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Dear Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Supervisor Peskin:

I thank the Board of Supervisors for pressing SFMTA to improve the accessibility of its transit stops, especially in the southern and western portions of the city. I am disturbed by the statement in SFMTA's response that converting a flag stop to a box zone takes "several months of outreach and administrative processes." I urge the Committee to encourage SFMTA to improve the efficiency of its procedures so that decisions regarding individual stops do not become bogged down in protracted bureaucratic processes. A handful of disgruntled individuals should not be allowed to impede the overriding mandate to improve transit service.

I also urge the members of the Committee and of the Board of Supervisors as a whole to commit to avoiding micromanagement and obstruction of SFMTA's decisions regarding individual bus stops within supervisors' districts. My perception is that one reason the SFMTA so often proceeds slowly and timidly is because of concern about upsetting individual supervisors. Please do not allow that to be the case here.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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