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Dear George Peabody Elementary School Walking Audit Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the George Peabody Elementary School walking audit on January 27, 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 George Peabody School community. This coalition assists us in better understanding the safety concerns for students walking or biking to and from George Peabody 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 George Peabody 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 George Peabody 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 five ranked concerns at George Peabody with SFMTA recommendations:

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#	Concern	Location	Recommendations	Notes
1	Right turning vehicles don't yield to pedestrians	7th Ave and California St/Cornwall Sts	Remove STOP bars throughout intersection and replace with yield teeth roughly 25' back from the crosswalk.	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
			Paint red visibility zone (removing 1 parking spaces) on Cornwall St just west of 7th Ave	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
			Evaluate for installation of TURNING VEHICLES YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN sign (R10-15) on utility pole on Cornwall St just west of 7th Ave	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.
2	Double parking along 7th Ave during pick-up/drop-off	7 th Ave - front of school.	Evaluate extending white zone for passenger loading during school hours from current school bus zone to northern edge of school property	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.

			Refer to San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) for period of regular enforcement during drop-off and pick-up times	Referred to SFPD through copy of this letter.
3	44 MUNI travels along 7th Ave at high speeds	7th Ave between Clement and Cornwall St/California St	The school should report any instances of speeding by the 44 MUNI bus immediately by calling 311.	If speeding is an issue on 7 th Ave, 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 .
4	Request for a crossing guard	7th Ave and California St	Refer school to application for crossing guard for 7th Ave and California	Peabody is encouraged to apply for a crossing guard for 7 th Ave at California St. An application for crossing guard is attached and the Crossing Guard Program is copied with this letter. For more information, please visit: http://www.sfmta.com/cms/osafe/13470.html .
5	Vehicles turn onto pedestrians at crosswalks across 7th Ave	Clement St and 7th Ave	Evaluate installing sidewalk bulb out on both northern corners	As funding becomes available, the highest ranked school projects will be evaluated and implemented. For additional information, please contact Jeffrey Banks at 701-5331.
			Evaluate for installation of TURNING VEHICLES YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN sign (R10-15) on two north corners at Clement St and 7th Ave	SFMTA Transportation Engineering will follow up with this request within 6 months. For additional information, please contact Darcie Lim at 701-4545.

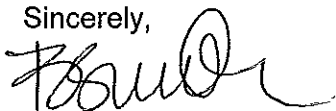
The SFMTA recognizes that congestion issues in front of George Peabody during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up including high rates of double parking on 7th Ave and indicate a need for a program of regular enforcement by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), who is copied on this letter.

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