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Dear Fairmount Elementary School Walking Audit Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the Fairmount Elementary School walking audit on December 7, 2010. The San Francisco Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coalition and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) are pleased to work together with the Fairmount School community. This coalition assists us in to better understanding the safety concerns for students walking or biking to and from Fairmount School and assists us in the consideration of improvements that may increase the number of students walking and biking to school.

The notes recorded by the SFMTA at the walking audit were ranked by the participants from the Fairmount SRTS team. The notes are attached for your reference. This ranking helps SFMTA staff concentrate efforts in addressing the areas of greatest concern at the school.

The SFMTA developed the following recommendations to address the safety concerns ranked by the Fairmount SRTS team. While some concerns could be relatively easy to resolve, other concerns will require additional time and funding to study and potentially implement the recommended improvements. See notes column for information on actions taken by the SFMTA.

Below are the top four ranked concerns at Fairmount with SFMTA recommendations:

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#	Concern	Location	Recommendations	Notes
1	Crosswalks are faded	Randall Street at Mission Street	Repaint faded crosswalks as continentals.	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
	Cars continually rolling through stop signs	Randall Street at Mission Street	Evaluate whether intersection meets warrant for traffic signal with pedestrian signal.	As funding becomes available, the highest ranked school projects will be evaluated and implemented. For additional information, please contact Jeffrey Banks at 701-5331.
		Randall Street at Mission Street	Due to the high percentage of large vehicles and trucks and the multiple lanes, evaluate painting advance STOP bars for all approaches.	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
	Motorists stop in crosswalks	Randall Street at Mission Street	Evaluate painting 30 th & Church as school crosswalk	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
2	Parents dropping students off in bus zone leads to congestion	Randall Street west of San Jose Avenue	Extend white zone on Chenery in front of school.	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.

3	Speeding traffic in both directions	Chenery Street	Apply for traffic calming device. Traffic speed and volume counts will determine eligibility for traffic calming on Chenery St.	Please apply for traffic calming for this location. Traffic calming applications are received at the SFMTA by Jeffrey Banks who is copied on this letter. A traffic calming application is attached. More information is available at: http://www.sfmta.com/cms/ocalm/13571.html .
	Drop-off zone needs better enforcement	Chenery Street	Refer to SFPD for regular period of enforcement	Referred to SFPD for regular period of enforcement. The SFPD is copied on this letter.
	Signage reads: "Tow Away, No Parking, Passenger Loading Zone 8-9 AM, 2:30-3:30 PM School Days. SRTS team felt signage was confusing.	Chenery Street	Not Recommended: Signage is consistent with SFMTA standard for school passenger loading zones.	
4	Vehicles park at the north end of the eastern crosswalk	Chenery Street at 30th Street	Evaluate and, if warranted, paint curb red at crosswalk.	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
	School Crossing sign for westbound traffic is posted after crosswalk	Chenery Street at 30th Street	Move School Crossing sign on 30th St westward to be in advance of eastern crosswalk	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.


The SFMTA recognizes that congestion issues in front of Fairmount during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up and frequent issues of speeding vehicles rolling through STOP signs on Chenery Street indicate a need for a program of regular enforcement by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), who is copied on this letter.

Fairmount Elementary is fortunate to have an active school community. The SFMTA encourages the SRTS team at Fairmount to engage programmatic opportunities supported through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coalition including "Walking School Bus", "Walk to School Day" and "Bike to School Day" to promote walking and biking to school.

Once again, thank you for participating in the Safe Routes to School walking audit at Fairmount Elementary School. The SFMTA hopes that it was an enriching experience for all participants who share the common goal of increasing the number of students walking and biking to school by increasing safety around Fairmount Elementary School.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Banks of my staff at 415.701.5331, or via e-mail at jeffrey.banks@sfmta.com.

Sincerely,


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