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The District 4 Mobility Study is deeply flawed. We have recently discovered that data showing far lower and steadily declining usage of the Great Highway has been withheld from the report. The traffic analyses compare pre-Covid volumes to mid-Covid offering nothing meaningful. There has never been any proper analysis of expected changes to Vehicle Miles Traveled which are recommended under CEQA, and well known correlates of accident rates and pollution volumes.

The study is a mess and the source has no credibility because of its manipulations of the data.

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Since reopening the Upper Great Highway mid week I’ve seen the decreased traffic on the Lower highway and surrounding streets. It’s peaceful again and safer to walk and ride my bicycle to do errands in the neighborhood. It’s even easier to walk across the Upper Great Highway to get to the beach. With the light signals working again, autos stop, and pedestrians can safely cross the street without speeding bicyclists coming from both directions through the cross walk.

When the Upper Great Highway was redesigned in the 1980’s with the construction of the Westside Transport box, it was a well conceived plan. The proof to that is that it works fine as a much needed highway. Please keep the UPPER GREAT HIGHWAY OPEN.

Thank you,
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2 messages

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It Is Time To Remove the Barriers to Entering the Lower Sunset

Now that the Great Highway is reopened during the week, it is time to remove the barriers that were installed to prevent non-residents from entering the Sunset. Specifically, the City should now remove the barriers that prevent entry into the Sunset from Lincoln Street at the intersections of 46th, 47th, La Playa and Lower Great Highway, as well as the barrier that prevents entry into the Sunset from Sloat at 47th. These "mitigation" efforts actually hurt residents of the Sunset as they preclude our normal and natural routes. For example, whether approaching the neighborhood from north or south, I now need to go many blocks out of my way to get to the Lower Great Highway resulting in more time in vehicle, more miles travelled, more emissions, and more headaches. These were a bad idea from the start, and whatever rationale may have existed for installing them no longer exists and they should be removed. Thanks

Keep the Upper Great Highway Open on Fridays Until After the Evening Commute

It makes no sense to force the Friday night commute traffic back down into the neighborhoods. This is a terrible idea/policy for all involved. It is bad for the commuters and bad for the residents and there are plenty of other recreational options for the few joggers and dog walkers who use the Highway on Friday afternoon. Similarly, there is no reason the Upper Great Highway can't be reopened to traffic on Sunday evenings after dark instead of waiting until Monday at 6:00 am. Virtually no one is using the Upper Great Highway at night and traffic is just being routed into the neighborhoods unnecessarily.

Keep 41st Avenue Open to Vehicular Traffic

41st Avenue is one of the only North/South routes into and out of the Outer Sunset. With the Great Highway closed on Weekends (or God forbid permanently), it is virtually the only way to go north from the Sunset or to enter the Sunset from the north. It is also one of the few 4 way stop intersections out of the Sunset which makes it one of the safest exits from the Sunset onto Lincoln. The closure at 41st also results in southbound traffic being backed up all the way across the park and creates a traffic snarl at 41st and Lincoln that never existed previously. It also forces motorists to drive out of their way to get back to their Sunset homes or to get to local businesses. Like the Upper Great Highway, this is a critical traffic route that should never have been closed. 41st was always shared by cars and bikes and can continue to be shared - if nothing else, for at least the block from Irving to Lincoln.
Video of horrific traffic Friday evening rush hour on Great Highway

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Open the highway to cars all day on Friday! Close for recreation 6am Sat to 6am Monday. This was to be a temporary closure. Not fair to commuters and Sunset residents to keep it closed on Sat afternoons. Friday evening is the biggest commute time of the week. Stop catering always to the bike lobby.

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