



August 29, 2016

Mr. Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Request To Put On Hold: Traffic Lane Changes on Ellis/Eddy/Mason Streets

Dear Mr. Reiskin:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce sent you a letter dated August 23, 2016 regarding the need for a downtown traffic plan. In that letter we expressed concern that multiple traffic projects in and around the downtown core seem to be undertaken in a vacuum without comprehensive planning or analysis, so that these individual projects have added to the growing congestion on San Francisco streets.

After sending the letter several Chamber partners brought to our attention that they noticed flyers posted on utility poles on Ellis near Mason Street about a hearing at the SFMTA on September 2nd regarding lane changes on Ellis and Eddy Streets to two-way traffic. Our partners who may not be within the required notice perimeter but will still be impacted were unaware of these traffic changes until they happened to see the notices.

The Chamber urges you to put these and other traffic changes on hold until a downtown traffic plan based on comprehensive data analysis is completed. We offer again to assist you and your staff to set up meetings with stakeholders to gather input and seek consensus on how best to share our downtown streets to reduce congestion and gridlock.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Lazarus'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President, Public Policy

cc: Supervisor Peskin, Karin Flood, Rose Pak, Kevin Carroll, Jon Ballesteros, Carolyn Diamond, Jon Handlery, Charles Miller, Gwyneth Borden, Ken Cleaveland, Chris Wright, Tom Hart, Tom Maguire