



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 18, 2021

City Council
City of San Mateo
330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, California, 94403

Esteemed Council Members,

The San Mateo-Foster City School District wishes to publicly acknowledge our support of the city's efforts to improve pedestrian safety through the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian projects. Our Governing Board wishes to encourage the City Council to deeply evaluate school zone speed limit reductions in and around our school campuses. We work daily with families who have expressed a desire to have reduced speed zones due to the dynamic nature of our school drop off zones.

Reducing speed limits is surely a safety measure, but also a quality of life consideration. Research demonstrates that reductions in speed zones results in diminished risk pertaining to vehicle, bicyclist, and pedestrian accidents. We urge the City Council to consider reducing speed zones to as low as 15 miles per hour, as permitted by the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

We offer our collaboration in this process, should city staff request our engagement. Our staff in the Student Services Department is intimately involved in the daily operations of school access routes and would be very interested to partner with the City of San Mateo. Please accept this letter of support as an invitation to include our district in the process and coordinate with Superintendent Diego Ochoa on any next steps that may be required.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Chin
School Board President

Shara Watkins
Board Clerk

Lisa Warren
Board Trustee

Noelia Corzo
Board Trustee

Alison Proctor
Board Trustee