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Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Operations](#)
Subject: FW: Support for 231075 - Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:56:15 PM
Attachments: [2024-05-14 Full BOS Ocean Beach Adaptation Plan letter of support .pdf](#)
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Dear Supervisors,

Please see below and attached regarding:

File No. 231075 - Ordinance amending the Park Code to close the Great Highway Extension, beginning at Sloat Boulevard and extending south for a distance of approximately 3,317 feet, to vehicles to allow for a multi-use trail and to improve shoreline resilience as part of the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project; making an associated finding under the California Vehicle Code; making environmental findings, including adopting a statement of overriding considerations under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Regards,

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From: Rachel Clyde <rcl Clyde@sfbike.org>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Support for 231075 - Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure

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See Letter of Support attached below.

Rachel Clyde
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May 14, 2024

Re: Support for the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, I am writing to support the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's mission is to promote the bicycle for everyday transportation, and we have over 6,000 members supporting our cause.

The Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Plan will be incredibly transformative for people walking, biking and rolling across the city and region. Climate change and sea level rise are continually eroding away our shoreline and we've seen significant damage in the last 15 years, threatening the Lake Merced Tunnel and wastewater treatment plant that hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans rely on daily. The project protects critical infrastructure and creates new space for coastal access and recreation in accordance with Coastal Act requirements. This managed retreat will both protect our city and make it more resilient to the effects of climate change, while also providing key opportunities for improving active transportation. By expanding active transportation opportunities, we are further preventing the worst effects of climate change.

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This plan has undergone careful study and public discussion; it is time to approve the plan and move forward with implementation so we can protect our city's coast and infrastructure for future generations. Climate change is real and here today and we have no time to delay. In a city surrounded on three sides by water, our only choice is to work rapidly to adapt to sea-level rise as we decarbonize.

For these reasons, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition fully supports the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation plan. We look forward to seeing this project completed and more projects like it to create safe spaces for the local community to move freely.

Sincerely,

Claire Amable

Claire Amable
Director of Advocacy
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition

From: [Charles Whitfield](#)
To: [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Colwick, Chris \(PUC\)](#); [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#); [Sarah Ranney](#); [Martha Kreeger](#); [Scott Webb](#); [Liana Warren](#)
Subject: Sierra Club position letter: Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project
Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 4:42:36 PM
Attachments: [Sierra Club supports Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project.pdf](#)

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Please see attached a letter from the Sierra Club in support of the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project.



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April 26, 2024

To: SF Board of Supervisors
Land Use Committee

I am writing on behalf of the over 6,000 members of the San Francisco Group of the SF Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club to express support for the one final piece of legislation needed to start construction on the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project. This legislation routes car traffic off of the part of the road that is falling into the ocean, the Great Highway Extension south of Sloat.

There is an urgent need to protect the Westside's sewage treatment infrastructure from the effects of sea level rise. We must act now to ensure we do not risk damage to pipes and thus a sewage leak on Ocean Beach. A full environmental impact report has been completed, with over 2,000 pages of analysis, and the project received the unanimous support of the SFPUC Commission and the Planning Commission.

The project includes many beneficial elements including intersection improvements and new traffic signals at Sloat and Skyline to smoothly accommodate the additional vehicle traffic. The project will also build a multi-use path, new public beach access, and a native plant nursery to grow new plants to stabilize the dunes, all features of great importance to the Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club also strongly supports the creation of a permanent Great Highway Park in place of the current road between Sloat and Lincoln. We believe Ocean Beach is no place for a highway. However, this particular legislation about the Great Highway Extension makes no changes to the status of the rest of the Great Highway.

We urge you to support the legislation needed to begin construction on the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project

Sincerely,
Charles Whitfield
Executive Committee Chair
Sierra Club SF Group

From: [Zach Lipton](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Lucas Lux](#); [Colwick, Chris \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Support for Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project at Land use and Transportation (File #231075)
Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 2:55:26 PM
Attachments: [Ocean Beach Support Letter.pdf](#)

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April 25, 2024

Re: Support for Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project (File #231075)

Dear Supervisors Melgar, Preston, and Peskin:

We write to support the Committee's approval of these Park Code amendments required to begin the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project

This project to protect essential SFPUC wastewater infrastructure has been an adopted City policy since the lengthy public and interagency process to develop the Ocean Beach Master Plan in 2012. After a years-long process of preparing an Environmental Impact Report that stretches more than 2,000 pages, and the approval of that plan by both the Public Utilities Commission and the Planning Commission, this project is ready for the next step of closing the roadway to make way for construction.. Meanwhile, the relentless forces of climate change-induced sea level rise do not stop their work if we delay this legislation. The longer we wait to move an adaptation project forward, the more the public shoreline erodes away, threatening the existence of our public beach. With so much careful study and public discussion about the need for a climate adaptation project in this area complete, it is time to take this next step to address the impacts of climate change and protect our City's coast and infrastructure for future generations.

Further, the passage of Proposition J and the failure of Proposition I in Fall 2022 demonstrate pronounced public support for this project, with 65% of voters, and majorities in every Supervisorial district, rejecting a measure that sought to block the project's planned vehicle circulation changes.

We are especially pleased to see new accessibility, beach access, and native plant elements added to the project. These changes will provide new access for people with disabilities to Ocean Beach and stabilize the dunes south of Sloat with new native vegetation, undoing decades of harm caused by invasive ice plant. The newly proposed improvements planned for the intersection of Great Highway Extension and Skyline are vital to improve safety through a treacherous intersection for people walking, biking, and rolling between the Lake Merced pathway and the multi-use path included in this project. We are also pleased to see numerous new commitments to access at the Zoo, which will ensure access to this beloved City institution no matter how they choose to travel.

Opponents who seek to fight the sea ignore that the roadway is already crumbling into the ocean. The legislation before you merely acknowledges the facts readily apparent on the ground (see appendix). This project is necessary to protect SFPUC wastewater infrastructure, requiring the project's planned rerouting of vehicle traffic. The planned traffic improvements to the intersection of Sloat & Skyline, in addition to other ongoing Westside transportation safety projects such as the Lincoln Boulevard Quick-Build and 29-Sunset Improvement Project, will ensure new options for north-south trips and for drivers traveling to San Mateo County while the project protects critical infrastructure and creates new space for coastal access and recreation.

Climate change is real and here today, and the ocean is not subject to public hearings as its forces come for Ocean Beach. In a City surrounded on three sides by water, our only choice is to work rapidly to adapt to sea-level rise as we decarbonize. Approval of the project is a first step to confronting that reality and the coastal erosion threatening critical SFPUC infrastructure. We support this approval and look forward to continuing to collaborate with City agencies as they move forward with the project on new recreational and access improvements as we seek to build an accessible and joyous oceanfront for all.

Thank you.

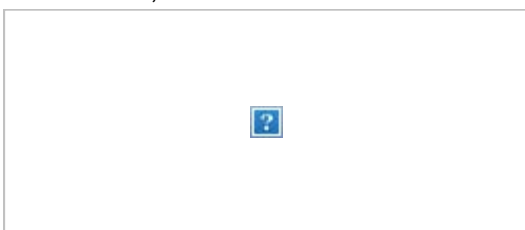
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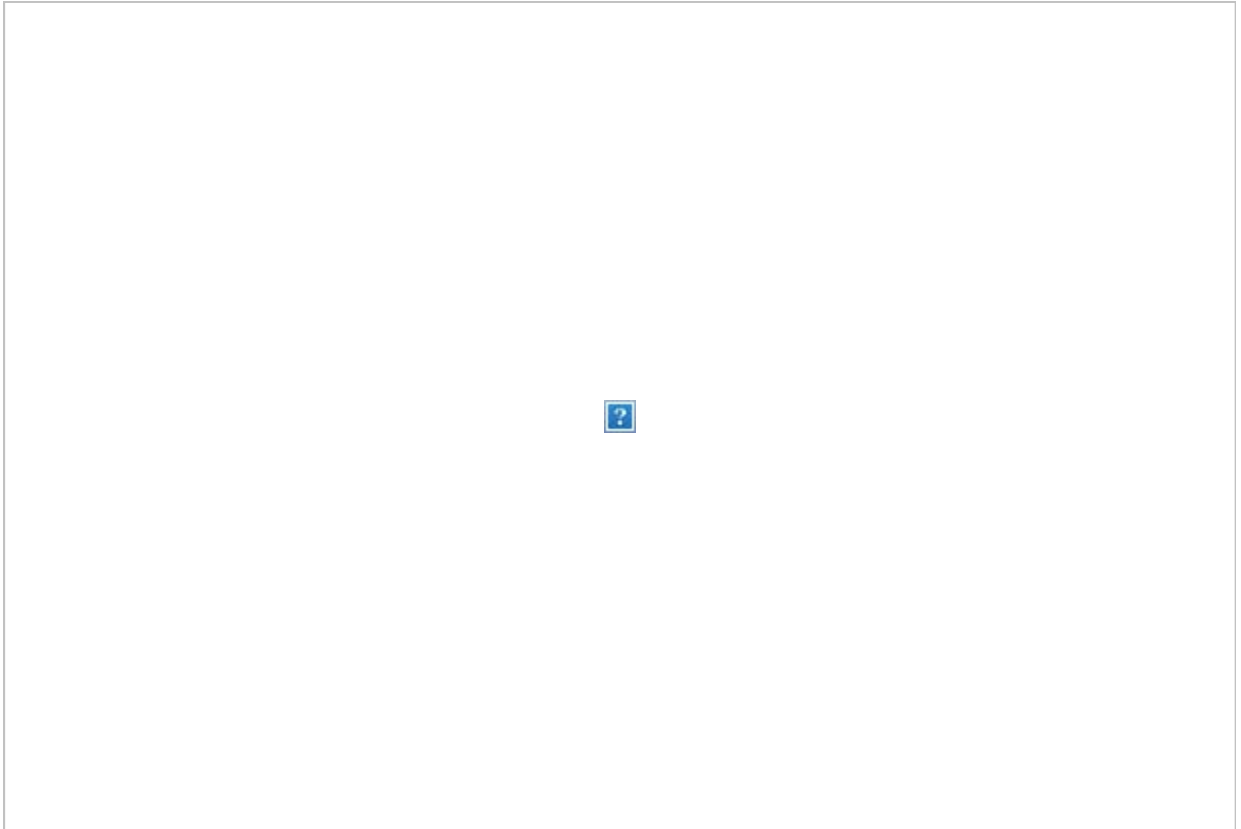
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Appendix: The Eroding Great Highway Extension





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From: [Sujata Srivastava](#)
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Cc: [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Roche, Anna \(PUC\)](#); [Annie Fryman](#); [Sarah Atkinson](#)
Subject: Public comment for File No. 231075, Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure
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Please see attached SPUR's letter of comment for File No. 231075, Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure

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April 25, 2024

Land Use and Transportation Committee
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Subject: File No. 231075, Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to express SPUR's strong support for the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project and to implement the components of project, which was developed after many years of thoughtful technical analysis, community visioning, and stakeholder engagement.

SPUR is proud to have played a pivotal role in championing the vision of the Ocean Beach Master Plan, working with a myriad of public agencies, community members, and stakeholders to develop one of the Bay Area's very first sea level rise adaptation plans. The project was co-developed with Rec Park, SFPUC, the National Park Service, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and Public Works and included valuable contributions from diverse communities.

The project's vision of a resilient shoreline that protects critical infrastructure, provides recreational access, and embodies ecological values has been widely embraced. Now, it is time for the City to implement key elements of this comprehensive plan, which has been meticulously crafted through careful analysis, taking into consideration the delicate balance between essential infrastructure operations and the imperatives of climate adaptation.

The project delivers on the aspirations of the wider community. It provides improved pedestrian and bicycle access to the beach and coastal trail, new recreational amenities, and high-quality public spaces that will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. By removing unpermitted revetments and armoring, it restores the natural habitat and protects biodiversity.

I urge you to approve the approve this important legislation to close the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline so that the Ocean Beach Master Plan project can proceed.

Sincerely,

Sujata Srivastava, Chief Policy Officer
SPUR

From: [Rachel Clyde](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Claire Amable](#); [Colwick, Chris \(PUC\)](#)
Subject: Public comment for File No. 231075, Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure
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See Letter of Support for the Great Highway Extension road closure below.

Rachel Clyde

Westside Community Organizer

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Director of Advocacy
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From: [Lian Chang](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment for File No. 231075, Park Code - Great Highway Extension - Road Closure.
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:49:49 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to support the ordinance amending the Park Code to close the Great Highway Extension to vehicles to allow for a multi-use trail and to improve shoreline resilience as part of the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project; to be heard in the Monday, April 29 Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting.

My family has enjoyed using Great Highway Park for recreation, to travel to the zoo and to restaurants in the Outer Sunset, to access Ocean Beach, and to attend some of the community events that have been held here since the road has been closed to cars. This is exactly the kind of public space and infrastructure that is helping San Franciscans to not only shift more trips away from cars to more sustainable and healthy modes of travel, but also to experience our city as a joyful, vibrant place.

This project to protect SFPUC wastewater infrastructure has been adopted City policy since the robust and lengthy interagency process that led up to the Ocean Beach Master Plan in 2012. With an Environmental Impact Report of over 2,000 pages, this project has been thoroughly analyzed and reviewed—and meanwhile, the relentless forces of climate change and the sea follow no such timetable and continue to erode away at our shoreline, threatening the Lake Merced Tunnel and wastewater treatment plant that hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans rely on daily. It is time to take this action to address the reality that is climate change and protect our City's coast and infrastructure for future generations.

Opponents who seek to fight the sea and permanently preserve a four-lane highway south of Sloat Boulevard ignore that the roadway is already crumbling into the sea and will inevitably not be usable for vehicle traffic throughout the upcoming four years of major construction on the bluffs necessary to protect wastewater infrastructure, requiring the project's planned rerouting of vehicle traffic. Also, the resounding passage of Proposition J and the failure of Proposition I in Fall 2022 demonstrate pronounced public support for portions of this project, with 65% of voters, and majorities in every Supervisorial district, rejecting a measure that sought to block the project's planned vehicle circulation changes.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Lian Chang

Resident of D1, San Francisco --

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