

Date : 7/13/2021 7:17:51 AM

From : "Danielle Marone" daniellemarone@sbcglobal.net

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

Subject : Close the highway permanently!

Hello,

I am a longtime resident of the Outer Sunset. I have raised three children here and my husband and I still live here. We thoroughly enjoy the use of the road as a walkway. I walk it two to three times a day. It is a safe place for women to walk and exercise. It is safe for older people to walk. I see groups of older people walking, some with walkers. It offers a public space for people to exercise in many forms, walking, riding bikes, skateboarding, roller skating, rollerblading and scooting. Children have learned to ride their bikes.

I live on 45th Ave and walk down daily. I have not had any issues with the so called "crazy" drivers. With the added stop signs, I find it much safer. There are still opportunities to slow traffic that is diverted to the LGH and other streets. I much prefer hearing the ocean at night to drag racing on the highway at night.

My experience is the highway previously was a much more dangerous road due to the racing and people running the lights. Many times I witnessed near misses of pedestrians on the UGH and sadly have seen a few dogs killed in the last 25 years that I have lived here.

I respectfully ask the committee to keep the road as it is for the community to enjoy as a safe place for exercising.

Danielle Marone
2274 45th Avenue

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Date : 7/13/2021 3:48:58 AM
From : "Jane Dunlap" dunlapjc@att.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Comments for SFCTA Meeting on July 13 at 10AM regarding Great Highway Pilot Program (Agenda Item #4).

To SFCTA:

I strongly support fully re-opening the Great Highway. I am opposed to the 2 year pilot program to close it. San Francisco is returning to pre-Covid business and activities. The Great Highway must re-open now to resume its intended purpose, to provide a throughway on the west side of the city for people in motor vehicles to efficiently commute and transit north/south across the city. There are no viable alternatives at this time to carry those thousands of cars that were using it daily prior to the temporary closure, which are spilling out into the Sunset on to streets and neighborhoods never meant nor designed for that influx. Band aid fixes to try to mitigate the traffic, speeding and congestion problems have failed. Quite frankly, the money spent on those measures was a waste and would've been better directed towards more dire needs in the city like getting MUNI back on track to serve the people of this city as a dependable public transit system. Until our city has a transit system that actually works, to remove roads, so as to restrict car usage, doesn't make sense. A large contingent of folks are not going to walk, ride bikes or scooters to get around the city, so a well run public transit system is needed in lieu of cars. It's a sad situation that our city is a long way off from providing a solid and well run bus system. Until then, we need roads to carry cars.

By enlarging and greatly improving the current bike/pedestrian pathway on the east side of the Great Highway, so as to create a much more user friendly experience, as well as a safe one, the Great Highway can still provide an efficient multi use route.

Re-open the Great Highway now. We do not need another park. Our city is currently in the top tier of cities with the best and most accessible parks. Great Highway does not serve its best purpose as a park. It has a greater need to serve as a car transit corridor across the western edge of the city. By re-opening the Great Highway, the traffic and safety problems, which had not been an issue prior to closure, would be solved and no more funds would be wasted.

In the near future, issues with sea rise and erosion, due to climate change, will need to be addressed along the Great Highway. There have been ideas and plans laid out for this, which began with the SPUR design several years ago, with extended forethought and ideas for measures to divert through traffic away from Great Highway, in effect mitigating the negative impact of traffic and congestion in the Sunset and would allow continued effectiveness for north/south commuters. It is a foundational blue print, and invites further development to solve the traffic logistics which are so problematic right now with the current closure. A much better plan and involves greater depth of addressing the complexity a change in status or closure of Great Highway would bring. It is solid & well studied - NONE of which was done in the current situation. The Great Highway needs to re-open and remain open as functioning roadway, until such a plan has been fully and successfully implemented.

Thank you.

Jane Dunlap
Outer Sunset SF
Member Open the Great Highway

Date : 7/12/2021 7:15:40 PM

From : "'LAUREN BRADBURY' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

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

Subject : Forgotten edge of the city

The cliff house closed because the feds could not negotiate a reasonable contract.

The little breakfast restaurant closed

Nothing here ghost town

Forgotten edge of the city

And now we are cut off from easy freeway access ..

just close it they dont matter

Thats what it feels like.

I am want to retire here it took me many years to buy my house.

Please please OPEN THE HIGHWAY

Lauren Bradbury

511 45 th ave

San Francisco

Ca 94121

415 269 4490

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 7/13/2021 6:43:10 AM
From : "'Shawna J. McGrew' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Fwd:
Attachment : Open the Great Highway (2) (2).docx;

We the under signed still support OPEN THE GT HIGHWAY

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

From: Shawna J. McGrew <sunsetfog@aol.com>
To: Sunsetfog@aol.com <Sunsetfog@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Jul 13, 2021 6:41 am
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Sent: Tue, Jun 8, 2021 12:57 pm

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that you reopen the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard.

District 4 is blessed with multiple areas for all sorts of fresh air and recreation. There is Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, a path along the Great Highway (used by walkers, joggers & cyclists), Stern Grove & Pine Lake, West Sunset, South Sunset and Sunset Recreation Centers and their fields, McCoppin Park, Parkside Park, Larsen Park with Sava Pool, Sunset Boulevard with adult fitness sites and Lake Merced just across Sloat Blvd.

We understood that during the pandemic, the City wished to have multiple areas of recreation so that people could socially distance. We understood that since there were almost no automobiles on the Great Highway at the beginning of the pandemic, this closure was a safe, short-term solution. But as the days and months have passed, and more automobiles have returned to the roadway, it has created an untenable situation.

The closure of the Great Highway has affected the safety and quality of life of thousands of people in the Outer Sunset, the Richmond District and beyond. It has made quiet residential streets the shortest route between the Richmond District and points north, and the Peninsula and points south. Streets in the Outer Sunset, such as 46th Avenue, have become dangerous speedways. Frustrated drivers pass other cars in the middle of the street and drive around delivery trucks. Impatient drivers are not making complete stops at intersections. The constant starting and stopping of vehicles is creating more pollution.. The constant noise from the vehicles and the new speed bumps that are trying to slow down all the impatient and frustrated drivers can be heard at all hours. The noise from drivers honking at other drivers who are travelling at the speed limit is creating noise pollution. Removing one of the most popular throughfares between the Richmond (and North Bay) and the Sunset (and Peninsula) under normal circumstances is a bad idea. However, with the work on 19th Avenue, it is even worse, creating choke points, backing up traffic at various areas (Sloat trying to get on Sunset Blvd & 44th & Lincoln at the Chain of Lakes) and making travel untenable.

We have lived in peaceful sharing since the opening in 1929 of the Great Highway. The Great Highway is a main road connecting towns or cities and functions as such for residents of the Sunset, Richmond, the Peninsula, and the North Bay.

There are paths on the side of the Great Highway that were designed to meet the need of pedestrians and bicyclists. Return to the Great Highway to its original purpose, a roadway for vehicles, not a walkway for pedestrians and a bike path for cyclists.

Names submitted below, will if you wish, submit their addresses & phone numbers to you.

Sincerely,

Shawna McGrew

John Hanbury

Carli Fullerton

Lynne Whiteside

Sean McGrew

Oskar Rosas

Lynn Hill

Terry Clements

Susan Clements

Erin McGrew

Andrea Waliszewski

Marilyn Dunn

Richard Rothman

Susan Suval

Catherine Roberts

Heidi Follin

Nancy Thompson

Henry Smith

Shafagh Farnoud

Marilee Hearn

Donna Warshaw

Michelle Brant

Karen Breslin

Joe Fitzpatrick

Steve Kamena

MaryJane O'Keeffe

Maria Xavier

Michael Xavier

Jessica Xavier

William Toth

JJ Hollingsworth

Amber Jacquet

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Diane Stepak

Jan Matejcek

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Date : 7/13/2021 6:33:31 AM
From : "'Mike Regan' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : July 13, 2021 Great Highway Evaluation Final Report

I am with Open the Great Highway and do not want any of the options provided in this report except a full and unhampered opening of the great highway to autos.

If people want to improve the area then spend the money on improving the walk ways (both) and improving the bike lanes. This has always been a shared space and the only ones being asked to “compromise” are the people in cars. What compromise are the walkers and bikers being asked to give up? Nothing!

The traffic mitigation in the sunset is a joke and is making things worse. The amount of usage on this roadway is dismal while 27,000 people per DAY are being deprived of this essential highway.

SFMTA can't even do the simple things to make traffic better like extending the timing of the light at 36th and Lincoln to allow more cars to get through and make the left.

Please stop this madness and open the great highway already.

Mike Regan

Date : 7/13/2021 6:47:37 AM

From : "'Mike Regan' via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org

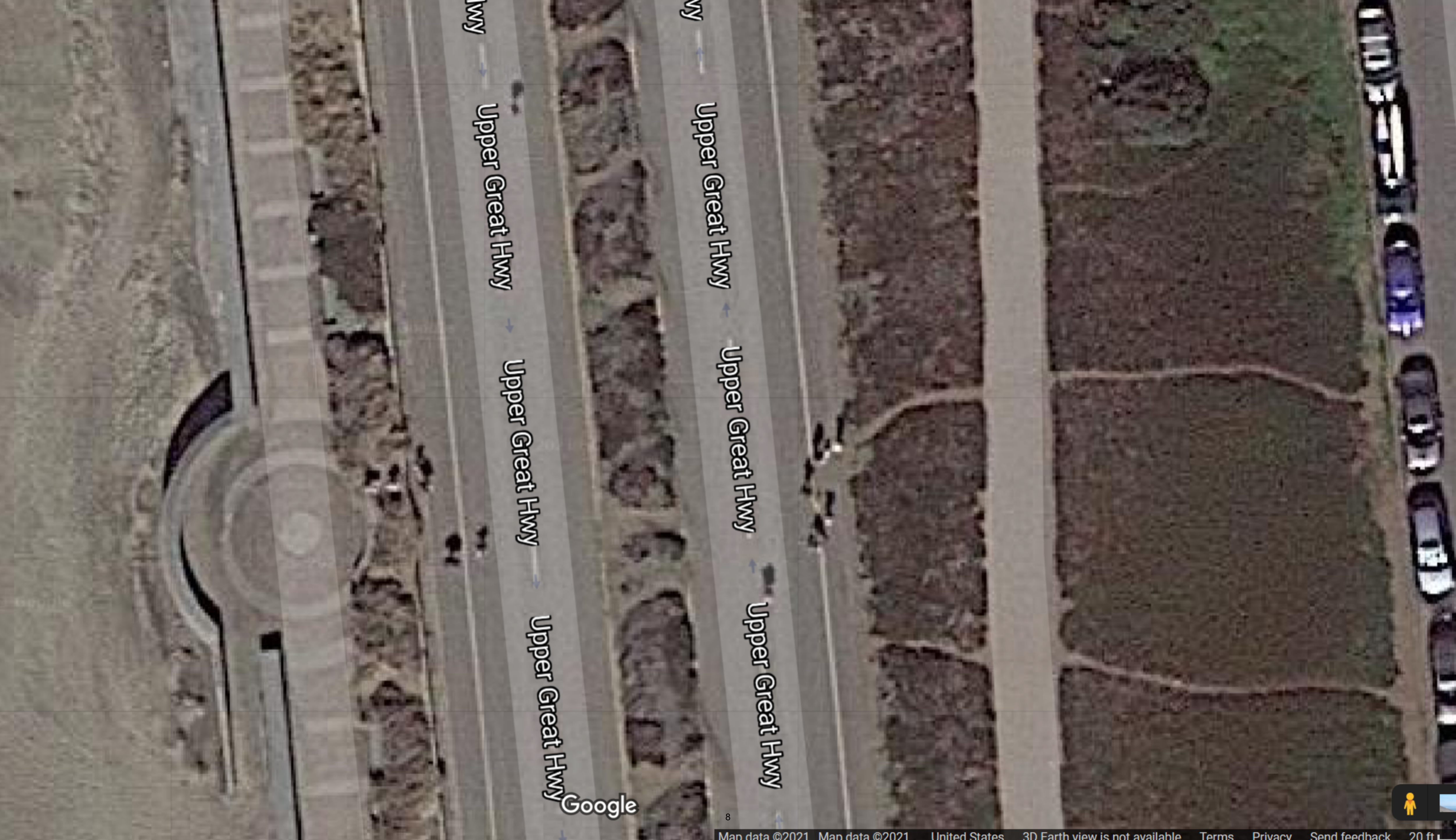
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org

Subject : July 13, 2021 SFMTA meeting Great Highway

Attachment : Screenshot 2021-07-05 094454.png;Screenshot 2021-07-13 064613.png;

I am looking at your concepts in your report and find it strange that you fail to include or show the western walk way. You do realize there are two path ways here don't you? Please open the Great Highway. See attached pictures.

Mike Regan



Upper Great Hwy

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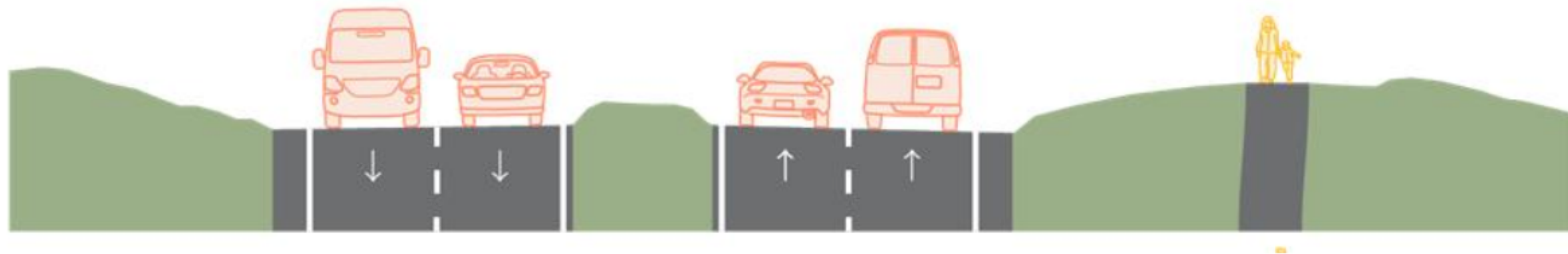
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Upper Great Hwy

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Figure 1

Concept 1: Four-Lane Roadway



Under Concept 1, the Upper Great Highway would be maintained as a four-lane roadway with two vehicle lanes in each direction. Bicyclists are allowed on the roadway but must share the lanes with vehicles. No pedestrians are allowed on the roadway except to cross.

Date : 7/13/2021 7:49:13 AM

From : "Sheila Koren" sheila.koren@gmail.com

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

Subject : Open Great Highway

As a Richmond District resident, Senior Citizen, person with a disability, psychotherapist who contracts with the SFDPH, and environmentalist, I'm writing to urge you to reopen the Great Highway.

The closing of the Great Highway was an emergency measure that imho was never really needed in this area of many parks, beaches, paths and other recreational space. While I've walked on it myself on a few occasions, it's never been particularly well used. especially compared to the toll the closing takes on those needing to get to and from work (particularly the workers at the VA Hospital at Ft. Miley who we are supposed to be celebrating for their heroism during COVID but instead are adding time and congestions to their commutes.)

There is currently no public transportation across the West End of Golden Gate Park and the narrow Chain of Lakes Drive cannot accommodate the traffic that now inches its way across, creating exhaust problems for the cars and again enormous amounts of time to those trying to get across. A trip to my therapeutic swimming pool used to take 10 minutes in the Great Highway. Now I must leave an hour to get there! That means I have less time available to see the very needy Medi-Cal clients I attend to for the City.

Clearly, improvements in public transport, alternative routing and shuttle services need to be in place before closing the Great Highway ongoing should even be considered.

Sheila Koren, MFT

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 7/12/2021 10:44:15 PM
From : "Mike R" extracareman@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org, "Mike R" Extracareman@gmail.com, "Patricia Arack" parack@ccsf.edu
Subject : Open The Great Highway aka UGH

We have around 470 parks taking up around 20% of City land in San Francisco with Golden Gate Park offering safe car-free space for every type of recreation the UGH can offer. Here you have a small percentage of San Franciscans who greatly depend on the UGH to travel to and from our homes avoiding traffic jams and the city streets, trying to compete with those that don't need it for everyday life but rather would like to maybe sometimes use it for occasional enjoyment, the me, me, me, crowd.

Emergency Vehicles, delivery trucks, and all of us daily commuters in and out of San Francisco deserve to keep the UGH for a passage in and out and throughout the ends of the City. The Fire Chief has expressly stated the necessity of keeping it open.

Those that want a place for recreation have the GGP, from the beach to the Pan Handle for all the recreation they need.

I have had 3 friends that live in the Sunset and have seen and heard of countless more in the last year, that have been involved in accidents traveling through the avenues when normally they'd be traveling safely across San Francisco along the UGH.

It is also a huge insult that the closing of the UGH has always been premised as a temporary closure due to the pandemic shutting everyone up, only to learn that the intentions by the powers that be intended to close it permanently this whole time.

How much business do you guys think San Francisco loses because nobody wants to deal with the traffic?

Between the unnecessary crime and the unnecessary traffic, after 45 years of loving San Francisco, I don't care much for a City that doesn't know what its priorities should be.

When the opportunity arises we are outta here.

Mike Rosen

Sunset Resident for 45 years

Date : 7/12/2021 8:26:52 PM
From : "Craig Hanson" fishingcraig@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway and GGP

All the closed roads on the westside must be opened. This in includes Golden Gate Park. People making the decisions to close the streets do not live near and don't have deal with the consequences of the closures. It's real on a daily basis. Obviously, there is plenty of open space out here, more so than any other portion of the city. Keeping cars moving in a safe and efficient manor should be the priority.

There are far more drivers, locals and commuters, who use these roads than walkers, skaters and bikers. All these roads must be reopened.

Sincerely,
Craig Hanson
Sunset Resident
4th Generation SF

Date : 7/12/2021 9:31:44 PM
From : "nancy murphy" nancy_murphy@hotmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway!!!

I sttongly support the opening of The Great Highway. It is unconscionable that the wonderful view of the vast Pacific be taken away from the many who depend upon cars: families with small children, disabled, non ambulatory, elderly and the many tourists who flock here for a view of an ocean, perhaps for a first time. Not everyone is fit and healthy and able to walk distances. Add to that, people who wish to walk or cycle are very able to do that presently. Another point is that there are those of us who remember when extended recreation areas, were on the shore such as, Fleishshaker Pool: they were not very much used because of the fog. Leave nature as it is. Do not tamper with its beauty. Do not install "improvements" that cater to a few. Nancy Murphy 129 Escolta Way, SF 94116 nancy_murphy@hotmail.com

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Date : 7/12/2021 8:40:47 PM
From : "Lauraine Edir" laurainemarie@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Open the Great Highway!

Please do not approve this report. It is flawed and out of date because all data was collected during a pandemic by biased city agencies. The numbers of recreation users do not justify putting the residents and commuters of two large districts in danger from the increased diverted traffic from the UGH. Open the highway now.

Thank you,

Lauraine Edir

Date : 7/13/2021 4:00:11 AM
From : "SANDRA BLUE" the2blues@comcast.net
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Opening of Great Highway Meeting, June 13, 2021

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I see cars going through barriers as they are frustrated. I have seen close calls where vehicles almost run into each other in their frustration to finally find a way to get out of the maze you have created and then you put speed bumps in to slow traffic even more.

Sandra Blue
Sunset

Date : 7/12/2021 11:59:19 PM
From : "Michael" mhyoung510@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Public Comment for SFCTA meeting 7/13/21

Dear Board of the SFMTA/SFBOARD of Supervisors:

You have chosen to consider studies and surveys conducted *in the depths of a 100-year pandemic, last November and December* to promote a full forever closure of the UGH to the detriment of the safety of thousands of moderate-income working people, teachers, nurses, essential workers, and soon-to-be school children walking to school. Why? Because a small minority of vocal, privileged, white bike-riding special interest groups, who are well-organized with letter campaigns and ethically questionable public comment campaigns for meetings conducted while working people are at work and can't comment, for some reason have convinced you that this ill-conceived, poorly executed, and unwanted closure is what the majority wants. That is not true.

It is outrageous and shameful that you are even considering adopting a study/survey so flawed and so out of date with such a small non-scientific sample of public opinion on this vital issue. The quality of life and safety in two districts, the Richmond and the Sunset will forever be diminished because of you and the three highly biased agencies, RPD, CTA, and MTA are in thrall to special interest groups (e.g. the Bike Coalition) instead of the People.

Indeed, the ONLY almost relatively current information in the Great Highway Final Evaluation Report is on page 43, related to public petitions: as of June 9, there were **8,769** signers for Open the GH. As of today, that number has increased to almost **10,400!** As of June 18, the number of petition signers for a full closure is only **4,918**. This is huge difference of opinion, and definitely defines the dramatic shift in public opinion about this closure.

So, please do not approve this flaw and biased study. Instead, if you must keep throwing away our tax dollars, find an unbiased third-party entity that can do a scientific unbiased study of public's desires about this highway's future. So far, these biased agencies have wasted at least \$600,000 on surveys, studies, mitigations that don't deal with the reality that people need their cars. We are not a vast group of car-lovers. We just need automobiles to conduct the affairs of our working and family lives. The bus lines are inadequate, and many people are unable due to age or disability to walk or bike for 30-minutes to an hour to get to Safeway of Lucky's and then home again with 6 bags of groceries. Please use your common sense and reject this study. Your voters and taxpayers will thank you.

Michael Young

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Subject : Public Comment for SFCTA meeting 13JUN2021

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roadway and restore peace, safety, and access to San Francisco via the Great Highway. Thank you.

Date : 7/13/2021 6:21:23 AM

From : "Peter Pirolli" peter.pirolli@gmail.com

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Peter Pirolli
Senior Research Scientist
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To:
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Pedestrians and bicyclists have a wonderful array of areas to be outside in that area. There is the beach, the wide walkways, and Golden Gate Park.

As a senior with limited mobility, being able to ride near the ocean gives me great joy and peace of mind. The Great Highway is also the best route from the Western end of the Richmond

District to the Sunset District and beyond and now that it is safe to go places, it is needed for commuters and tourists. It is needed for people who have to or want to go places. Currently, the cars that need that route are congesting the neighborhoods and polluting much more than they would on a straight highway which is made for cars.

I am extremely concerned about safety. Residents and visitors need this evacuation route in the event of a major disaster like an earthquake. There are countless people who need to be rescued at sea in Ocean Beach. Emergency vehicles need to get there with no delays. Delays cause deaths.

All of our qualities of life have been changed by the pandemic. Now that many of us are vaccinated and still being very careful, we need to be able to be in fresh air. For me and many seniors, when we have to go out, riding near nature adds to our quality of life. This is absolutely true for disabled people as well. I feel deeply for families with several children who need this route and for people who need the route to commute to work. It is absurd to send cars wending their ways through residential neighborhoods. This causes much more pollution and takes away from their quality of life when they spend a lot more time on their commute and away from their families.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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We need to have the voice of reason prevail rather than wishes of some – lest we become nothing more than a tourist city without any other industry in the city. We need safe streets – not just closed streets.

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Sunset

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Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hinze
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To the BOS and the SFCTA,

Please open the GH we are all tired of being stuck in the gridlock this closure has created. This side of the city has been suffering and the D4 mobility study is inaccurate at best.

The Pilot program is a STUPID idea and just seem like it's just been thought up by someone coming up with this bright idea just so they can keep their job. The bike coalition, walkSF, and vision zero are using sleazy tactics to commandeer the public comment lines so people opposed can't call in or have to wait hours to speak. Closing roads won't make

It safer out here.

Open the great highway now.

Thank you,

Catherine Masterson

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 7/13/2021 12:48:51 AM
From : "Michele Chambliss" michele@mach49.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Public comment regarding the Great Highway decision

Dear Sir/Madam--

I am unable to attend the July 13 SFCTA meeting but would like to submit my comments about this important transportation artery for the city.

I am a former resident of the Outer Richmond neighborhood immediately adjacent to the Great Highway (now living in the Inner Richmond). At the time, I used the Great Highway each weekday to get to and from work down on the Peninsula. Not only is it a convenient and SAFE alternative to other transportation arteries south (19th Avenue), as a resident there I also felt safe using the walking and biking paths there recreationally. For decades before and in its immediate pre-pandemic state, it was an example of "if it ain't broke, don't break it..." It really was a Great Highway. The pandemic closure has converted it to the Great Wasted Space now reserved for a few niche uses.

The Great Highway's closure has had a negative impact on the residents of the immediately adjacent neighborhoods, on residents in nearby neighborhoods (like myself), and on all types of San Francisco residents in a couple of ways. First, for those who need it as an access point to roadways to the south, this is a temporary nuisance if one doesn't have to drive south daily (a temporary circumstance under pandemic office closures) but for those who hope to get back to work on the Peninsula, this is a major blocker to living in or even purchasing a home or condo in these neighborhoods. Second, the closure especially is hard-hitting for thousands of San Franciscans who previously enjoyed the sea breeze and fresh air of the Great Highway safely from their vehicles for just a little moment of SF joy and did so without any disturbance to other users of the space (bikers, walkers, hikers, etc). The use of the Great Highway under the pandemic closure has been restricted to those who are physically fit and highly physically mobile and have plenty of time on their hands. That is such a small number of residents that it is a real discrimination to those of us who pay the same property taxes here in San Francisco and have had a significant asset cut off from us.

Others have more eloquently voiced their support of re-opening this important vehicle traffic artery and fully family-friendly source of vehicular joy. All I know is that I very much miss being able to drive so many places in the city that have now been restricted and this is the one I miss the most.

Please re-open the Great Highway to all residents of San Francisco!

Sincerely,
Michele Chambliss
38 Palm Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118

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Date : 7/12/2021 8:09:27 PM

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Subject : Re: Public Comment to be entered into the permanent record for the 7/13/21, 10:00 am SFMTA Meeting: Correction to & 10 photos to supplement and be attached to email previously sent (7/12/21 at 5:28:21)

Attachment :

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Dear MTA Board: I agree completely with Ms. Gorski's comments above. The disgraceful lack of maintenance by RPD of the bike path next to the UGH makes it almost HALF of what is designed to be.

If it were maintained properly, there would be room for everyone walking on the UGH now--more than enough room, because the numbers are so low.

Please require Phil Ginsburg and his staff to do their jobs and clean up the mess on the UGH: the overgrowth, the garbage, the graffiti, and the sand. The walkers are destroying the environment.

From: Judi Gorski <judigorski@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 6:39:41 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org <clerk@sfcta.org>; Gordon Mar <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Marstaff <marstaff@sfgov.org>

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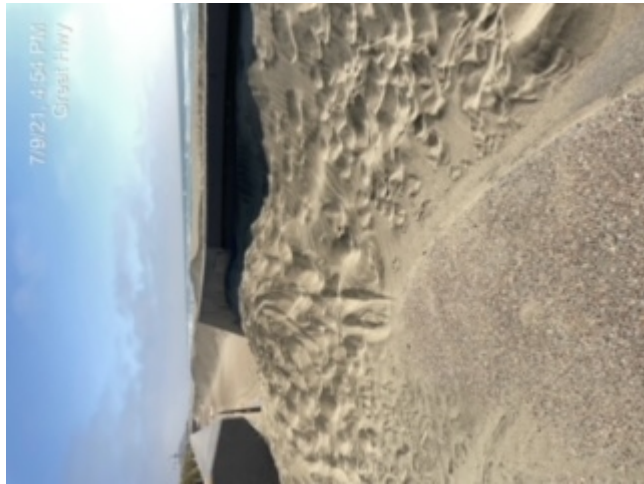
This is a correction of a typo in the 2nd paragraph of my previously sent email on 7/12/21 at 5:28:21 to clerk@sfcta.org, Supervisor Gordon Mar and the other Supervisors. On the second to last sentence of the 2nd paragraph, the word "new" should be the word "neighborhood" and the sentence should read, "It does nothing to deter the motorcycles or dirt bike gangs racing through the neighborhood each week at all hours setting off car alarms, endangering the public and disturbing the peace."

Attached is a photo of this week's invasion.



Below are photos of the lack of maintenance we taxpayers pay to RPD to maintain the existing Great Highway's shared pedestrian space. Note the wood border on the right of the photos that is supposed to be visible all along the pathway, not covered with ice plants. These were taken Friday, July 9, 2021.





Stairs to the beach by the seawall between Noriega and Rivera 7/9/21.



Graffiti and sand on the seawall between Noriega and Rivera.



This isn't because they need more money to clear it; it's because they don't care and get away with not doing it.





Bicyclists drive to the car-free highway causing greenhouse gasses from their vehicles as they circle around looking for parking on the LGH and nearby streets. Simultaneously, they criticize anyone else who uses a car for any reason, despite the fact that their reason is only for recreation.





Save our neighborhood, share the road, Open the Great Highway!

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Gorski

One of the 10,400 signatures on
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Member of Concerned Residents of the
Sunset; in support of Concerned Residents
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Date : 7/12/2021 10:31:05 PM
From : "birdofparadise567" birdofparadise567@gmail.com
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : SFCTA board meeting 7.13.21

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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Michael Chan
Sunset Resident

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Date : 7/13/2021 7:57:26 AM

From : "Terry Lynch" terrylynch415@gmail.com

To : "clerk@SFCTA.org" clerk@SFCTA.org

Subject : The great highway is for vehicles

This is beyond ridiculous. People are getting angry. The pandemic is over. There are many many many many many places for people to walk and ride their bikes.

Great highway is a vitall thoroughfare For citizens, employers, employees, those going to the VA for service or work. Drivers pay for it with our taxes yet we are the only ones that cannot use it. There is no reason for any hybrid type of use.

Open it up the way it was. Come late August/September, it will be needed more than ever.

Open it back to vehicles Full time! There is not one valid reason to keep it closed to vehicles.

Terry Lynch

District 1

Date : 7/12/2021 8:47:52 PM
From : "oceanvw via Clerk" clerk@sfcta.org
To : "clerk@sfcta.org" clerk@sfcta.org
Subject : Upper Great Highway

My preferred option for the UGH is to re-open it on weekdays for commuter traffic and to close in on weekends for recreational users. And therefore, I question the Planning Commission Report's statement "A weekend-only promenade is only recommended as a potential option if a full promenade is pursued long term". I urge you to amend, modify or delete this statement before accepting the report.

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