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Hi Chair Melgar and Director Chang,

Tomorrow, Walk SF is unable to attend the SFCTA meeting and we want to share our thoughts on Item #4 School Traffic Calming Program FY26.

First, we're happy that this School Traffic Calming Program is still moving forward, and SFMTA is planning for another round of funding for 10 more schools. However, we have concerns that the Walk Audits and the safety changes around schools are not receiving the prioritization they deserve. Walk SF wants to see safety changes around schools as a top priority for the SFMTA, and appreciates the SFCTA's attention to this program.

Walk SF has been tracking the school walk audits closely, including Walk SF staff participated in a few Walk Audits this spring. We provided input on the School Walk Audit Guidelines before they were released in May 2024, with concerns about the long timeline between audits and safety changes.

There are still improvements to be made to the School Walk Audit Guidelines. In the current cycle, Walk Audits that were conducted from March to May 2025 still haven't received a report outlining what the proposed changes could be. That's already 5 months since the last audit, and 7 months since the first Walk Audit was done at Cesar Chavez Elementary. (NOTE: [the website](#) says those reports would be out to the schools at the end of Summer 2025.) Is there a reason why the draft reports can't be released on a rolling basis rather than all at one time? We're also eager to understand the timeline for when the safety changes from the Spring 2025 audits will be made. The Guidelines say the work will "begin" and continue through June 2027. Overall, this seems like a long time to wait for safety changes.

If a child is in the 3rd grade when a walk audit is conducted, they **might** see the safety improvements by the time they graduate from that school.

The current school traffic calming program does not seem to be optimized to prioritize children's safety, and we're asking for the processes to be reviewed for prioritizing safety around schools.

Thank you to the SFCTA for asking the difficult questions and ensuring our city's children get the safety enhancements that they deserve.

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