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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, AGENDA ITEM 4: "Creation of a 'Beach to Bay' Car-Free  
Connection and Equitable Access to Golden Gate Park": CLOSURE OF JFK DRIVE TO  
VEHICLES**

This Comment **OPPOSES** approval of this Committee's Agenda Item 4 described above. Please distribute this Comment to all Members of the Committee and place a copy in applicable files and packets of the Board of Supervisors.

Access to the major part of Golden Gate Park was closed to vehicles in March, 2020, as part of the alleged "emergency" need for bicyclists and pedestrians to occupy public streets in San Francisco to facilitate their recreational needs during the Covid "emergency." The Agenda Item 4 apparently now proposes creation of a "Beach to Bay Car-Free Connection and Equitable Access to Golden Gate Park" by closing access via JFK Drive.

The closure of JFK Drive Project has received **NO** environmental review, and it **is not exempt** from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") There is NO CEQA document in the File No. 210944. To comply with CEQA, environmental review must *precede* any Project approval.

Further, this expedited item violates the Brown Act, since adequate notice has not preceded consideration of this Item. The Project clearly also violates the ADA, since closing access to vehicles precludes access to the park by disabled people.

Closing access to vehicles to the central attractions of Golden Gate Park, including the concourse, the DeYoung Museum, Conservatory of Flowers and other famous Park features,

will not help those who travel to the park from distant locations in the City and outside of the City, seniors and those with disabilities, and families with children.

The closure of access to vehicles on public streets is also preempted and violates the Vehicle Code.

Please stop closing public streets for exclusionary "car-free" use.

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