



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fwd: Safe Routes to Schools Partnership

2 messages

Okubo, Cami <okuboc@sfusd.edu>
To: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 10:21 AM

FYI

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From: **Okubo, Cami** <okuboc@sfusd.edu>
Date: Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 10:21 AM
Subject: Safe Routes to Schools Partnership
To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Dear Supervisor Fewer,

I write to share Argonne Elementary's support of the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program. Over the past two years, SRTS helped encourage Argonne families to choose healthier/active ways to commute to school. With support and leadership from SRTS we have accomplished the following:

- * Meaningful Learning through an engaging theatrical performance on bicycle safety and the affects of pollution
- * Walking Bus Days
- * Walk and Roll to School Celebrations
- * Weekend Bicycle Workshop for Families

I feel fortunate to live within walking distance to Argonne Elementary and personally know not only the health benefits of active commutes and also understand the need to decrease car traffic/congestion/illegal parking around school. Argonne hopes that we may continue the partnership with Safe Routes to Schools.

Thank you for your care of our community.

Respectfully,

Cami Okubo

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Cami Okubo, Principal
Argonne Elementary
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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Preserve Safe Routes to School funding

1 message

Jesse Gibbs <jessewg@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 9:19 AM

Reply-To: jessewg@gmail.com

To: "Sheehy, Jeff (BOS)" <jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org>

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Safe Routes to School sounds like a critical program for helping San Francisco reach its Vision Zero goal of no pedestrian nor cyclist deaths while also reducing traffic congestion on our streets. Let's keep it funded, even if it means putting up a ballot initiative that raises sales tax to fund it!

Sincerely,
Jesse Gibbs
Dolores Heights



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

preserve Safe Routes to School funding

1 message

Peter Rothblatt <peterrothblatt@icloud.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:06 AM

To: Hillary Ronen <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Good morning,

I just read that of a proposal to reduce funding for the Safe Routes to School program. Given the need, especially in poor neighborhoods and communities of color, I urge you to fight to preserve current funding for this program.

Thank you for your efforts,
Peter Rothblatt

Peter Rothblatt
Bodywork and Massage
www.peterrothblatt.com
415-845-0678



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

SRTS budget

1 message

Andrea Cristofani <andrea_cristofani@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:05 AM

To: mark.farrell@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Mr. Farrell,

First, thank you so much for all of your wonderful work in our district, we are so grateful to have you!

I'm writing to let you know I am very concerned about the potential cut to Safe Routes to School. I am a mom with a child at a local elementary school and we have relied on this program to get families out of the car and walking or biking. It has promoted sustainable transportation and a sense of community at our school. It was instrumental in the start up of our Walk and Roll to school program seven years ago, participation grows each year. I especially want other schools to benefit from this program around the city.

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
Andrea Cristofani



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School

1 message

Roger Hagen <rogerh@alum.mit.edu>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:39 AM

To: hillary.ronen@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Hello Supervisor Ronen, I have heard that the Board of Supervisors wants to cut the funding for Safe Routes to School. Why?

I and my daughter (in District 9) ride our bikes to her school everyday. Slashing funding that makes this endeavor less safe is unwise and not in the interests of your district or your City.

Safe Routes to School makes our City safer, provides a better experience for our children and lifts all of us. Do not cut funding, please. In fact, please consider increasing it. I pay property taxes, I would support more funding even if I did not have children as this benefits us all.

Thank you -- Roger Hagen
101 Tiffany Ave
San Francisco, CA
94110



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to Schools Program

1 message

Jim Oerther <joerther3@comcast.net>
To: Malia Cohen <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>
Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:13 AM

Hi Malia,

I am writing to you to request that you support funding for the Safe Routes to Schools Program for children and their parents who ride their bicycles to school. Just as having safe routes for adults who commute through San Francisco, having safe routes for children is very important. This is one way to combat the child obesity that is such a problem for many children in our city and in our country.

Many thanks for supporting funding for this important project.

Cheers,

Jim Oerther

Give thanks; Don't be arrogant or vain; Pay attention without self-importance. -- Ja-aladin Rumi



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School - need to increase funding, not decrease

1 message

Richard Lowden <richardmlowden@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:00 AM

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Hi Sandra,

I'm sure you would agree that every child in SF needs to have a safe way to get to school.

From the SFBike website: Schools across San Francisco are bordered with streets identified by the Department of Public Health as high-injury corridors — those 12 percent of our streets where 70 percent of severe collisions occur. This is particularly true in lower-income communities and communities of color. Encouraging walking, biking and taking transit are part of how we transform these streets for the safety of all families.

Please make sure that funding for this valuable program increases for the good of all San Franciscans.

Thank you,

Richard



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School Funding

1 message

Daniel Faessler <dfaessler@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:28 AM

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Please do not cut Safe Routes to School funding today. We need it to keep our streets safer.

Daniel Faessler
417A 41st Ave
San Francisco, CA 94121

Sent from my iPhone



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

(no subject)

1 message

Andrea Cristofani <andreacristofani@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:14 AM

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Ms. Fewer,

First, thank you so much for all of your dedicated work in our district, we are so grateful!

I'm writing to let you know I am very concerned about the potential cut to Safe Routes to School. I am a mom with a child at a local elementary school in your district and we have relied on this program to get families out of the car and walking or biking. It has promoted sustainable transportation and a sense of community at our school. It was instrumental in the start up of our Walk and Roll to school program seven years ago, participation grows each year. I especially want other schools to benefit from this program around the city.

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
Andrea Cristofani



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School

1 message

Heidi Hansen <heidi@heidihansen.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:11 AM

To: mark.farrell@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Farrell,

I am writing to urge you to fully fund Safe Routes to School programs to make critical investments in providing for the safety of our San Francisco children and families. Providing for safe passage to school on bikes helps to instill important values and habits that contribute to long term success for individuals and a healthier environment for all. Please vote in favor of this positive investment in the future.

Thank you.

Heidi Hansen

Heidi Hansen
858.775.2157

145 Laurel Street # 7
San Francisco, CA 94118



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Please support full funding for Safe Routes To School!

1 message

Susan Ryan <susandryan@gmail.com>
To: "Tang, Katy (BOS)" <katy.tang@sfgov.org>
Cc: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:08 AM

Hi Katy,

I was surprised to read that the Board of Supervisors is considering cutting funding to the Safe Routes to Schools program. I know you have been a big supporter of bicycle commuting and education and you know that street safety is an important neighborhood issue and a family issue.

I urge you to support full funding for Safe Routes to School for 2019-2021 at \$2.8 million. Slashing the program's resources would have a dramatic effect on Safe Routes to School outreach. Cuts would

- Reduce Safe Routes to School elementary schools by nearly 30 percent from at least 35 to 25;
- Reduce the number of SF students served on Safe Routes to School campuses by 10,000
- Reduce the number of outreach workers from five to just three for the entire school district; and
- Prevent the partnership from conducting the robust multilingual outreach that is vital to supporting low-income neighborhoods and communities of color seeking to improve public health around their schools.

As you know, at Playland, we have been working with the SF Bicycle Coalition to make Playland a place where we can get more neighborhood children started biking and provide a start point for practice rides to the park and school for more proficient bike families.

San Francisco has made so much progress in the last few years increasing the number of people who use bicycles for transportation and also in increasing their safety as they ride through the streets. This is NOT the time to slow down.

Thanks for your continued support of Playland and quality of life in District 4.

Regards,
Susan Ryan
415-515-9184



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

fully fund "Safe Routes to School"

1 message

Zan Armstrong <zan.armstrong@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 7:50 AM

To: london.breed@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear London Breed,

Please fully fund the "Safe Routes to School" program.

I just got back from visiting my husband's family in Sweden. His 2 and 4 year old nephews bike or walk a mile to pre-school, and only have to cross one street on the way. The rest is bike paths.

We love San Francisco and are hoping to have a family soon ourselves. Yet, it's hard to imagine having kids here because we want our kids to be able to walk and bike safely in the city. Programs like "safe routes to school" are critical for making San Francisco a wonderful city, where we would want to raise our family.

Moreover, I want to live in a city where ALL kids can walk or bike to school. So, all neighborhoods need to have safe routes. Not just the wealthier neighborhoods. Please vote to fully fund the Safe Routes to School program.

thank you,
Suzanne Armstrong



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Route to Schools

1 message

Cecile Bodington <cecile@sbcglobal.net>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 7:09 AM

To: london.breed@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Hello Ms. Breed,

Please retain full funding for Safe Routes to Schools. In a time where cars line up in school white zones at drop-off and pick-up times and childhood obesity is rampant. For those families that don't have the luxury of a car to transport their children, allow them a safe way to get those kids to the education all children deserve.

We need to help kids get to school on their own power, walking or cycling. Allow today's children to take some control of their lives at least in getting themselves to school and back home, in a safe environment.

Thank you,

Cecile

Cecile Ojeda Bodington
255 Frederick St
San Francisco, CA 94117



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School Funding

1 message

Anna Gore <argore@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 9:25 PM

To: london.breed@sfgov.org

Bcc: nancy@sfbike.org

Supervisor Breed,

I am shocked and deeply upset that the SF Board of Supervisors would consider cutting funding for Safe Routes to School programs in our city. I urge you to take a stand to fully fund the program for the sake of our city's livability, our health and our children.

As a mother of a 13 month old little boy, I'm discouraged and saddened by the options my family may have for continuing a healthy, active and safe lifestyle when my son begins public school. As you know, schools throughout the city are surrounded by congested streets with high injury levels. It's unacceptable to know the stats, know the priorities of our city and to reduce funding for San Francisco's only program centered around encouraging and educating parents about how to walk and roll to school safely.

I urge you and the Board of Supervisors to fully fund the SF Safe Routes to School program to encourage active transportation and the development of healthy habits among San Francisco students, families and communities.

Anna Gore
1355 3rd Ave.
94122

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Anna Gore



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School funding - please don't cut

1 message

Elizabeth Stampe <elizabeth.stampe@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 10:45 AM

To: "Sheehy, Jeff (BOS)" <jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org>

Cc: Mark Farrell <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>, aaron.peskin@sfgov.org, Katy Tang <katy.tang@sfgov.org>, London Breed <london.breed@sfgov.org>, Jane Kim <jane.kim@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Ronen, Hillary" <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>, Malia Cohen <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>, ahsha.safai@sfgov.org, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>, Cathy DeLuca <cathy@walksf.org>

Dear Supervisors,

I hope this finds you well, and thanks for all your hard work on behalf of our city.

I hear from Walk SF and parent friends that there's a proposed cut to Safe Routes to School funding. I hope you'll speak up in support of this great program -- we need MORE families walking, biking, and taking public transit, not fewer!

(We absolutely need more bus options too. But the answer is not to cut this small but mighty program -- the only one that helps kids walk and bike!)

I've been biking my 3-year-old son to daycare for two years, and I now get to walk him to our new preschool. I've been looking forward to walking or biking with him to elementary school, and teaching him how to be independent and take public transit when he's in middle school -- I have some friends whose kids are very proud bus riders!

Yes, biking or walking with kids can be scary at times. So let's make it safer. That's what this program is about.

Our city doesn't have room for everyone to drive. I don't want polluted air, climate change, and traffic-clogged streets. (Were you here for Labor Day weekend? 99 degrees in my apartment. Let's not make that happen more.) I don't want to teach my kid that any time he goes anywhere, he has to be in a car, that moving his body and being outside is somehow unsafe. That's not the sustainable, healthy community that I, or most San Franciscans I know, want to be part of! We can do better than that.

Thanks for all you do, and for your support for a safe, healthy, sustainable city.

Best wishes,
Elizabeth



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Please support Safe Routes to School

7 messages

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:05 PM

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Cc: Chelsea.Boilard@sfgov.org, Nick.Pagoulatos@sfgov.org, Angelina.Yu@sfgov.org, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Commissioner Fewer,

I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). I watched the discussion at last month's TA meeting, and I agree with all of the points you made: SFUSD's school assignment system clearly has a much larger impact on the transportation choices of students, and many parents will invariably need to drive their children to school.

BUT I strongly believe that SRTS is a vital program to support parents in finding car-free ways to get their kids to school. When I worked in the District 11 office, I saw how inspiring SRTS can be with the success of the Excelsior Walk and Roll to School Hub program.

Please protect the Safe Routes to School funding so more students and parents can enjoy walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school.

Thanks,
Jeremy

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:13 PM

To: aaron.peskin@sfgov.org

Cc: "Angulo, Sunny (BOS)" <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>, "Hepner, Lee (BOS)" <Lee.Hepner@sfgov.org>, Beth Rubenstein <beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org>, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Commissioner Peskin,

I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). I watched the discussion at last month's TA meeting, and I applaud your commitment to identifying funding for crossing guards in your district.

During the discussion, commissioners mentioned many worthy initiatives like crossing guards, traffic enforcement, and site audits of schools. But none of those are eligible uses for OBAG funding.

And I hope that there is no effort to redirect this small amount of funding to an infrastructure project. There is no comparison to the "bang for the buck" that we get from the hard-working staff at Walk SF, the Bicycle Coalition, and Presidio YMCA who make SRTS happen.

I strongly believe that SRTS is a vital program to support parents in finding car-free ways to get their kids to school. When I worked in the District 11 office, I saw how inspiring SRTS can be with the success of the Excelsior Walk and Roll to School Hub program. Please protect the Safe Routes to School funding so more students and parents can enjoy walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school.

Thanks,
Jeremy

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:17 PM

To: "Breed, London (BOS)" <london.breed@sfgov.org>, "Roxas, Samantha (BOS)" <Samantha.Roxas@sfgov.org>,

"Howerton, Michael (BOS)" <Michael.Howerton@sfgov.org>, "Lloyd, Kayleigh (BOS)" <Kayleigh.Lloyd@sfgov.org>, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Commissioner Breed,

I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). I watched the discussion at last month's TA meeting, and commissioners mentioned many worthy initiatives like crossing guards, traffic enforcement, and site audits of schools. But none of those are eligible uses for this OBAG funding.

I hope that there is no effort to redirect this small amount of funding to an infrastructure project. There is no comparison to the "bang for the buck" that we get from the hard-working staff at Walk SF, the Bicycle Coalition, and Presidio YMCA who make SRTS happen.

I strongly believe that SRTS is a vital program to support parents in finding car-free ways to get their kids to school. When I worked in the District 11 office, I saw how inspiring SRTS can be with the success of the Excelsior Walk and Roll to School Hub program. Please protect the Safe Routes to School funding so more students and parents can enjoy walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school.

Thanks,
Jeremy

P.S. It was great to see you at Sunday Streets today! Thank you again for your work to find a compromise on One Oak that works for our district.

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:25 PM

To: norman.yee@sfgov.org

Cc: Erica.Maybaum@sfgov.org, Jarlene.Choy@sfgov.org, Jen.Low@sfgov.org, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Commissioner Yee,

I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). I have always admired your commitment to pedestrian safety, and I'm interested in hearing more about the ideas you mentioned at last month's TA meeting. But I hope that you can identify funding for them that doesn't come at the expense of this well-established and effective program.

I also hope that there is no effort to redirect this small amount of funding to an infrastructure project. There is no comparison to the "bang for the buck" that we get from the hard-working staff at Walk SF, the Bicycle Coalition, and Presidio YMCA who make SRTS happen.

I strongly believe that SRTS is a vital program to support parents in finding car-free ways to get their kids to school. When I worked in the District 11 office, I saw how inspiring SRTS can be with the success of the Excelsior Walk and Roll to School Hub program.

Please protect the Safe Routes to School funding so more students and parents can enjoy walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school.

Thanks,
Jeremy

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:27 PM

To: "Ronen, Hillary" <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>

Cc: Carolyn.Goossen@sfgov.org, Carolina.Morales@sfgov.org, Amy.Beinart@sfgov.org, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Commissioner Ronen,

I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). I watched the discussion at last month's TA meeting, and commissioners mentioned many worthy initiatives like crossing guards, traffic enforcement, and site audits of schools. But none of those are eligible uses for this OBAG funding.

I hope that there is no effort to redirect this small amount of funding to an infrastructure project. There is no comparison to the "bang for the buck" that we get from the hard-working staff at Walk SF, the Bicycle Coalition, and Presidio YMCA who make SRTS happen.

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Hub program. Please protect the Safe Routes to School funding so more students and parents can enjoy walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school.

Thanks,
Jeremy

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>
To: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:45 PM

Hi Nancy,

I forgot to CC you on my email to Ahsha, but he wrote back right away!

- Jeremy

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From: **Safai, Ahsha (BOS)** <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>

Date: Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:38 PM

Subject: Re: Please support Safe Routes to School

To: Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Cc: "Meyer, Catherine (BOS)" <cathy.mulkeymeyer@sfgov.org>, "Lee, Judy (BOS)" <judy.lee@sfgov.org>, "Sandoval, Suhagey (BOS)" <suhagey.sandoval@sfgov.org>

Thank you for reaching out Jeremy,

This is an important program that I have personally seen tremendous support for. I hope my colleagues agree.

As for the second Jerry plaque, you laid the groundwork, we're just following your lead!

Thanks,

Ahsha

Ahsha Safai, *M.C.P.*
District 11 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
(415) 756-8103

On Sep 10, 2017, at 9:32 PM, Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com> wrote:

Commissioner Safai,

Thank you for your words of support for Safe Routes to School at last month's TA meeting. I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for SRTS on Tuesday.

I watched the discussion at last month's TA meeting, and I fully support your ideas for improving crosswalks and traffic flow at Excelsior schools. But I hope that there is no effort to redirect this small amount of funding to an infrastructure project. There is no comparison to the "bang for the buck" that we get from the hard-working staff at Walk SF, the Bicycle Coalition, and Presidio YMCA who make SRTS happen.

I strongly believe that SRTS is a vital program to support parents in finding car-free ways to get their kids to school. When I worked in the District 11 office, I saw how inspiring SRTS can be with the success of the Excelsior Walk and Roll to School Hub program.

Please protect the Safe Routes to School funding so more students and parents can enjoy walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school.

Thanks,
Jeremy

P.S. Thank you for you and your staff's effort to make the second Jerry Garica plaque a reality. It looks great, and I know it means a lot to both the deadhead and the Excelsior communities!

Jeremy Pollock <pollock.jeremy@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:48 PM

To: mark.farrell@sfgov.org

Cc: Kanishka.Karunaratne@sfgov.org, Margaux Kelly <margaux.kelly@gmail.com>, Jess.Montejano@sfgov.org, Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Commissioner Farrell,

I'm writing to urge you to support the full OBAG funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). I watched the discussion at last month's TA meeting, and commissioners mentioned many worthy initiatives like crossing guards, traffic enforcement, and site audits of schools. But none of those are eligible uses for this OBAG funding.

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Thanks,
Jeremy



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fully Fund the Safe Routes to School programs

1 message

Christine Holmes <cmh22@me.com>

Sat, Sep 9, 2017 at 9:21 PM

To: jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Sheehy,

Please ensure that the Board of Supervisors do not harm SF children and families by cutting the critical funds for the Safe Routes to School programs.

Schools across San Francisco are bordered with streets identified by the Department of Public Health as high-injury corridors — those 12 percent of our streets where 70 percent of severe collisions occur. This is particularly true in lower-income communities and communities of color. Encouraging walking, biking and taking transit are part of how we transform these streets for the safety of all families.

Safe Routes to School is a vital program helping children get to school safely. Since 2009, the Safe Routes to School partnership has educated thousands of families and students on the importance of carpooling, walking, biking and taking transit for school commutes. The program also works to address violence prevention in neighborhoods such as the Tenderloin and SoMa, where the threat of violence is identified as one of the top reasons why students and caregivers do not walk or bike.

Slashing Safe Routes to School funding from \$2.8 million to \$2.06 million for 2019 through 2021 would have a dramatic effect on Safe Routes to School outreach, including:

- Reducing the number of elementary schools served by Safe Routes to School by nearly 30 percent from at least 35 to 25;
- Reducing the number of SF students in a Safe Routes to School campus from 35,000 students to less than 25,000;
- Reducing the number of outreach workers from five to just three serving the entire school district;
- Limiting funding to groups that work to see children to school safely in areas where families are more vulnerable to street violence and school truancy;
- Reducing Safe Routes to School staff at the SF Department of Public Health, the SF Bicycle Coalition, Walk SF and Presidio YMCA; and
- Preventing the partnership from conducting the robust, multilingual outreach that is critical to supporting low-income neighborhoods and communities of color seeking to improve public health and safety around their schools.

Please advocate to fully fund the Safe Routes to School programs.

Sincerely,
Christine Holmes
3395 Market St.
94114



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Please don't cut Safe Routes to School funds

1 message

Brooke Kuhn <brookekuhn@gmail.com>
To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org
Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 4:58 PM

Dear Supervisor Fewer,

Please help ensure Safe Routes to School stays funded and receives no cuts. Transportation is the second highest expense after housing. Let's keep it affordable for children to get to school by making walking and biking affordable and safe options.

Thank you.

Brooke Kuhn
604 Second Avenue (@ Balboa)



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School programs

1 message

Melissa Partin <vetgrrrl@yahoo.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 12:22 PM

Reply-To: Melissa Partin <vetgrrrl@yahoo.com>

To: "jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org" <jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org>

Mr. Sheehy,

This is only the second time I have ever emailed my supervisor. The last time was also to you, in February, also about traffic safety (specifically about getting a traffic light at 24th and Church).

This time I am writing to implore you to advocate for fully funding the Safe Routes to School programs. When I wrote before, it was with my worries of my 7 year son getting hit by a car. Of course, this concern extends to every child in San Francisco.

How amazing to learn that San Francisco has a program that helps children get to school safely! How distressing to learn at the same moment that it might be cut!

This seems like a huge step away from Vision Zero to which the city claims to be so dedicated.

This summer, I was in Sweden and Germany visiting my husband's family. It was so hard to come back from there, a place that is so civilized, to this country. In the past, I have thought of San Francisco as a refuge from the nightmare of the rest of the country.

But, as I flew back, I had several things on my mind- the violence in Dolores Park, the homelessness, and the traffic deaths. While violence and homelessness may be systemic and influenced from outside of San Francisco, traffic safety seems well under your control.

I can think of no good reason why San Francisco should not be a European style model for the rest of the nation in how to respect human life over cars.

This program appears to be a step in that direction and reducing its funding would be disgraceful.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Partin

49 Jersey St 94114

Why Sweden has so few road deaths



Why Sweden has so few road deaths

IN 2013 the number of people killed in road accidents in Sweden was 264, a record low. Although the number of ca...



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fwd: Safe Routes to School Funding

1 message

Robert Francoeur <robertfrancoeur101@gmail.com>
To: "nancy@sfbike.org" <nancy@sfbike.org>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 10:15 AM

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Robert Francoeur <robertfrancoeur101@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 10:14 AM
Subject: Safe Routed to School Funding
To: <london.breed@sfgov.org>

Dear London Breed,

I am a School Counselor living in your district. I work at The Ruth Asawa School of the Arts High School. Over the past 5 years that I have worked here, the school has participated in Bike to School Day. Nancy Buffum from the Bicycle Coalition has supported our school in raising awareness about the benefits of biking. As a result we have an increasing number of students who bike to school. This has multiple benefits- healthier students (we know healthier students do better in school) and a decrease in cars on the road. This program is successful and deserves to keep its' funding or even increased funding, not a cut in funding.

Thank You,
Robert Francoeur
101 Downey St.

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Support a fully-funded Safe Routes to School Program

1 message

Libby Nachman <libby.nachman@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 9:41 AM

To: kathy.tang@sfgov.org, Ashley.Summers@sfgov.org, Ray.Law@sfgov.org

Cc: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Hello Supervisor Tang,

I'm writing today to ask you to support a fully-funded Safe Routes to School Program in San Francisco and maintain \$2.8 million in funding for 2019 through 2021.

The Safe Routes to School program is an amazing resource for 35 elementary schools across San Francisco. The proposed funding decrease will reduce the number of schools served to 25, reduce the partnership's ability to conduct multi-lingual outreach, and limit funds to support low-income areas where families are more vulnerable to street violence and school truancy.

I have seen the success of the Safe Routes program first-hand. The incredible work done by the staff has allowed hundreds of families to learn the joys of walking, biking and rolling to school, while improving safety, school attendance, community resiliency and sustainability. This program is a gift to San Francisco families, and should not be endangered.

Please advocate for fully-funding the Safe Routes to School Program and maintain funding at \$2.8 million.

Best,
Libby Nachman



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe routes funding.

1 message

Lawrence Rhodes <primobassoon@sbcglobal.net>
Reply-To: Lawrence Rhodes <primobassoon@sbcglobal.net>
To: "hillary.ronen@sfgov.org" <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>
Cc: "nancy@sfbike.org" <nancy@sfbike.org>

Sat, Sep 9, 2017 at 10:15 AM

Dear Hillary,

All children and families in every single San Francisco neighborhood deserve safe, affordable transportation options. Shockingly, that concept is being threatened by some members of the Board of Supervisors

Members of the Board of Supervisors are considering slashing Safe Routes to School funding from \$2.8 million to \$2.06 million for 2019 through 2021. This substantial reduction in resources would have a dramatic effect on Safe Routes to School outreach, including:

- * Reducing the number of elementary schools served by Safe Routes to School by nearly 30 percent from at least 35 to 25;
- * Limiting funding to groups that work to see children to school safely in areas where families are more vulnerable to street violence and school truancy; and
- * Preventing the partnership from conducting the robust, multilingual outreach that is critical to supporting low-income neighborhoods and communities of color seeking to improve public health and safety around their schools.

Please stop this shortsighted action. Much progress is being made in traffic calming and protected bike lanes which protect pedestrians with an extra layer between them and the street. You may have noticed the explosion of electric bicycles in Bernal heights. These riders need protection. Please help. Thank you. Sincerely, Lawrence Rhodes Bernal Heights resident.



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Letter in Support of Maintaining Funding for Safe Routes to Schools

1 message

Zoe Astrachan <za@intersticearchitects.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 4:27 PM

To: hillary.ronen@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Ronen,

I am a resident of the Mission and a Board Member of WALK SF, and am writing to urge you to vote against cutting funding of the Safe Routes to School Program.

I have two school aged daughters that walk and take transit in the Mission and throughout SF and it is critical that walking & biking are safe for San Francisco families.

Safe Routes to School is San Francisco's only program encouraging SF families to

embrace the fun and freedom of healthy transportation choices. To improve the safety of our streets, we need to encourage walking, biking and taking transit, and we also must advocate to see those streets prone to collisions redesigned to make family safety a top priority. Areas near to schools should be our top priority as a City.

The potential reduction to funding would have a dramatic effect on Safe Routes to School outreach and programming.

Please support and approve the original funding allocation of \$2.8 million to encourage active transportation and the development of healthy habits among San Francisco students, families and communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Zoe Astrachan

Resident 26th Street

Walk SF Board Member



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School

1 message

Dave Howes <afdfog@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 4:16 PM

To: mark.farrell@sfgov.org

Bcc: nancy@sfbike.org

Supervisor Farrell, please advocate for fully funding Safe Routes to School programs. This is one of our most important issues. Thanks.....Dave

Dave Howes

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If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito. ~Betty Reese



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Support Safe Routes to Schools

1 message

jeremy.heiser@gmail.com <jeremy.heiser@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM

To: jane.kim@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Hello,

I'm very concerned that the Board of Supervisors is considering slashing funding for Safe Routes to School.

Please do not defund this important program.

Thank you,
Jeremy Heiser



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School

T.J. Mitchell <teej310@yahoo.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 1:28 PM

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Fewer:

We live in the Outer Richmond and have three children in three different public schools. It is because of improvements in our schools' bicycle infrastructure made possible by the Safe Routes to School program that none of our three children arrives at school by car. Our 7th grader bikes to Presidio. Our 9th grader walks to Washington. Our 12th grader bikes to the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts. That kid is seventeen. He does not have a drivers license and he has no interest in pursuing one.

All three of our kids went to Lafayette Elementary School. We watched, over the twelve years that we were part of that school community, as more and more parents biked their kids to school, and more and more kids biked themselves. As more people biked, the car traffic got less dangerous and more parents and kids started walking, too. Positive change happens. It does not happen, however, without investment by the city in programs that encourage SFUSD parents to walk the walk while they talk the talk about global climate change, the damage automobiles do to a city, and the health effects of a sedentary lifestyle.

The Safe Routes to School program deserves an *increase* in its budget, in order to help more families in every corner of our city see the same improvements that we have seen here in the Outer Richmond. The proposal to cut the Safe Routes to School budget is astonishing. As your constituents, we ask you to oppose these cuts to the funding for this program that has improved our neighborhood and the lives of our children.

Truly yours,
T.J. Mitchell & Judy Melinek
663 39th Avenue



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School Funding

1 message

Janelle Wong <smongfamily@icloud.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 12:53 PM

To: norman.yee@sfgov.org

Cc: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Dear Mr. Yee -

It has come to my attention that the Board of Supervisors is planning on slashing funding to the Safe Routes to School Program. This program is important to all schools in San Francisco. Both of children go to San Francisco Public school (West Portal Elementary and Hoover Middle School) and both of these school benefit from the outreach to schools in our district about safe alternative ways to get to school.

I will be honest I am the parent champion that runs the Bike and Roll to School Week for West Portal Elementary and have for the last 5 years. It is hard work to mobilize parents who are used to driving their kids to school to try something different, but I have slowly grown the program in our school from one day in the fall and one day in the spring to one day in the fall and a whole week of activities in the spring. We are not a designated Safe Route to School, but the outreach that is done through this program and through the school/parent champions in schools in District 7 and all around the city has made it possible to get other parents and school administrators to care about the safety of our children walking and biking to school. For instance, the bike and roll to school week has allowed me to give talks at our parent's club about street safety and what we see happening with parents around our school. These talks at parent's club meetings have led to meeting with our principal and other staff to try and make drop off and pick up safer and easier for all children, including those families that need to use a car to take their kids to and from school. The continued conversations that we have as a school community around street safety has roots in the bike and roll to school week. The Safe Routes to School program gives parents and schools a resource to find ways to help make the streets around their school safer. The program's reach should not be shrinking it should be expanding. We have only just scratched the surface on what is possible to make the streets around our schools safer for our kids.

My ask of you is to support full funding for Safe Routes to School for 2019-2021 at \$2.8 million. Slashing the program's resources would have a dramatic effect on Safe Routes to School outreach. Cuts would

- Reduce Safe Routes to School elementary schools by nearly 30 percent from at least 35 to 25;
- Reduce the number of SF students served on Safe Routes to School campuses by 10,000
- Reduce the number of outreach workers from five to just three for the entire school district; and
- Prevent the partnership from conducting the robust multilingual outreach that is vital to supporting low-income neighborhoods and communities of color seeking to improve public health around their schools.

SRTS has been serving SF schools since 2009 and we are expanding to reach beyond the 35 schools we serve into every community through neighborhood task forces, as well as Walk & Roll to School Day and Bike & Roll to School Week.

Sincerely,

Janelle Wong (District 7 resident and parent of 2 boys)



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fwd: Save Safe Routes to School funding!!

1 message

Michael Crehan <mpcrehan@gmail.com>
To: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 12:11 PM

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From: michael crehan <mpcrehan@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 17:15
Subject: Save Safe Routes to School funding!!
To: <Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org>

Dear Supervisor Fewer,

As a Richmond District resident, a parent of two girls in SF public schools and a San Francisco firefighter and who sees first hand the tragedy of our unsafe streets, I can not believe the BOS is contemplating cuts to the Safe Routes to School Program. Countless families arrive at schools in your district on foot or bike and this essential program makes the streets safer for everyone, even those who drive.

The worst things I've witnessed in my career haven't happened at fires, they've happened when unsafe motorists hit children on our cities streets. Please do what you can to stop these preventable tragedies from ever happening again by maintaining Safe Routes to School funding!

Thank you very much,

Michael Patrick Crehan
2023 Balboa Street

Sent from my iPhone



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Keep funds for safe bike to school routes

1 message

Felicia Hoshino <felicia@felishino.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 12:10 PM

To: katy.tang@sfgov.org

Cc: "Nancy Buffum, SF Bicycle Coalition" <nancy@sfbike.org>

Dear Ms. Tang,

I live in the Sunset and am the parent of two school age children. I'm primarily a driver, but fully support the visible increase of safe bike routes all around the city. My son is a 6th grader and in the coming years will eventually bike across districts to school on his own (one less commute stop for me by car). Continued full funding of safe bike routes will help assure his mind and mine that he will get to school as safely as possible.

Please keep the necessary funding for Safe Routes to School programs!!

Thank you,

Felicia Hoshino



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Please keep funding for Safe Routes to School programs

1 message

Eli Saddler <eli@oceanhealth.org>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 12:03 PM

To: london.breed@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Breed,

I'm a District 5 parent who urges you to vote in favor of fully funding the Safe Routes to School programs, rather than the proposed cuts to the program. We need more safety programs to support San Francisco families, especially families in the most vulnerable neighborhoods.

I'm fortunate that I only have to walk my kindergartener a few blocks to Chinese Immersion School at DeAvila on Haight Street, but nearly every day for the first three weeks of school, we've encountered dangerous drivers not paying attention or TNCs rushing to their next fare. Anything that you and the Board of Supervisors can do to help keep children safe is increasingly necessary as there are more cars on the road and more traffic dangers.

Safe Routes to School is a vital program helping children get to school safely. The more outreach that can be done to reduce the risk to our children in the low-income communities especially will help us prevent avoidable and possibly tragic outcomes. I support the program and I hope that you will, too.

Sincerely,
Eli Saddler



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

bicyclist safety concerns

1 message

Scott Bravmann <het.pakhuis@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Scott Bravmann <het.pakhuis@yahoo.com>
To: "norman.yee@sfgov.org" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>
Cc: SF Bicycle Coalition Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 11:19 AM

Dear Supervisor Yee:

Yesterday afternoon there were many cars and private shuttles parked in the south-bound bike lane on Carlton B Goodlett Place. This created a series of dangerous maneuvers for me as I rode past City Hall.

A short while later, I made the reverse trip, stopping to observe a worsening condition. I noticed that you too experienced this problem: one of the private shuttles was parked in the bike lane adjacent to your reserved parking space. The driver of the shuttle was either unable to hear your honking or was simply indifferent to it. As a driver attempting to park, you were inconvenienced by this illegal parking. But you were more than inconvenienced: because you had to get out of your car and walk in traffic to approach the driver, you were actually endangered by this activity - just as I and dozens of other bike riders were.

I had already intended to write to you about this to ask that you work with others, including the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, to develop a real solution to the de facto conversion of bike lanes into parking spaces and passenger pick-up and drop-off locations. This morning, before I had a chance to write, I received an email from the Bicycle Coalition about the possibility that the Board of Supervisors will cut funding for the Safe Routes to School Program. Reducing any sort of pedestrian and bicycle safety funding is a fundamentally wrong approach to the increasing automobile congestion on San Francisco's streets: it is bad public health policy; it undermines Vision Zero; and it will exacerbate the traffic problem by discouraging people from getting out of their cars.

That the Board would consider reducing a program that is specifically intended to create a safer environment for children on their way to and from school is completely unacceptable. My daughter attends Tenderloin Community School, just two blocks from City Hall. She is the only student to arrive and depart by bicycle every day - usually on the back of my bike, though occasionally on her own bike. At Sunday Streets a few weeks ago, I spoke with Nancy Buffum (cc-ed here) about increasing the ability of TCS children to bike to school. We talked about several issues that limit that option, but none is more pressing than the ability to ride safely.

According to a recent study, TCS is in the second most dangerous school zone in California: [Dangerous School Zones \[Interactive Map\]](#)

Dangerous School Zones [Interactive Map]

The Most Dangerous Elementary School Zones in California [New Study] In 2016/17, well over six million students ...

Although I am most familiar with my daughter's school, I know others have many of the same concerns.

There is a sign in front of City Hall near where the shuttle was blocking your parking space. My daughter pointed it out to me this summer. It says something like San Francisco is a bicycle friendly community. For her, the sign saying so was not enough to make it true. I agree. As you know from yesterday's experience, even non-cyclists lose out when basic safety conditions are not developed and maintained. Cutting funding for Safe Routes to School will guarantee that kids lose out. I intend to write to the other supervisors as well, but I wanted to acknowledge yesterday's incident and perhaps add to what should continue to be a growing discussion around street safety issues including both design and enforcement.

Sincerely,

Scott Bravmann, PhD
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San Francisco, CA 94115
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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fully fund SF Safe Routes to School

1 message

Jason Serafino-Agar <mybikeskills@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 11:17 AM

To: ahsha.safai@sfgov.org

Cc: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Dear Supervisor Safai,

I'm writing to urge you to support the funding of Safe Routes to School here in SF at full capacity. Here's why: Safe Routes to School is about more than schools, it's a mechanism for creating more livable and prosperous neighborhoods by making it safe for our vulnerable residents (children, families and seniors) to access their streets by foot, bike or transit or vehicle. It's a program that connects our local community to decision makers to create infrastructure (hard) and program (soft) solutions to mobility issues. As a member of your Excelsior Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy group I see even more of the connections between health, safety and economic vitality through creating infrastructure that allows people to get around to work, school and shop in their neighborhoods. Walkable streets are places where people can feel a sense of ownership and welcome. Safe Routes to School is an effective way to build community identity, ownership and vibrancy. For these reasons I hope you will advocate for full funding for the SF Safe Routes to School Program.

Here are two videos which show the program in action.

SF Walks to School

The first SF Bike to School Day. Now called Bike and Roll to School Week.

Thank you for your service.

Best,

Jason Serafino-Agar
D11 Resident



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Fwd: Please support funding safe routes to schools

2 messages

Richard Lautze <rlautze@urbanschool.org>
To: nancy@sfbike.org, Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 10:46 AM

Richard

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

I am a teacher at the Urban School of San Francisco and have worked for years with Aim High, a free program for low income middle school kids. I have taught many kids to ride safely in SF. Please support the Bike Coalition in their efforts to do this. Biking from the Outer Richmond to Downtown can be a wonderful experience. We need to teach more people to do it safely...

thanks

Richard



Richard J Lautze Jr.

Teacher

Urban School of San Francisco

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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School program

2 messages

Sara Clark <saraann200@gmail.com>
To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org
Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 10:29 AM

Dear Supervisor Fewer,

I'm a working mother of a young son in the Richmond District, and our entire family commutes by bike every day. I read recently that the Board of Supervisors is considering cutting funding for the Safe Routes to School Program. I urge you to reconsider. The Safe Routes to School program is a vital local effort to encourage safe commute options, to decrease congestion and pollution, and to solidify a love of biking at an early age.

I look forward to hearing your support.

Best,
Sara

Sara A. Clark
(617) 872-9430

Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>
To: Ana Vasudeo <ana@sfbike.org>, Brian Wiedenmeier <brian@sfbike.org>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 10:55 AM

Nancy Buffum
Family and Schools Program Manager
415/431-2453 x 314



San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Promoting the Bicycle for Everyday Transportation
1720 Market St.
San Francisco, CA 94102
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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Don't cut SR2S funding!

2 messages

nick carr <nickcarr63@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: nick carr <nickcarr63@yahoo.com>
To: jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 9:44 AM

Hi Jeff,

As District 8 voters, parents, and advocates of livable communities, we urge you to fight for full Safe Routes to School program funding.

We are at a crossroads in transportation and Safe Routes plays a major role in protecting some of our most vulnerable pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

This is not the time to be taking steps backward at the local level. We have enough on our plates with the backward march at the federal level and Hurricane Betsy's path of wreckage.

We're counting on you! Thanks in advance for doing the right thing!

Nick Carr and Elodia Villasenor

Parents of James Lick Middle and Fairmount Elementary School students

Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>
To: Brian Wiedenmeier <brian@sfbike.org>, Ana Vasudeo <ana@sfbike.org>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 10:15 AM

Parent Nick Carr (SFMTA) for SRTS

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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School decreases congestion, saves lives - don't cut the budget

2 messages

Miles Cooper <milesbcooper@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 10:07 AM

To: jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org

Cc: "Nancy Buffum, SF Bicycle Coalition" <nancy@sfbike.org>, Maryanne Bendotoff Cooper <maryannebcooper@gmail.com>

Dear Supervisor Sheehy:

I'm writing because I was alerted that the City is considering slashing the Safe Routes to School budget. I am both stunned and concerned that it would consider taking this action - a step back from Vision Zero goals rather than a step forward.

We are constituents in your district. Our son just started kindergarten at McKinley elementary. We walk the four blocks from our house to the school. Our daughter will be returning to pre-school this October, and I will take her by bike down Market Street to her school on Fell.

But not everyone with school-aged kids feels safe getting them to school using active transportation - walking, biking, or Muni. That much is obvious. On August 21, the first day of school for SFUSD, commute traffic shot up by 1/3. Those are parents driving kids to school - many of whom could use active transportation if only there were safe options.

With traffic congestion and parking as a major constituent complaint on one hand and eliminating pedestrian and bicycle injuries and fatalities on the other, how can the City best improve safety for kids and throughput for commuters?

By not only maintaining but increasing the Safe Routes to School budget. Get parents and kids out of cars for school commutes. Increase kids' health. Increase kids' safety.

You may not know this, but the Safe Routes to School program was pioneered in the Bay Area, in Marin. http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/sr2s_history.html.

Please take a stand on this issue and help the City advance its Vision Zero goals rather than retreat from them.

If you or your staff have any questions about this I am happy to address them.

Miles B. Cooper
(415) 606-1004



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School

2 messages

ed kraay <ekraay@yahoo.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 10:05 AM

To: "hillary.ronen@sfgov.org" <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>

Cc: "nancy@sfbike.org" <nancy@sfbike.org>

Dear Ms Ronen:

I understand the board of supervisors is considering cutting the budget for safe routes to school. As a parent of a 1st grader at Rosa Parks elementary school, and homeowner in Portola district, I have appreciated the education that Safe Routes to School has provided for my son in terms of bike safety. I encourage you to advocate for fully funding this program for our children's safety and education.

Thank you,

Ed Kraay
415-694-9653



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School funding

2 messages

Susanne Stolzenberg <susanne@stolzenberglaw.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 9:47 AM

To: mark.farrell@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Farrell,

Please advocate on behalf of your constituents to fully fund Safe Routes to School programs because the proposed substantial reduction in resources would have a dramatic effect on Safe Routes to School outreach.

Thank you.

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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School program funding

2 messages

Michael Lynch <mlynch7@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 9:37 AM

To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org

Cc: nancy@sfbike.org

Dear Supervisor Fewer,

I ask that you advocate for full funding of the Safe Routes to School programs. It would be nice if my 7 year old son (2nd grade) could safely bike to school one day.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike

Michael A. Lynch
726 5th Ave, SF, CA 94118
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Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 9:37 AM



Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Safe Routes to School Funding

2 messages

Dawn Nakano <dawn@sfpeps.org>
To: london.breed@sfgov.org
Cc: Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>

Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 3:21 PM

Dear Supervisory Breed,

I'm writing to register our support for the Safe Routes to School programs. PEPS just started its third year connecting neighbors and John Muir School in mutually beneficial ways. When we engaged parents at John Muir, pedestrian safety around the school was a big concern. Last year we met with staff from the SF Bicycle Coalition to discuss including John Muir in the program.

Thank you for doing everything you can to advocate for fully funding Safe Routes to School programs.

Sincerely,
Dawn Nakano



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Dawn Nakano, Director
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Nancy Buffum <nancy@sfbike.org>
To: Brian Wiedenmeier <brian@sfbike.org>, Ana Vasudeo <ana@sfbike.org>

Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 4:21 PM

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Supervisor Ronen: Request to preserve Safe Routes to School funding, Vision Zero priorities

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Dear Supervisor Ronen,

Great to see you a few months ago at the SF Bicycle Coalition's Golden Wheel awards. Thank you for attending.

And, as a longtime D9 resident, I want to thank you, personally, for the leadership and commitment you've shown during your time in office on so many important issues. Specifically, I appreciate your focus on ensuring more housing, especially affordable options, and on safe, sustainable transportation. I was thrilled to read about your attention toward improving the dangerous Hairball area, especially for those walking and biking, as well as improving Valencia Street safety.

In line with these safety priorities, I am writing now to ask you to please support full, continued funding of the effective Safe Routes to School program in SF. We are seeing real results in encouraging more families to access healthy walking and biking options -- thanks in large part to this in-depth, hands-on program. At a time when our city has committed to Vision Zero -- safety for all -- and when we know that we need the leadership of our local government now more than ever, I can't imagine why such a proven program aimed at youth activity and safety would be called into question by some on the Board of Supervisors.

I can speak personally to the impact the Safe Routes to School program has had on countless families in San Francisco. These kids and their families deserve the right to walk and bike safely to school. Please protect that right and preserve this proven program that supports all San Franciscans.

And again, thank you for your leadership. I'm so proud to live in D9 and appreciate what you're doing for our city!

Best,
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