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6-26-23 COMMENT SFCTA 6-27-23 AGENDA ITEM 6 OCEAN AVE BICYCLE MOBILITY PLAN

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PUBLIC COMMENT: OBJECTIONS TO APPROVAL OF ITEM 6 SFCTA AGENDA, JUNE 27, 2023 (Ocean Avenue Project)

This public comment OPPOSES and OBJECTS to approval of SFCTA Agenda Item 6 (Ocean Avenue Mobility Action Plan." (Consent Agenda Item 2.) Please assure that this Comment is distributed to every member of the SFCTA Board and is placed in all applicable files.

The Project proposes spending Prop L funds of \$15,602,323, plus the \$66,753,177 already spent, a total of **\$82,355,500** for these alleged bicycle and pedestrian "improvements." According to the packet, this Project will **remove 420 parking spaces**, a pedestrian bridge, and will make conditions more difficult and unsafe for travelers who drive. It is unexplained in the Staff memo whether those costs include MTA and SFCTA staff time for 6-figure engineers and "public relations" flacks to collect six-figure salaries for "outreach" to bicycling and walking advocates.

This Project is a primary example of why MTA faces a "fiscal cliff" (deficit): Extravagant spending on bicycle facilities and anti-car obstructions and removal of parking and traffic lanes on public streets. We hear the incessant complaints of MTA Director Tumlin about his fiscal cliff, while billions are spent on bicycle and "pedestrian" projects that are clearly aimed at making driving more miserable and dangerous in San Francisco. Less than 3% of San Francisco travelers choose bicycling to get around, and the vast majority choose driving cars. (Corey, Canapary & Galanis Research: San Francisco Municipal

Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Travel Decisions Survey 2021, p. 5 [bicycling mode share is less than three percent of San Francisco travelers].)

Meanwhile, San Francisco has the worst streets in the nation. (<https://www.teletracnavman.com/teletracnavman/images/infographics/cities-worst-maintained-roads-11.pdf>)

Removing another 420 parking spaces and a pedestrian bridge at a cost of tens of millions is a bad idea on its face, an idea that has not received lawful environmental review, does not serve the majority of travelers, and is inappropriate while MTA demands billions more in public revenue.

Please vote NO on Item 6 (“Ocean Avenue Mobility Action Plan”) and do not approve this extravagant and unnecessary spending proposal.

Sincerely,

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