Nate Rosenbloom
Resident of Cole Valley

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Subject : The Great Highway

Please DO NOT close the Great Highway for a two year pilot.

Traffic is already bad, and it is no where near pre-pandemic levels as people are still not commuting. We need our slow streets back open. Especially Lake street. California is a mess. Geary is a mess. My WAZE is telling me to use Clement bw Arguello and Park Presidio (that's pretty bad right?).

IF a compromise needs to be made, please consider Sunday's only.

Schools were not open as well so any traffic patterns that were studied over the pandemic are just not good data.

Thank you for listening.

Date : 6/17/2021 10:27:33 PM

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Subject : Tuesday June 22 Hearing - Re-open the Upper Great Highway!!

Dear SFCTA and Mayor Breed,

I am a District 1 resident requesting the immediate re-opening of the Upper Great Highway ("UGH") to cars. Here's a non-extensive list of reasons why it should be immediately and forever reopened.

- The given reason for the closure - COVID distancing - no longer exists. Just as important, the current bike traffic and pedestrian traffic on the UGH can **easily** be handled by the existing walking/bike path and the bike lines on both sides of the existing roadway. Remember - the bikers and walkers DO have use of the highway, and there is no evidence to suggest that it is unsafe for them.
- The closure has created major traffic delay hardship for District 1 workers and families. The UGH is an essential vehicle artery for workers and families in the Outer Richmond District. The daily traffic jam on Chain of Lakes road are not just major inconveniences; they create additional pollution and the increased potential for car/bike and car/pedestrian accidents in Golden Gate Park at those intersections.
- Please don't fall for the so-called 3,700 participant poll during COVID that suggested a bare majority supported the closure. That poll was woefully inadequate in size, questionable in timing (middle of the shutdown) and did not conduct any meaningful outreach. A recent poll conducted by SOAR showed 72% support for REOPENING among Richmond District Residents. And more than 8,000 people have signed the CHANGE.ORG petition to reopen the highway. If the Bike Coalition and SFMTA really thought they had significant community support for this scheme, they would have conducted real polling.
- Consider essential San Francisco workers like public school teachers at Richmond schools like Lafayette Elementary, Presidio Middle and George Washington High. Many of these teachers drive up to work from the Peninsula using the UGH. Adding significant time to their commutes makes their jobs less appealing, making it more likely they will find a job elsewhere. The desires of a few bikers should not override the need for SF to take reasonable steps to retain its teachers and/or other essential workers like doctors and nurses at the VA Hospital.
- Reopening the UGH is critical to growing our economy at this difficult time. 1/2 of small businesses remain closed. Closing the Great

Highway means fewer people willing to travel to the Richmond District to eat in the restaurants like the Cliff House (when it reopens), the Beach Chalet, and all the restaurants on Geary Boulevard that are struggling.

- Consider the plight of San Francisco families (the few of us who remain) who need to get our kids to various after school activities such as soccer practice at the Beach Chalet. There is simply no way for busy families to live here without our cars and without reasonable road access. The UGH is an essential artery for families to drop off and pick up their kids and get them to after school activities. San Francisco want families to live here, right?
- There is no reason to keep it closed while the SFMTA tries to gin up more support. Reopen now. Please consider the closure will create a monumental problem when SF Rec. and Park hosts its upcoming annual concert events in GGP like Hardly Strictly Bluegrass and Outside Lands. Bay to Breakers is another huge event in GGP. These events raise millions of dollars for Rec. and Park, in large part because out-of-town attendees **drive their cars to attend**. Local traffic congestion is already really difficult during these events. There will be mahem with the UGH closed. Opening the UGH just for these events is inevitable, and doing so would be height of hypocrisy. Rec. and Park cannot open roads to cars when it serves its interest, while at the same time blocking tax-paying San Francisco residents, families and workers from the same benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Grant Ingram

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Subject : We Love Great Highway Park!

Dear Supervisors and Commissioners,

I'm writing in support of the 2 year pilot to keep The Great Highway Park car-free 24/7. We live at 46th and Quintara and having this beautiful car-free space to play, skate, walk, talk and enjoy our neighborhood has a bright spot in this pandemic. We use it every day to exercise and walk to the grocery store.

Also, we love the Outer Sunset Farmers market. Thank you for your continued support of this project as well.

These beautiful public spaces are the reason we love SF so much, please continue to support them!

Thank you for all that you do,
Emily and Jordan Seliger
Sunset Residents, 46th & Quintara

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Subject : Why I support a 24/7 Great Highway Park**

Dear Supervisors and Commissioners,

As someone who lives in District 1 and walks, bikes, and runs on the Great Highway at least once per week with my family and friends, I am asking the SFCTA to prioritize car-free space on the Great Highway 24/7. On my journeys on the Great Highway recently, I have seen children learning to bike, adults learning to roller skate, kids and adults stopping in the middle of a joyous workout to take photos of the even more gorgeous sunset, families enjoying time outside without fear of being hit by a car, seniors out for a care-free walk, and more.

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. 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. In my experience, once folks have a safe place to learn and practice active transportation, they are much more likely to use it in busier areas with cars. This permanent closure will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce traffic as folks become comfortable traveling by foot or on wheels around our city, 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. Considering that at least a part of the great highway is scheduled to be closed to cars in several years due to rising seas, it especially does not make sense to reopen an the Great Highway to cars now when we could be piloting the best ways to direct north-south traffic now in advance of the larger closure in a few years.

I join Great Highway Park, Kid Safe SF, WalkSF, The SF Bicycle Coalition, 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 and

enables SFMTA and RecPark to adapt streets like Sunset Blvd and Crossover Drive for North/South car travelers and collect better data to make an informed eventual decision.

- The SFCTA's survey showed that about 80% of San Franciscans support a promenade in some form, with a majority of San Franciscans and Sunset residents supporting a four-lane promenade 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- SFMTA's data shows that more than 144,000 people are using The Great Highway Park monthly — making it the second-most used public space in San Francisco — and that's before tourists flock to this amazing public space as our city reopens.

It's clear that the majority of San Franciscans love The Great Highway Park and want it to be saved. As a San Francisco and D1 voter, killing this public space with a compromise that puts cars on any stretch of the Great Walkway, at any time of day or day of week, would be unsafe, a denial of climate change, and deeply concerning to me and my family. This “compromise” would indicate to me that city leadership representing me is not interested in prioritizing open space, healthy transportation, parks that create foot traffic near our west side businesses, pedestrian and other vulnerable street users' safety, and transportation modes that are not single-occupancy vehicles, in the middle of a climate crisis where much of the Great Highway is already being inundated with water and sand. However, this is not to say that concerns about car traffic in the Sunset are not also valid (as prioritized in the pilot proposal), 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. This is huge news in general but especially for families, seniors, and disabled folks (for example, cars are the #1 source of death for people ages 3-25 in California!). We should continue to be prioritizing further changes that the vast majority of residents support that will keep our families safe, and take the time to work out the kinks in how the changes affect our transportation systems (all of them, not just those of us who drive cars), not be afraid to make visionary changes because of the complaints of a small, vocal group of opponents. 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. Although coming out of the pandemic it may feel like the roads are more congested with cars, the data indicates that this is not the case, and that the west side is in fact less congested than other areas of the city. This is in addition to the fact that while pedestrians, cyclists, and families do have a right to get from Point A to Point B without being injured by car drivers, drivers don't have a right to drive a single-occupancy vehicle without sitting in traffic. That has never been the case, and with congestion and carbon levels rising, cannot be the metric we use to decide our transportation changes. If we prioritize car trips over all other trips and don't create spaces that allow vulnerable road users and transit riders to travel around, we will have 900,000 individual cars on the road (and the north-south travel situation on San Francisco's west side will certainly be worse then!). The way I think about it, every bike or pedestrian on the road is one less car competing for car lane space and creating congestion.

Of course, concerns about north-south traffic to/from the Richmond are also valid, and there are a number of ways to improve north-south transportation while keeping The Great Walkway safe and fully open. These include, but are not limited to, diverting car-traffic from Chain of Lakes to Crossover Drive, improving north-south public transit service, optimizing traffic-signal timing on Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue, and allowing southbound-traffic to use MLK to get to Sunset Boulevard. Solutions to these concerns are feasible and effective — we can improve north-south travel while keeping The Great Highway Park open for people to safely walk, connect, and commute using sustainable modes.

Making these improvements will be a win-win for everyone involved, while a "compromise" will be confusing and dangerous. The “weekday/weekend” compromise is problematic, because it marginalizes people who use The Walkway on weekdays (e.g. people who commute using sustainable modes, service-industry workers, childcare providers, families, folks working from home who want

some fresh air before/during/after work, etc.) and would negatively impact the promenade space by mandating the space be clear for cars. The “half-highway and half-promenade” compromise is problematic, because it would make the promenade more dangerous, noisy, and unhealthy while forcing people using the promenade to cross a highway to reach a park and navigate sand dunes, making it difficult or inaccessible for people with disabilities, kids, and people using bikes.

It's important to address concerns about the Great Highway closure, as the pilot proposes to do, but the answer is not to kill the Great Highway Park and put cars back on the beautiful and joyous public space. The Great Walkway is 17 acres of public SF RecPark Land that was formerly for the exclusive use of cars. It is now the 2nd most popular open space in SF. We wouldn't pave over Golden Gate Park for drivers, and we shouldn't give this space back to road users that already have 32 north-south options in the west side of the City either. New York City and other cities that have turned park roads into car-free spaces haven't turned back (and have made them into safe, successful tourist attractions) and we should follow their lead. Please listen to the large group of us that are so overjoyed with this new much-needed space and keep it open to sustainable transportation and people 24/7!

Thank you all,

Sarah, D1 resident, homeowner & voter, member of SF Bike, Walk SF, Richmond Family Transportation Network & SF Transit Riders

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