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Supervisor Gordon Mar

City Hall

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Dear Supervisor Mar,

I am writing to express our organization's support for legislation that would shift authorization of the Great Highway Pilot Weekend and Holiday Vehicle Restrictions from emergency to a multi-year project.

For over 50 years, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition has been transforming San Francisco streets and neighborhoods into more livable and safe places by promoting the bicycle for everyday transportation. We are one of the largest and most effective bicycle advocacy groups in the country. Through our day-to-day advocacy, education and working partnerships with City and community agencies, the SF Bicycle Coalition creates safer streets and more livable communities for all San Franciscans.

The closure of the Great Highway has been transformative in shaping the conversations around open spaces for people. This open space draws over 120,000 people a month showing tremendous community demand.

We must continually shift our streets to safer, and more equitable forms of transportation.

Additionally, we would like to urge the Supervisor to ensure that during these closures that the entrances are secured and block vehicular traffic. We've had reports of multiple instances of cars driving down the Great Highway during closures.

Sincerely,

Janelle Wong Executive Director cc: Justin Hu-Nguyen, Director of Advocacy