

[29 Sunset Improvement Project]

Resolution Supporting the 29 Sunset Improvement Project and calling on the SFMTA to implement Transit Only Lanes along Sunset Blvd

WHEREAS, 48% of 29 Sunset riders were youth (under 25 years old) according to an SFMTA on-board passenger study which is more than double the systemwide youth ridership of 19%; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission and other youth organizations including Lowell Peer Resources have long called for improvements to the 29 Sunset route, as it serves many schools and youth-oriented destinations, and the route suffers from heavy overcrowding and frequent pass-ups; and

WHEREAS, The 29 Sunset Improvement Project proposes to consolidate, relocate, and improve bus stops with added amenities and implement sidewalk improvements such as bus stop bulb-outs and install transit signal priority systems along 25th Avenue, Lincoln Way, and Sunset Blvd, which is estimated to reduce travel times on the 29 Sunset by 15-20%; and

WHEREAS, These travel time reductions would also help reduce wait times, reduce passups, and increase reliability; and

WHEREAS, Although not currently proposed, transit lanes along Sunset Blvd, a 6-lane arterial road, would further improve reliability and reduce travel times, and have been shown to improve pedestrian safety, as they have done with the 38 Geary Transit Lanes¹; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a Transit First policy defined by San Francisco City Charter SEC. 8A.115. stating, "Decisions regarding the use of limited public street

¹ <https://www.sfmta.com/project-updates/extending-transit-and-safety-benefits-western-geary-corridor>

1 and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians,
2 bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health
3 and safety.”; now therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of
5 San Francisco supports the proposed 29 Sunset Improvement Project including bus
6 stop consolidations, stop infrastructure improvements, and transit signal priority
7 improvements; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and
9 County of San Francisco urges the SFMTA to not reduce or remove any project
10 elements that would provide travel time reductions, as such removal would be against
11 the city’s transit first policy; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and
13 County of San Francisco urges the implementation of Transit Only lanes along Sunset
14 Blvd to further reduce travel times and increase the reliability of the 29 Sunset.