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## Public Comment for the Record, Nov.9 SFCTA Board Meeting Re: Illegal Highway Activity

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Patricia Arack &lt;parack@ccsf.edu&gt;

Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 6:37 PM

To: Transportation Authority &lt;clerk@sfcta.org&gt;

Cc: "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" &lt;MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org&gt;, "phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org" &lt;phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org&gt;, "nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org" &lt;nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org&gt;

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Patricia Arack, Admin .  
Concerned Residents of the Sunset  
Retired Tenured Faculty, CCSF  
Resident of D4 36 Years



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## The Great Highway

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

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Sincerely,

*Michael and Debra Winder*  
*Concerned Residents of the Sunset*



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## Keep Great Highway open please

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**Karen Ngo** <k-ngo@sbcglobal.net>  
Reply-To: Karen Ngo <k-ngo@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 8:19 PM

Dear SFCTA Board Members:

As I enjoy riding my bike and walking on the blocked Great Highway on the weekends, I still think it should be kept open at least during week days for cars.

As most people are going back to work and school etc., traffic is getting more and more congested. Blocking almost the whole Great Highway just for the few selfish bikers or walkers is ridiculous. Highways are built for cars travel. They claim that closing the highway are safe for kids. Kids and bikers have the highway on the weekend, and they have part of the Golden Gate park blocked off for them already. It's time to share the highway, which was originally for CARS.

Also, please do something about crimes in the city.

We used to be so proud of our beautiful city and friendly neighborhood, now even our friends and relatives from neighboring cities are afraid to come to visit.

Seeing merchants being robbed, products stolen (rather taken in front of security personnel than stolen and no consequences for the thieves), businesses are forced to close..., we are sad, hurt, and shameful. What have gone wrong to our city and our society?

Concerned Sunset residents

Karen and Ken N.  
Nov 8, 2021

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**Fw: SFCTA Meeting Tuesday Nov. 9 at 10:am**

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Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 5:29 AM

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1255 - 25th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
11/9/2021 > 5:27 AM

Dear SFCTA Board Members:

Sorry to have to write but my computer abilities align with my age. I am a native of the Sunset and need to be reassured you will restore my home and family with the safety of the Great Highway being useful to emergency vehicles. I will be 72 (my son's football number) on Thanksgiving and have been suffering from liver issues since I was 50. Arthritis has ruined my hands and what is left of my brain power is funny and i wish i could learn more to email with you. this isn't my first letter or appeal. Please act on our plight.

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*Kaaren Alvarado*  
415 564 0199



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**PUBLIC COMMENT OBJECTING TO SFCTA'S VIOLATIONS OF BROWN ACT**

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Mary Miles &lt;page364@earthlink.net&gt;

Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 7:52 AM

To: Transportation Authority &lt;clerk@sfcta.org&gt;, tilly.chang@sfcta.org

FROM:

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Attorney at Law for Coalition for Adequate Review

[364 Page St., #36](#)[San Francisco, CA 94102](#)

TO:

Tilly Chang, Director

Clerk of the Transportation Authority and

Members of the Board of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority ("SFCTA")

[1455 Market Street, 22nd Floor](#)[San Francisco, CA 94103](#)

RE: SFCTA's Continuing VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT: Failure To Post Legally Adequate Notice Of Meetings And Agendas Of SFCTA Board And Failure To Make Board Information Publicly Available

**PUBLIC COMMENT OBJECTING TO SFCTA'S VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT****SFCTA MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

This Comment OBJECTS to SFCTA'S violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act," Gov. Code §§ 54950 *et seq.*) which requires SFCTA to provide public notice of SFCTA meetings, Agendas, and related materials at least 72 hours in advance of meetings of the SFCTA at a location physically accessible by members of the public.

Please distribute this to all members of the SFCTA Board and place a copy in all applicable files on the November 9, 2021 Meeting and on each Agenda item and action to be taken at the November 9, 2021 SFCTA Board Meeting.

SFCTA must continue its November 9, 2021 Meeting, because it did not provide public notice, the Agenda of that Meeting, and materials on the Agenda items at least 72 hours in advance of that Meeting as required by the Brown Act.

Under the Brown Act, SFCTA's notice, Agenda, and materials before the Board must be provided and made available in offices that are OPEN to the public at least 72 hours before the meeting. (See, e.g., Gov. Code §54950.5, 54954.2, 54957.5, 54960; and, e.g., *Sierra Watch v. Placer County* (2021) 69 Cal. App. 5th 1, 5, 8, 10-14.) The recent *Sierra Watch v. Placer County* case makes clear that SFCTA is required to provide actual hard copies of these materials, *not* only online, but at a location that is ***open to the public***, at least 72 hours before its meeting. (*Ibid.*)

SFCTA'S notice and Agenda for its November 9, 2021 meeting were only available online after hours Friday, November 5, 2021, *after SFCTA's office was closed*. The SFCTA Office was closed Saturday November 6 and Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Therefore, please continue the November 9, 2021 meeting until SFCTA complies with the Brown Act's notice and agenda requirements.

Sincerely,

Mary Miles

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**From:** Transportation Authority <[clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)>  
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**To:** [page364@earthlink.net](mailto:page364@earthlink.net)  
**Subject:** Transportation Authority Board - November 9, 2021



# Transportation Authority Board

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If you have questions, contact Britney Milton, Clerk of the Transportation Authority: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org) or call (415) 522-4800.



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