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SFMTA Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
One South Van Ness Avenue, Seventh Floor  
San Francisco, California 94103-5417

Re: SFMTA CAC Recommendation

Dear Directors:

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on October 6, 2022, the Council considered the following recommendation:

CAC MOTION 221006.02

WHEREAS, portions of the San Jose Ave. corridor between Geneva Ave. and Baden St. ("the corridor") are part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) 2021 Vision Zero Action Strategy pledges to work together and in partnership with stakeholders to implement this strategy to eliminate all traffic deaths; and

WHEREAS, Balboa Park, located on the corridor, is one of the most popular playgrounds and parks for children and families in District 11, the District with the highest number of San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students; and

WHEREAS, the corridor also has a small but thriving commercial strip that is difficult for pedestrians to access; and

WHEREAS, in order for pedestrians to access Balboa Park or the commercial strip from District 11, one is required to traverse the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Balboa Park will have even more families and children using the facility when hundreds of affordable housing units come online soon, including the nearby

99 Ocean Ave. development and childcare center and the Balboa Park Upper Yard development; and

WHEREAS, the Muni Metro J-Church line runs through the corridor and includes six boarding islands. Riders of the J-Church are also adversely impacted by unsafe conditions on the corridor, such as fast-moving traffic when crossing to access boarding islands, and substandard protection on from traffic when waiting on islands; and

WHEREAS, despite past efforts, and with significant community support, including a January 2022 meeting with 75 neighbors in attendance, minimal pedestrian safety improvements have occurred on the corridor; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, the SFMTA CAC recommends that the agency

- Address unsafe conditions on the San Jose Ave. corridor as a part of its Vision Zero Action Strategy to prevent pedestrian injuries and fatalities
- Focus improvements on increasing safety and access for children and families to Balboa Park and the commercial strip
- Improve the J-Church infrastructure to benefit both transit riders and pedestrians; and
- Consider immediate, quick-build safety improvements to the corridor
- Engage the community around the corridor to develop a comprehensive plan of improvements to increase safety for pedestrians and transit riders. Include safety measures for inclusion in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.

It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens’ Advisory Council that the proposed recommendation would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Sincerely,



For

Michael Chen, Chair  
SFMTA Citizens’ Advisory Council

cc: SFMTA Citizens’ Advisory Council