
Mayor's Disability Council



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Dear SFMTA Board of Directors:

The Mayor's Disability Council opposes the quick build proposal for Frida Kahlo Way/Judson Ave., next to the main campus of City College of San Francisco. It is the Council's opinion that this proposal is not in the best interests of disabled and lower-income students who must drive to campus, and it should not be approved to go forward. This quick-build project will remove all parking for students for the entire length of the east side of Frida Kahlo Way, plus additional parking on Judson (50% of all parking close to the campus).

Since 1935, City College has been a beloved legacy institution of higher learning which has provided middle-to-lower income families under-division college studies at a reasonable cost, plus vigorous programs of career, technical, and ESL classes. Many of these students work full- or part-time and have families. Their schedules are tight, and they must drive to the campus and need parking. For many, the additional difficulty of finding parking on streets farther away from the campus may create an impossible situation, especially for disabled students. They may give up on their studies or choose to attend another community college in the Bay Area. For many, riding bikes or using transit is not an option. Currently, the only on-campus parking is Cloud Circle, around the MUB Building, and a very small lot behind the library. These small lots include blue zone parking, but this is not enough, and the disabled parking spots are taken early in the day. If parking is restored on Frida Kahlo Way and Judson,

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more disabled parking could be included and disabled students would be more inclined to continue with their studies.

The pandemic of 2020-2022 greatly affected the enrollment of CCSF, and the college is struggling to recover. This planned removal of such vital street parking for students will further erode enrollment. We cannot let this happen to such an important institution that provides critical educational benefits to hard-working students and immigrants who attend this college. To deny them this critical parking is inequitable and unfair.

In this case, it is our belief that SFMTA and bicyclists should defer to the needs of lower-income and disabled students. There are other streets in this area where SFMTA could install a bike lane without the considerable harm that this project will cause CCSF students, including people with disabilities. For the benefit of this wonderful San Francisco institution and its students, please do not approve of this bike lane quick-build project.

Sincerely,

THE MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL

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