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Dear Marshall Elementary School Walking Audit Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the Marshall Elementary School walking audit on January 26, 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 Marshall School community. This coalition assists us in better understanding the safety concerns for students walking or biking to and from Marshall 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 Marshall 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 Marshall 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. The final column titled "Notes" shows actions or decisions made by the SFMTA.

Below are the top three ranked areas of concern at Marshall with SFMTA recommendations:

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#	Concern	Location	Recommendations	
1	Very busy with student pedestrians in AM and PM	15th Street and Mission Street	Evaluate for installation of raised crosswalk across 15th Street to slow cars	The SFMTA has plans for a "Home Zone" in the Minna-Natoma neighborhood which includes Marshall School. Funding is being requested for raised crosswalks at 15th and Mission Street. For more information, please contact Nick Carr at 701.4468.
2	Busy uncontrolled pedestrian crossing of arterial with heavy traffic	16th Street and Capp Street	Paint advance yield teeth on 16th Street at all approaches to Capp Street	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this recommendation within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
		16th Street and Capp Street	Evaluate for installation of pedestrian refuge island with a minimum of 52 square feet to extend on either side of existing crosswalk. This may necessitate the removal of parking near the crosswalk.	This recommendation is being evaluated by SFMTA Transportation Engineering who will follow up within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
	Paint a crosswalk across 16th on eastern side of Capp St	16th Street and Capp Street	Not recommended because a crosswalk already exist at this intersection and signalized intersections are within easy walking distance	If the pedestrian refuge island is approved for this location, the SFMTA will evaluate whether painting the eastern leg of the crosswalk is feasible.

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3	Very busy traffic turning from South Van Ness to westbound 15 <sup>th</sup> St	15th Street and South Van Ness	Evaluate for installation of gateway treatment across 15th Street to slow cars	SFMTA has plans for a "Home Zone" in the Minna-Natoma neighborhood which includes Marshall School. Funding is being requested for gateway treatment which is an element of this plan. If approved, gateway treatment will be installed by June 2012.
		15th Street and South Van Ness	Evaluate 15 <sup>th</sup> Street for installation of speed hump.	The SFMTA is evaluating the feasibility of installing a speed hump for 15 <sup>th</sup> Street between South Van Ness and Capp Street. For more information, please contact Nick Carr at 701-4468.

The SFMTA recognizes that congestion issues as well as vehicles that are speeding and/or not yielding to pedestrians in front of Marshall at 15<sup>th</sup> and Capp Streets indicate a need for a program of regular enforcement by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), who is copied on this letter.

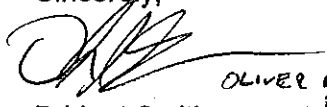
The Minna-Natoma Home Zone project in the neighborhood around Marshall Elementary School will be the first Home Zone in San Francisco. The Home Zone is an areawide traffic calming project that puts people first, creating streets that are safe and comfortable to use whether you are in a vehicle, on a bike, or walking. This is achieved through effective street design where drivers are given visual cues to keep speeds at or under the speed limit. For more information on the Minna-Natoma Home Zone project, please visit: [http://www.sfmta.com/cms/ocalm/Minna\\_Natoma.htm](http://www.sfmta.com/cms/ocalm/Minna_Natoma.htm)

Marshall Elementary is fortunate to have an active school community. The SFMTA encourages the SRTS team at Marshall to engage in 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 Marshall 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 Marshall 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](mailto:jeffrey.banks@sfmta.com).

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