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Dear Leonard Flynn Elementary School Walking Audit Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the Leonard Flynn Elementary School walking audit on November 30, 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 Leonard Flynn School community. This coalition assists us in better understanding the safety concerns for students walking or biking to and from Leonard Flynn 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 Leonard Flynn 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 Leonard Flynn 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 four ranked concerns at Leonard Flynn with SFMTA recommendations:

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#	Concern	Location	Recommendations
1	Bulb outs are not buffered from traffic; children reach end of bulb out before noticing traffic.	Folsom St at Precita Ave	Evaluate signal timing for adding pedestrian head start. SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
		Folsom St at Precita Ave	Evaluate painting guideline or buffer to alert motorists to bulb outs. SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
2	Perpendicular parking on west side of Harrison St. effectively narrows lane width and increases congestion during drop-off and pick-up, and also diminishes visibility for approaching cars and pedestrians.	Harrison St	Option 1: In order to limit the ability of northbound and southbound drivers to pull into parking spaces from both directions, evaluate switching perpendicular parking to 60-degree Angled Parking. This implies a parking loss of 10-20% and a street width gain of 2 feet. SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545. Option 2: If Option 1 (above) proves infeasible, evaluate removing one (1) parking space in order to create red or white zone with safe-hit posts to create drop off zone. You will be contacted by the SFMTA Traffic Engineering within 6 months and notified, should Option 1 prove infeasible, the process of evaluating Option 2 will begin.


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2		Harrison St	School should discourage parents from dropping students off on west side of Harrison Street.
	Install flashing in-pavement lights	Harrison St	Not Recommended: Due to maintenance issues, flashing in-pavement lights are not currently being installed in SF.
3	Crosswalk paint is faded on south leg across Folsom St.	Folsom St. at Cesar Chavez St.	This will be restriped by Fall 2012, either through the Cesar Chavez Streetscape Improvements project or through scheduled maintenance by the SFMTA. For more information on the Cesar Chavez Streetscape improvements, please visit: http://www.sfdpw.org/index.aspx?page=1166 .
	Southbound traffic on Folsom St. turning left onto pedestrians crossing Cesar Chavez St.	Folsom St. at Cesar Chavez St.	Cesar Chavez Streetscape Improvements include sidewalk bulb outs on all four corners which will shorten crossing distance for pedestrians crossing Cesar Chavez. Once installed, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the problem has been mitigated by the bulb outs.

Leonard Flynn Elementary is fortunate to have an active school community. The SFMTA encourages the SRTS team at Leonard Flynn to engage in the 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 Leonard Flynn 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 Leonard Flynn 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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