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CLOSURE OF BROTHERHOOD WAY UP FOR CONSIDERATION WITH ALL TRAFFIC DIVERTED TO ALEMANY BLVD—A PROPOSAL FROM SFCTA & SFDPW

In late May, a “Grant Study” was released by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) titled, “Brotherhood Way Active Transportation and Open Space Plan,” the SFCTA Brotherhood Way Plan by the SFDPW (San Francisco Department of Public Works) Bureau of Architecture. The plan in conjunction with the proposed new Ocean View Branch Library to be located on the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt on the north-west corner of Orizaba Street and Brotherhood Way, calls for the permanent closure of Brotherhood Way in both directions, from the Sagamore-Orizaba intersection (to the east) to the Arch and Brotherhood Way intersection (to the west). The proposal is to funnel all traffic along Alemany Blvd. and Arch Street. The map plan states, “Improve community connections, livability, and safety through the Brotherhood-Sagamore-Alemany corridor.” Will this actually be the case?

It is important to note that no outreach to any segment of the community, including the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA), was ever offered. It should be further noted that that ten years ago the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA, around 2012) did a traffic study in conjunction with the proposed build-out of Parkmerced that showed 37,000 vehicles per day traveled along Brotherhood Way in both directions from Sagamore/Orizaba to Junipero Serra.

The “Active Transportation and Open Space Plan,” as it is called, proposes to send vehicles along the two-lane roadway (in each direction) along Alemany Blvd. and then one lane (in each direction) on Arch Street. That traffic is in addition to the heavily traveled vehicular traffic already using Alemany Blvd. to and from land locked streets in the neighborhood, and those motorists traveling to and from Junipero Serra (Highway 1/to I-280), and now the increased traffic traveling to and from OceanView Village Retail, especially (but not limited to) Hmart.

Another aspect of the Grant Study proposes making Alemany Boulevard, currently one way from Crystal Street to San Jose Avenue, converting to two-way traffic, thus interfering with the current two lane entry prior to San Jose Avenue to northbound I-280. This proposal is difficult to understand since it would reduce traffic flow east bound on Alemany, cause backups from left turn lane on Chrystal, when

currently motorists can travel one or two blocks south on San Jose Avenue, and then turn right for one block to reach Crystal.

The only aspect of the Grant Study that seems plausible is the recommendation to redesign the San Jose Avenue off-ramp from I-280, making a two lane exit, as traffic exiting southbound I-280 often backs up along the freeway, sometimes as far back as the Geneva Avenue on-ramp.

The METNA Executive Board, in emergency session, met on June 3rd and developed four resolutions addressing the proposed Ocean View Branch Library at Orizaba and Brotherhood Way and the closure of Brotherhood Way, along with the grant study’s other two proposals.

Resolutions by the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association Executive Board:

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) Executive Board absolutely opposes the SFCTA Brotherhood Way Plan by SFDPW Bureau of Architecture to permanently close Brotherhood Way from the Sagamore/Orizaba intersection to Arch Street in both directions. Passed: 8-0, June 3, 2022.

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) is opposed to the plan by SFDPW in the SFCTA Brotherhood Way Plan to make Alemany Blvd. a two-way street from San Jose Avenue at the east end, to Crystal Street in the west end. Passed: 8-0, June 3, 2022.

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) endorses the suggestion that the southbound exit from I-280 to San Jose Avenue/Mission Street become a two-lane exit. Passed: 8-0, June 3, 2022

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) reaffirms its position regarding the proposed building of the Ocean View Library on the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt on the north-west corner of Orizaba Street and Brotherhood Way (from November, 2019, with slight modifications): The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association Executive Board is willing to not oppose construction of a new Ocean View Branch Library on the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt, near the corner of Brotherhood Way and Orizaba Street, set back from Brotherhood Way, under the following conditions:

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1. That a signed agreement by Supervisor Ahsha Safai (Supervisor, District 11) and now Supervisor Myrna Melgar (Supervisor, District 7) that they would jointly draft a resolution to take to the Board of Supervisors stating that no further construction of structures of any type be built along the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt corridor, nor any alterations or closure of Brotherhood Way, and that the land on both sides of Brotherhood Way from Alemany-Orizaba intersection to Junipero Serra remain open space for perpetuity.

2. That, first, both San Francisco Public Works and the San Francisco Library Commission look at alternative sites near the existing Ocean View Branch Library, prior to moving forward with the Brotherhood Way site.

Passed: 8-0, June 3, 2022

Three community meetings will take place this week, regarding the Ocean View Branch Library and its latest proposals, one of which is the Grant Study related to the closure of Brotherhood Way.

Meeting 1: **Wednesday, June 8, 6:00pm**, Virtual Meeting, register: sfpl.org/ovjune8.

Meeting 2: **Thursday, June 9, 6:00pm**, at I.T. Bookman Community Center, 446 Randolph St, at Arch.

Meeting 3: **Saturday, June 11, 11:00am**, at Ocean View Branch Library, 345 Randolph St.

IT BOOKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER GRAB & GO BREAKFASTS

There is now a place in the OMI neighborhood to grab inexpensive quality breakfast in the community. The I. T. Bookman Community Center Grab & Go Café is open for breakfasts from 7:00am to 10:00am, Monday thru Friday. Located at 446 Randolph Street, just one block north of Brotherhood Way at Arch Street.

The hot, made to order, breakfast to go serves a "Basic Breakfast" for \$5.00, featuring scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, pork sausage, or bacon, grits, or home-style potatoes, and a biscuit, English muffin, or toast. There are also individual items for only \$1.00, including coffee, doughnuts, muffins, juice, and eggs cooked to order.

Other items also available include breakfast sandwiches, French toast (Wednesdays), an egg omelet, or pancake platter.

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OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY: HOURS OPEN, DAILY

The current Ocean View Branch Library, at 345 Randolph Street offers Adult and Youth Program classes, mostly on line at: sfpl.org/events. Current library hours vary from day to day:

Monday and Tuesday, 10:00am-6:00pm;

Wednesday, 12:00noon-8:00pm;

Thursday, 10:00am-7:00pm;

Friday, 1:00pm-6:00pm;

Saturday, 10:00am-6:00pm; and

Sunday, 1:00pm-5:00pm.

To reach the Ocean View Branch Library by phone dial 1-415-355-5615.

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