

1 [Speed Limit Infrastructure]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco**  
3 **Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to implement lower speed limits to**  
4 **Alemany Boulevard and parts of 19th Avenue and Junipero Serra to reduce the**  
5 **risk of pedestrian-vehicle collisions.**

6 WHEREAS, Speeding is the leading cause of car accidents in San Francisco,  
7 accounting for 28% of collisions; and

8 WHEREAS, 2024 was a deadly year in San Francisco, in regards to street  
9 safety, as a total of 41 vehicle related deaths occurred as a result of collisions; and

10 WHEREAS, Under California Assembly Bill No. 43, San Francisco has the power  
11 to lower speed limits on certain streets; and

12 WHEREAS, Speed management is a core aspect of San Francisco's Vision Zero  
13 plan, a city-wide commitment to end traffic deaths; and

14 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has previously advocated for lower speed  
15 limits and other pedestrian safety infrastructure, most recently in the FY 2024-2025  
16 Budget Policy and Priority Report; and

17 WHEREAS, Studies done by SFMTA and WalkSF have shown that compared to  
18 the 20% chance of survival someone has being struck by a vehicle traveling 40 mph, a  
19 person has a 90% chance of survival being struck by a vehicle going 20 mph; and

20 WHEREAS, SFMTA has also found that reducing speed limits by just 5 MPH can  
21 make a large difference in someone's chance of survival in an accident, reducing the  
22 risk of injury and fatalities by 8-15% and 10-30%, respectively; and

WHEREAS, According to studies done by the San Francisco Chronicle, youth and elderly people make up 15.2% and 4.7% of the Oceanview, Merced, Ingleside neighborhoods, making street safety in that area particularly imperative; and

WHEREAS, Alemany Boulevard has proven to be one of the most dangerous streets in the city, with a speed limit of 35 MPH and a history of fatal accidents; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, a 76-year-old man was hit and killed on the Alemany and Rousseau intersection in the Excelsior; and

WHEREAS, After the fatal crash, community groups, like Walk SF and San Francisco Bay Area Families for Safe Streets, have advocated for lower speed limits on that intersection and the whole boulevard to prevent future collisions; and

WHEREAS, The intersection of Alemany Boulevard and Brotherhood Way, which also transitions into two residential streets, Orizaba Avenue and Sagamore Street, is particularly dangerous; and

WHEREAS, The nature of the street, as it is near a freeway, has no stoplight at the intersection, and has three travel lanes, combined with its 35 MPH speed limit makes it incredibly risky for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, While there are crosswalks for pedestrians at this intersection, the high speed limit and the fact that there are no pedestrian signals, makes crossing the street difficult; and

WHEREAS, The intersection runs parallel to the M line and provides access to the Oceanview neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, There is an existing SFMTA project set to be implemented in 2026 that installs pedestrian signals at the intersection's crosswalks, but reducing the speed

1 limit on the street could be even more efficient in reducing the risk of vehicle collisions;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Alemany Boulevard is on the high injury network, the 12% of streets  
4 in San Francisco where 68% of traffic fatalities occur; and

5 WHEREAS, The intersection of 19th Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard is  
6 highly traveled and fast moving, as it includes a transition from a 65 MPH highway to  
7 the entrances of two residential neighborhoods, Oceanview and Parkmerced, and the  
8 San Francisco State University campus; and

9 WHEREAS, The street has 7 travel lanes and a slip lane connecting the highway  
10 and 19th Avenue, with no signal; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2020, a 21-year-old student was struck by a vehicle at the  
12 intersection and sent to the hospital with critical injuries; and

13 WHEREAS, Between 2014 and 2018, 15 injury crashes occurred at this  
14 intersection; and

15 WHEREAS, Drivers often get confused at this intersection, posing a threat to  
16 pedestrians who have to cross three different crosswalks to get to the other side of the  
17 intersection and for MUNI riders getting off the M train and 28 bus; and

18 WHEREAS, The stretch of 19th Avenue passing in front of San Francisco State  
19 University, from Holloway to Junipero Serra has seen 60 injured, 7 of whom were  
20 pedestrians or bicyclists and youth or elderly; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, The Youth Commission believes reducing speed limits on these  
22 streets will decrease the risk of pedestrian-vehicle collisions and will make San  
23 Francisco streets safer overall; and be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission strongly urges the Mayor and  
2   Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
3   (SFMTA) to decrease the existing speed limits of 35 MPH on the intersection of 19th  
4   Avenue and Junipero Serra and Alemany Boulevard, by at least 5 MPH.