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Dear Grattan Elementary School Walking Audit Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the Grattan Elementary School walking audit on January 13, 2011. The San Francisco Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coalition and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) are pleased to work together with the Grattan School community. This coalition assists us in better understanding the safety concerns for students walking or biking to and from Grattan 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 Grattan 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 Grattan 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.

Below are the top two ranked areas of concern at Grattan with SFMTA recommendations:

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#	Concern	Location	Recommendations
1	Motorists drive fast on Cole Street.	Cole Street and Grattan Street	Evaluate and paint 10' red visibility curbs on Cole Street at both approaches to Grattan Street. SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this recommendation within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
	School is interested in a crossing guard survey at this location.	Cole Street and Grattan Street	The SFMTA encourages Grattan to apply for a crossing guard for this location. An application for school crossing guard is enclosed and the SFMTA Crossing Guard program is copied on this letter.
	Vehicles park up to the crosswalk on the northeast corner of the intersection.	Cole Street and Grattan Street	Evaluate and paint 10' red visibility curbs on Grattan Street at both approaches to Cole Street except for the parcel at the northwest corner which is a driveway in front of a 3 unit building. SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this recommendation within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.

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2	There are no STOP legends painted on the street.	Alma Street and Shrader Streets	The SFMTA has record that the STOP legends at Alma and Shrader Streets were painted in January 2011. Please contact Jeffrey Banks of the SFMTA if you have further concerns about this location.


The SFMTA recognizes that issues of fast driving in the vicinity of Grattan indicate a need for a program of regular enforcement by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), who is copied on this letter.

Grattan Elementary is fortunate to have an active school community. The SFMTA encourages the SRTS team at Grattan 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 Grattan 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 Grattan 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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