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Dear Sunnyside Elementary School Walking Audit Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the Sunnyside Elementary School walking audit on September 8, 2010. The San Francisco Safe Routes to School Partnership and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) are pleased to work together with the school community to better understand safety concerns for students walking and/or biking near Sunnyside Elementary School and to consider improvements that may increase the number of students walking and biking to school.

All participants should have received the notes that were recorded during the walking audit which helped SFMTA staff concentrate our efforts in addressing the school's safety concerns at the school. The notes are attached for your reference. Some of these concerns could easily be resolved and may have already been completed by the time of this writing. Other concerns will require additional time and funding to study and potentially implement the suggested improvements. The status of these improvements are described in more detail below.

The main concerns expressed by participants at the time of the walking audit and prioritized by participants were: (1) drop-off zone on Hearst between Foerster and Edna, (2) difficulty of safely crossing Monterey Boulevard, (3) speeding vehicles near Foerster/Hearst/Monterey, and 4) lack of bike lanes on Monterey. During the last couple of months, the SFMTA has been working on addressing each of your concerns. Below is a list of the concerns, with recommended improvements and the progress of the SFMTA in addressing these needs.

#### Recommended – Forwarded for Implementation

- Extend white zone to mid-block curb ramp on Hearst Avenue between Foerster and Edna Streets
- Change No Parking to white zone or 30 minute zone on Hearst between Foerster and Edna Streets
- Install "yield to pedestrians" signage and advance markings on Monterey Boulevard at Detroit Street
- Crossing guard evaluation at Foerster Street and Hearst Avenue
- Evaluate whether pedestrian timing is sufficient to cross Monterey Boulevard at Foerster Street
- Evaluate installation of speed radar signs at Monterey Boulevard and Detroit Street
- Conduct traffic signal warrants at Monterey Boulevard, and Edna Street

- Evaluate one-way street on Edna at Hearst Street
  - Petition is currently circulating to extend one-way street on Edna Street from Judson to Monterey.

Not Recommended

- Install bike lanes on Monterey Boulevard
  - Current width of Monterey Boulevard does not accommodate bike lane. Bike lane would require full design of street. There is parallel bicycle route one block away on Hearst Street. Bike lanes on Monterey Boulevard are not within the Bicycle Plan.
- Relocate bus stop at Monterey Boulevard and Detroit Street
  - Moving the bus stop at Monterey Boulevard and Detroit Street will expose pedestrians crossing at Detroit to increased traffic. Moving the bus stop requires a full re-design of the street and is infeasible at this time.
- Widen the median on Monterey Boulevard between Foerster Street and Edna Street
  - Widening median requires full redesign of street and will not shorten overall crossing distance.

Regarding the request for curb ramps at Foerster Street and Flood Avenue and at Foerster Street and Hearst Avenue, the SFMTA has referred the request to Kevin Jensen at the Department of Public Works (DPW). This request must be made by a person with a disability, please have them contact Kevin Jensen directly at 415-557-4685 or by email at [kevin.w.jensen@sfgov.org](mailto:kevin.w.jensen@sfgov.org).

Once again, thank you for participating in the Sunnyside Elementary School walking audit. We hope 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 Sunnyside Elementary School.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Banks of my staff at 415.701.5331, or via e-mail at [jeffrey.banks@sfmta.com](mailto:jeffrey.banks@sfmta.com).

Sincerely,

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