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## Great Highway Blockade

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**Peter Heinecke** <[pheinecke@gmail.com](mailto:pheinecke@gmail.com)>  
To: [clerk@sfcta.org](mailto:clerk@sfcta.org)

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 5:35 PM

Dear SFCTA:

As someone who both bikes on and drives on the Great Highway, I am very discouraged by recent reports of cyclists blocking the highway and preventing cars from using it. This behavior is extremely dangerous for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians. The compromise solution for the Great Highway was reasonable and accommodated the interests of all people. The fact is that a vast number of San Franciscans need to use cars to get to from work, family and social activities. It is just wrong for cyclists to claim the right to override a democratically made decision because they want to impose their minority viewpoint on others. Please take whatever steps are reasonable necessary to restore access to the Great Highway as was agreed upon.

Thanks,

Peter

*Peter S. Heinecke*

*30 Hill Street*

*San Francisco, CA 94110*



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## Public Comment SFCTA Board Meeting Nov. 16

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Patricia Arack <parack@ccsf.edu>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 10:41 PM

To: Transportation Authority <clerk@sfcta.org>

Cc: "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" <MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org>, "SFPDChief@sfgov.org" <sfpdchief@sfgov.org>, Nicholas Rainsford <nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, Gordon Mar <marstaff@sfgov.org>

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Arack  
Resident, D4 36 years  
Admin., Concerned Residents of the Sunset



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## San Francisco County Transportation Authority Meeting Notice, Tuesday Nov. 16

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Michael <mhyoung510@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 11:24 PM

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Michael Young



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## Protect our rights to Share our San Francisco Streets

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zrants &lt;zrants@gmail.com&gt;

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 10:33 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: Breed London &lt;MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org&gt;, sfpdchief@sfgov.org, Nicholas.Rainsford@sfgov.org, Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

November 15, 2021

Subject: **Comments to be part of the Public Record for the SFCTA meeting, Tuesday, 11-16-21, 10:00 am**

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Sincerely,

Mari Eliza  
Concerned San Francisco Resident



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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**Mari Mari** <unaarana@hotmail.com>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 10:02 PM

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Cc: "newstips@fox.com" <newstips@fox.com>, "ktvu2Investigates@fox.com" <ktvu2Investigates@fox.com>

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The Great Highway has always been a safe, shared space among drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and others.

Keep it open to everyone and demand an end to what is clearly not a protest, but a refusal to share our streets.

**And keep the streets safe for all, please hold the bicyclists accountable from creating unnecessary traffic and an imminent danger.**

Sincerely,

Mari



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## Open the GH and GGP

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**Craig Hanson** <fishingcraig@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

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30-year Outer Sunset Resident



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## UGH SFCTA Meeting November 16

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Linda Chan &lt;Lchan1668@hotmail.com&gt;

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 7:51 PM

To: "clerk@sfcta.org" &lt;clerk@sfcta.org&gt;, "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" &lt;MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org&gt;, "SFPDchief@sfgov.org" &lt;SFPDchief@sfgov.org&gt;, "Nicholas.Rainsford@sfgov.org" &lt;Nicholas.Rainsford@sfgov.org&gt;

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Concerned Residents of the Sunset

Open the Great Highway Alliance





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## Driving, parking in SF shouldn't be difficult

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LDY &lt;harris.rose@att.net&gt;

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 7:22 PM

Reply-To: LDY &lt;harris.rose@att.net&gt;

To: "Clerk@sfcta.org" &lt;Clerk@sfcta.org&gt;, "MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org" &lt;MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org&gt;, "sfpdchief@sfgov.org" &lt;sfpdchief@sfgov.org&gt;, "Nicholas.Rainsford@sfgov.org" &lt;Nicholas.Rainsford@sfgov.org&gt;, "Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org" &lt;Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org&gt;

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11/16/21, 7:51 AM

SFCTA Mail - Driving, parking in SF shouldn't be difficult

Sincerely,  
L. Yaco

*Fear is Useless, Faith & HOPE are necessary, Love is Everything*



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roxwor via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 6:57 PM

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Cc: roxwor@aol.com

I support the comments in this email. Please open the Great Highway, especially during the week.

Roxanne Worthington

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Sincerely,  
Judi Gorski

San Francisco D4 resident; Member of Open the Great Highway Alliance; Concerned Residents of the Sunset; Supporter of Concerned Residents of the Richmond

11/16/21, 7:54 AM

SFCTA Mail - Comments to be part of the Public Record for the SFCTA meeting, Tuesday, 11-16-21, 10:00 am



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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## I fully support the letter below. Senior citizens need their cars, not bicycles.

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**sfmimsy via Clerk** <clerk@sfcta.org>  
Reply-To: sfmimsy@aol.com  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

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Sincerely,  
Miriam Goodman  
San Francisco Resident



Britney Milton &lt;britney.milton@sfcta.org&gt;

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**Peter Griffith** <peteg415@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 12:28 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org, MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org, SFPDchief@sfgov.org, nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org

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Stephen Gorski &lt;sjgorskilaw@gmail.com&gt;

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 9:04 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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## The Great Highway

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Jill Hutchinson <jillmchutchinson@gmail.com>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 10:09 AM

I stand with Judy!

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The letter above is my opinion as well!

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## Bike Protests

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**Dan Ake** <danake550@comcast.net>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Sun, Nov 14, 2021 at 4:23 PM

Dear SFCTA Board Members, Mayor Breed, Chief Scott, and Capt. Rainsford:

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Judi Gorski &lt;judigorski@gmail.com&gt;

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 8:00 AM

To: clerk@sfcta.org, Mayor London Breed &lt;MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org&gt;, Chief SFPD &lt;sfpdchief@sfgov.org&gt;, Nicholas Rainsford &lt;Nicholas.Rainsford@sfgov.org&gt;

Cc: Patricia Arack &lt;parack@ccsf.edu&gt;, Judi - gmail Gorski &lt;judigorski@gmail.com&gt;

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## Arrest the Bicyclists who are breaking the law

JJ Hollingsworth &lt;fortehouse1498@gmail.com&gt;

Sat, Nov 13, 2021 at 6:49 PM

To: London.Breed@sfgov.org, SFPDchief@sfgov.org, clerk@sfcta.org, gordon.mar@sfgov.org, nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org

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## SFCTA - Protect our Rights to Share SF Streets - for all not a single group only...

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'Aaron Goodman' via Clerk <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 11:28 PM

Reply-To: Aaron Goodman <amgodman@yahoo.com>

To: Clerk of the Board Alberto Quintanilla <clerk@sfcta.org>, "Breed Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "sfpdchief@sfgov.org" <sfpdchief@sfgov.org>, "board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>, "nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org" <nicholas.rainsford@sfgov.org>

I am unable to attend the meeting but am in support of the email and comments below of Judi Gorski.

There has been negligence on the part of the SFCTA to address the longstanding issues of transit in D7 due to ongoing construction projects, and impacts of density that if not solved transit wise leads to greater disruption not less.

The L-Taraval back up sloat to west portal is a solution on 1.8 miles of track.

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A.Goodman (Voter in D11)

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

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**Mary Miles** <page364@earthlink.net>  
To: clerk@sfcta.org  
Cc: tilly.chang@sfcta.org

Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 9:15 AM

FROM:

Mary Miles (SB #230395)

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 16, 2021**

This Comment OBJECTS to SFTA'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 16, 2021 Meeting and on each Agenda item and action to be taken at the November 16, 2021 SFCTA Board Meeting.

SFCTA must continue its November 16, 2021 Meeting, because it did not provide public notice, the Agenda of that Meeting, and materials on 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 12, 2021, *after SFCTA's office was closed*. The SFCTA Office was closed Saturday November 13 and Sunday, November 14, 2021.

On November 12, 2021 I received email from the SFCTA Board Clerk dated November 12, 2021 (highlight added), stating:

"The Transportation Authority's offices will reopen **in January**, and will then be open 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). In the meantime, the Transportation Authority's offices are open during regular business hours on an as-needed basis. Upon the request of any interested member of the public, the Transportation Authority would also schedule a time during regular business hours for that member of the public to review public records."

The public and members thereof are not required to "request" or "schedule a time" to "review public records" on an "as needed basis" to be provided physical hard copies of notice of SFCTA meetings, Agendas, and materials related to SFCTA meetings. Instead, those materials must be provided in a location **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at least 72 hours in advance of any SFCTA meetings**. SFCTA admits that the SFCTA Office itself is CLOSED, has been closed, and will remain CLOSED to the public until January, 2022.

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Notably, SFCTA does not even provide timely *email* notice of its meetings to those who have requested it, having emailed "notice" of the November 16, 2021 SFCTA Meeting **after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021**, with no after-hours contact information. Thus, even those who have requested such notice are deprived of notice, agendas and access to materials, along with the general public.

SFCTA is in violation of the Brown Act, and cannot continue this illegal course of depriving the public of access to hard copies of notices of SFCTA meetings, Agendas, and materials related to those meetings.

The November 16, 2021 SFCTA meeting must therefore be continued until SFCTA complies with the Brown Act.

Sincerely,