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Mary Hobson Project Manager 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Marina Bay Trail

To Mary Hobson:

On behalf of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and our membership of over 10,000 local residents, we strongly support the preferred alternative presented on September 30 to relocate the vehicle access and parking on the portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail along Marina Boulevard between Scott and Baker streets.

We thank you for moving this project forward and proposing the option which meets the original permit issued by the Bay Conservation Development Commission. This option preserves the intent of the Bay Trail and prioritizes safety and comfort of the thousands who visit here every single day by biking and walking, which makes up 98% of the path usage.

This permit required SF Recreation and Parks Department to hold a public planning process to determine "a design of a Bay Trail segment that provides a high quality bicycle, pedestrian, and general visitor experience." The only way to properly meet the Bay Trail standards and provide that experience is by creating a car-free path.

We recognize this is not an easy or straightforward decision, and there will undoubtedly be opposition. However, we must think about the future of our waterfront and the access we have for the generations to come as more and more people visit every year. This is a marquee location for our city, enjoyed by locals and visitors from all over the world. We urge you to take leadership on this issue and fulfill the permit to the fullest.

Sincerely,

Janice Li Community Organizer San Francisco Bicycle Coalition