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Kat Siegal, CAC Chair
SF County Transportation Authority
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Re: Support for item 7 SFMTA's School Traffic Calming Program Progress Update

Dear Chair Siegal and Vice Chair Daniels,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, I am writing to express support for the SFMTA's work on the school traffic calming program, and enthusiasm for the increased number of safety audits in recent years. However, San Francisco needs the SFMTA to continue to accelerate safety audits around San Francisco schools. Children are one of the most vulnerable groups to traffic violence, and every young person in our City deserves to get to and from school safely no matter which mode of transportation they use to get there.

During the Biking and Rolling Plan outreach process, we advocated for school connections to be a priority in the plan. We're excited to see the SFMTA give more focus to this by creating the Safe School Connections program last month. The goal of the program is to connect all 249 schools in our City to the north star biking and rolling network within the next 10 years.

Safety audits are a primary tool the MTA is using to identify safety improvements around schools, and we are glad to see the number of them increase from five to ten in recent years. However, we must do more of them every year to reach our goals. The math makes the urgency clear. There are 249 schools, of which 155 are not connected to the planned network. If only 10 safety audits are conducted a year, it would take nearly 16 years just to assess them all, much less implement improvements. School safety demands more urgency than this.

The assessment itself also cannot be the end of the process. An important component of this program must be how the City remains accountable to schools after a walk audit. Schools and families need transparency and commitment throughout the process.

Sincerely,

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Walk SF Comment: SFCTA CAC 10/28 Agenda

1 message

Sam Greenberg <sam@walksf.org> Wed, Oct 28, 2026 at 5:11 PM
Bcc: clerk@sfcta.org

Dear Chair Siegal and members of the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Walk San Francisco to share our thoughts on a few important items before you at the CAC this evening.

First, on Item 6: we want to elevate that the Hayes Shared Space has been an outstanding success for the neighborhood and for all who visit it. We strongly support extending the Hayes Shared Space permit and want to highlight that we are not alone. Per the staff presentation, **a strong plurality of businesses (44%) either support expanding operations or support the current Shared Space operations under the permit**—with only 28% supporting scaling down operations. This speaks to how successful the space has been. We believe the pedestrian-friendly, walkable space Hayes Valley enjoys can be a model for neighborhoods across the city, and we hope you can highlight these great numbers in the CAC meeting.

Second, on Item 7: In reviewing the delivery timelines for prior years of the School Walk Audit Program, it is troubling for us to see that **improvements identified multiple years ago are still in progress or incomplete**. We ask that you request that project delivery for improvements identified by the School Walk Audit Program be accelerated by SFDPW and the SFMTA so that safety needs near schools are addressed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your service on the CAC and for supporting policies and funding to make San Francisco safe for all pedestrians.

Best,
Sam

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