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Dear Supervisors & Commissioners,

Beyond the impact of the Great Highway closure, I'd like to address the negative impact in general of Slow Streets. I believe they're incompatible with a reopening City by forcing crosstown and cross-Park traffic from essential neighborhood alternate routes into a decreasing number of often snarled options.

I know that the Slow Streets program has a cadre of vocal enthusiasts, but at least in the Sunset and Parkside district, they're in relatively low density neighborhoods. have few pedestrian attractions and seem rarely used for purposes the program intended. They do, however, present neighborhood drivers going about their normal business with a frustrating maze of "keep out" signs that seem indicative of a City in lockdown.

I should also add that I'm sympathetic to the call by Supervisors Walton and Safai to re-examine Golden Gate Park closures. Park access belongs to everyone in the City, including the elderly, handicapped and families with infants and small children. That also includes easy tourist access to the De Young, Academy of Sciences, Japanese Tea Garden and Conservatory, as well as the newly completed tennis courts. Autos and free parking are integral to that, and all stakeholders need to be considered before closing JFK, mainly for the benefit of cyclists (who already have multiple bike paths).

Similar issues can be raised about the Presidio, a multi-use urban expanse which has now also been severely restricted to everyone but cyclists and hikers. Just as important to me are the MTA closures of cross traffic routes through Golden Gate Park. Especially on busy summer weekends, we need these alternatives to 19th Avenue now that normal traffic is returning.

The downtown and financial districts are in a very fragile phase post-pandemic. The “no rhyme or reason” maze of Slow Streets, virtually shouts “lockdown” and signals the City has no real interest in commuters or a revitalized downtown. For those of us old enough to remember it evokes “Critical Mass”.

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(A 50-plus year Parkside District resident)



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Yes: Cabrillo Slow Streets: Please Continue!

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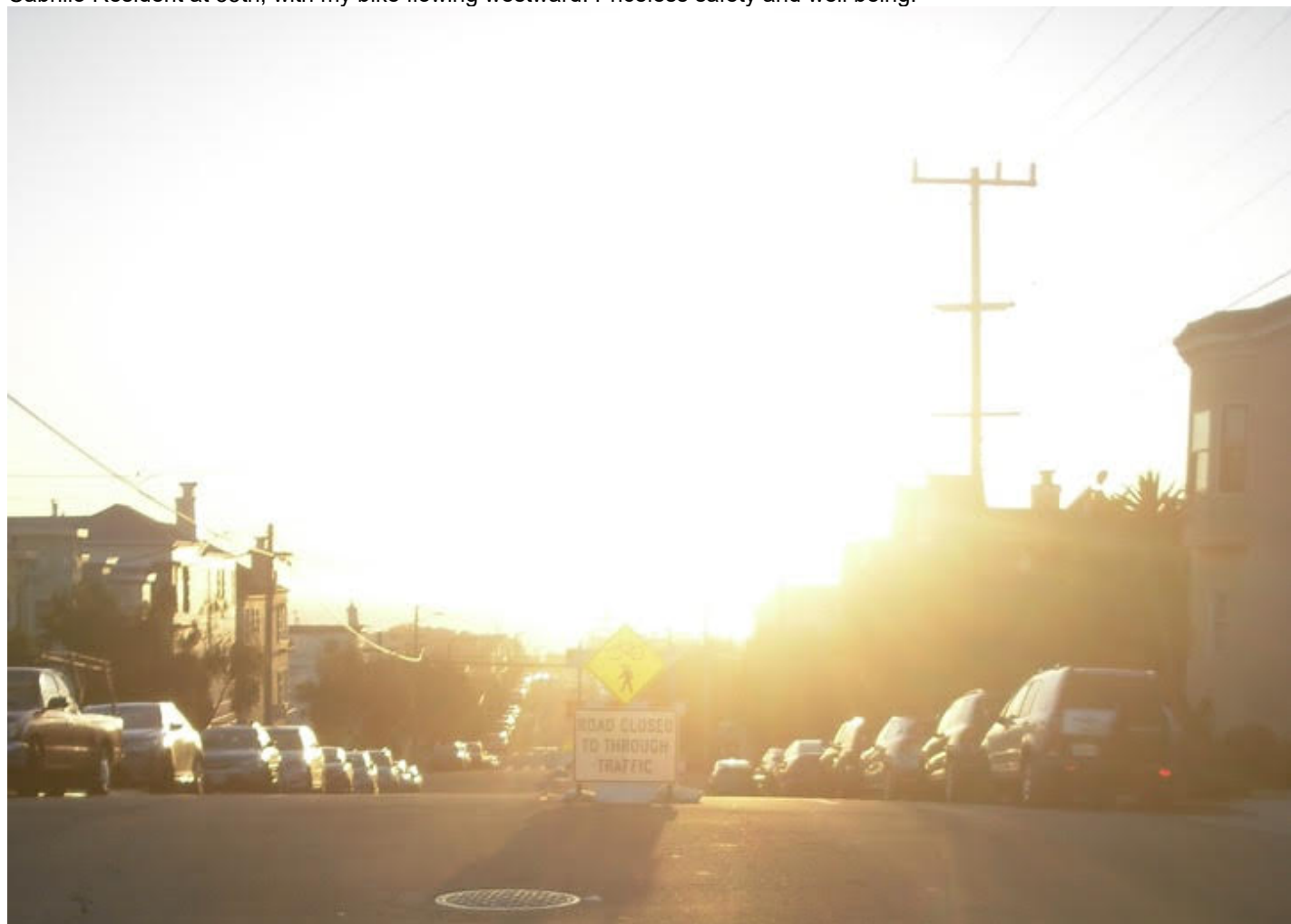
We - SO many - enjoy our Cabrillo Slow Steets. Balboa is for businesses, so makes sense it has transportation vehicles; Fulton for commute, while Cabrillo is for recreation, community, exercise (health!), learning, enjoying and being. A true healthy haven of wellness has been created.

My life has changed since it has become a Slow Street. After living on it for over 20 years, I enjoy and see a quality of life that is truly phenomenal. Please please please see the value of continuing to support it. We as neighbors are ALL so grateful for it and the quality of life it has brought. We know each other now, greeting regularly, those near and far, and kids have learned cycling and elders walk freely. I have filled out different surveys as I personally use it multiple times a day, as do so many.

When schools (we have many around us) started back up again, instead of being driven, children continued to do what they had been enjoying doing: biking and walking. I saw more of this than ever. What a difference. And we all take pride in maintaining the signs if they blow over, or cleaning up debris so the street is safe for all to be on. A real community. The way it was/is meant to be.

PLEASE CONTINUE IT. Thank you.

Cabrillo Resident at 35th, with my bike flowing westward. Priceless safety and well being.





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