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Subject: "Agenda Item 4(b) – OBAG – Masonic Avenue Complete Streets - Programming and Allocations Committee, Septem

I write to express my objection to what I feel is a great misuse or waste of taxpayer money in the plans for redesign of the Masonic Street corridor. It seems ill conceived to place bicycle lanes on a street which carries such heavy traffic and is one of the only north south corridors to relieve the nearly impossible congestion on Divisadero Street. As a homeowner living on Page Street within two blocks of Masonic, my tenants and I frequently use Masonic Street and are very familiar with the congestion on it at peak drive times.

The addition of bicycle lanes will server to make any turns onto and off of Masonic exceptionally dangerous and difficult. The danger of having to negotiate cyclists and pedestrians in such a heavily traveled corridor which provides access to San Francisco University as well as to the shops which include the busiest Trader Joe's in the city and the soon to open Target make a bicycle lane on this street a very hazardous decision.

It would be far wiser, in my opinion, to consider a bicycle lane on Scott Street where the traffic flow is considerably lower and easily connects to the "wiggle".

I appreciate your consideration of my opinion as expressed here. I hope you will reconsider any allocation of funds to this endeavor until more research has been completed and more a more active solicitation of opinions from property owners and residents of the adjacent residential and commercial neighborhoods. You need ask for input in an actively solicitous manner instead of springing decisions on projects with such wide ranging impact on those of us who live and have vested interest in this project.

Sincerely Yours,

Paul S. Daniels

Date: 9/10/2013 12:13 PM

Subject: Masonic Avenue project

Hello Ms. Hughes,

Please note that I am very concerned about the plans to eliminate a lane on Masonic Avenue to accommodate cyclists. There are very few North-South ways to move across San Francisco and Masonic Avenue is a major asset in alleviating traffic on 19th Avenue/Crossover Dr. as well as Franklin.

Please find another bike alternative that doesn't compromise north-south auto traffic.

Dudum Ron

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Sir/Madam,

As an O'Farrell street resident, I'm very concerned about the negative effect the proposed Masonic Avenue cycle track project will have on my neighborhood.

It will add to the traffic generated by the new Target store and result in the loss of parking spaces for nearly 3/4 of a mile. Drivers will be forced to find parking on O'Farrell, already a popular parking strip for Kaiser employees, and other streets in the Anza Vista neighborhood.

Masonic can be improved by planting new trees, improving lighting and adding bus shelters, with far less hardship to the surrounding neighborhoods and less cost than the cycle track project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Welter

Date: 9/10/2013 2:37 PM

Subject: Don't pass the Masonic changes!!

Dear Ms Hughes,

I'm in total agreement with the opposition to this project! It seems so obvious that is is a bad plan. Please vote against it for these reasons:

- Congestion will be increased because of lane reduction during rush hour and parking removal
- Not only Masonic, but side streets also will be congested
- Target impact not analyzed; Environmental Impact Report is deficient
- Emergency response will be slowed down
- More congestion means more pollution
- Parking removal will create a major hardship
- Masonic can be made safer with better traffic signals, improved lighting, repaving, new curb ramps, better enforcement and other measures, while still retaining parking and the full amount of travel lanes
- Alternate bike route that includes Baker is less congested, has no buses, and is not steeper than Masonic
- Raised cycle track design is untested in these conditions, especially because of large number of driveways
- Inadequate/unfair notice
- There is significant opposition to the project, as evidenced by the petition

Sheri Mitchell

Date: 9/10/2013 11:34 PM

Subject: Revisit the plan for Masonic

Please distribute my letter to the MTC Commissioners. Thanks.

It's hard to know where to start. I know there are other, valid concerns re. this plan, but I'm going to focus on how I will be impacted, personally, and I am sure I am not alone.

I live on Fell St., in the block just west of Masonic. I've lived here going on 33 years. I live alone, will be 70 years old next March, and have watched the neighborhood change over the years. Home prices have climbed out of sight, and with those increases have come a whole new group of residents. There used to be one car, or less, attached to each housing unit. (Most buildings contain several units.) Now there are multiple cars attached to many of those households, and at least 1/2 of those cars are dependent on street parking. No garages or not enough garage space.

I stopped using my car at night a number of years ago, because I was not able to find parking when I came home. Now I will be facing the same issue in the daytime. My health is good today, but I expect I will suffer some decline as I age. The loss of close to 200 parking spaces on Masonic Ave. cannot help but impact all the side street residents and visitors. Take a ride around the neighborhood and you will see for yourself how tight parking is now. How can you say the area will not suffer significant problems with all of Masonic between Geary and Fell a no parking zone?

All the cars that used to park on Masonic will be driving around and around, along with those of us who live here, looking for parking on the side streets, with all that implies for pedestrian safety and air pollution and increased stress.

I am active with both SDA, (Senior and Disability Action) and HANC, (Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council), and if I had had any idea this plan would be the radical plan it has turned out to be, I would have lived at those meetings. The notices on the polls gave not a clue. I assumed the goal was to create some traffic calming and cosmetic improvements, but nowhere did they indicate major changes were in the air.

Please put on the brakes and let's have a plan that works for everyone, not just those on two wheels.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Karen Fishkkin

Date: 9/11/2013 6:37 AM
Subject: Masonic

I've been driving oak-Masonic-Bush to St Francis Memorial Hospital and back daily for over 30 years. It's a highly traficted major artery to downtown for cars and buses.

I've been keeping tally daily during my daily run--about only one bicyclist daily and no runners. They've already figured out that the side streets are the way to go--safer and less fumes.

I was shocked and dismayed to hear that \$18 million rumored to be a Federal grant was to be spent ridiculously and frivolously on redoing Masonic so bike lanes would be prioritized. But how will the cars get to their destination? One lane each way, buses, pedestrians, a landscaped median, fewer parking places. It's nice to see MTA can frivolously spend money while being a fiscal unreliable mess itself. And to have to learn this through my Inner Sunset organization rather than through more open disclosure and public meetings.

I am very disappointed in the Board of Supervisors voting to approve the project and have lost trust in their process and judgment as they unanimously approved this nonsensical idea.

Paul Heim