

[Speed Limit Infrastructure]

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The bill states that streets classified as safety corridors where fatal crashes are concentrated, also known as the High Injury Network in San Francisco, can have their speed limits lowered by 5 MPH; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, SFMTA has also found that reducing speed limits by just 5 MPH can make a large difference in someone's chance of survival in an accident, reducing the 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 31.3% and 10.2% of the Oceanview, Merced, Ingleside, and Excelsior 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, Alemany Boulevard is on the high injury network, the 12% of streets in San Francisco where 68% of traffic fatalities occur; 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 limit on the street could be even more efficient in reducing the risk of vehicle collisions; and

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

WHEREAS, The intersection itself has a speed limit of 35 MPH; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission believes that the  
8 implementation of speed cameras at more intersections should be considered; and

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission strongly urges the Mayor and  
10 Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
11 (SFMTA) to decrease the existing speed limits of 35 MPH on the intersection of 19th  
12 Avenue and Junipero Serra and Alemany Boulevard and Brotherhood Way, by at least  
13 5 MPH.