



# OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

July 15, 2024

RE: File 240706 – Initiative Ordinance – Park Code – Parkway at Upper Great Highway

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would likely reduce the cost of government by reducing the need for sand removal and reducing the scope of some traffic-related capital improvement projects along the Upper Great Highway.

The proposed initiative ordinance would amend the Park Code to prohibit all private vehicles on the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard. The ordinance reaffirms existing restrictions of private vehicles from the Great Highway Extension, which runs from Sloat Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard.

If the proposed initiative ordinance is approved, the Upper Great Highway would still require sand removal to maintain a portion of the roadway for emergency vehicles, other government vehicles, and recreational uses. Depending on future operational decisions made by City departments, this could result in cost savings ranging from approximately \$150,000 to \$500,000 annually.

Additionally, the proposed initiative ordinance would likely result in decreased capital project costs for funded transportation projects. The proposed ordinance would reduce the need to replace existing traffic signals on the Upper Great Highway, resulting in up to approximately \$4.3 million of saving, which may be offset by future traffic signals and traffic calming projects. Additionally, removing the existing traffic signals would result in savings of approximately \$21,000 per year in electricity and maintenance costs.

Finally, the proposed initiative ordinance may result in increased trash pick-up and Park Ranger patrols and would eliminate the need to open and close the Upper Great Highway twice per week.

Sincerely,

*Janice Levy* FOR

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Deputy Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.