



September 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: Traffic Planning for the C3 Commercial District

Dear Mr. Reiskin:

This is in response to your letter of September 7 and Karin Flood's letter to you of September 26 regarding downtown traffic planning in general and the proposed Stockton Street closure to private vehicles.

While the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce appreciates the desire of the Union Square Business Improvement District to move forward with the plan to limit traffic on the lower portion of Stockton Street to buses and bicycles, we strongly believe that further street use changes in and around the C3 District cannot continue to be executed in a vacuum. A comprehensive traffic plan needs to be developed before we continue to shut down streets, traffic lanes or change traffic flows.

Recently limitations have been placed on Powell, a lane taken off of Golden Gate, two-way travel instituted on Sansome, Eddy, Ellis, and numerous changes South-of-Market. Individually, these changes may not be a bad thing, but does SFMTA really understand their cumulative effects? The re-opening of Stockton may or may not relieve the serious daily congestion on Post and Montgomery, which basically has had to accommodate almost all the traffic seeking to cross Market since the commencement of the Central Subway project. But do we know? Or does anyone care about congestion relief?

It seems that SFMTA has a policy of moving all modes of traffic, except cars and trucks. Our business district needs a balanced transportation plan and to that goal we look forward to working with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Lazarus', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus  
Senior Vice President, Public Policy

cc: Supervisor Peskin, Mohammed Nuru, John Rahaim, SFMTA Board of Directors, Pius Lee, Benny Yee, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Karin Flood