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San Francisco Commission Streamlining Task Force
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Re: Letter of support to maintain the Bicycle Advisory Committee

Dear Chair Harrington, Vice Chair Bruss, and Commissioners,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, our over 6,000 members, and the larger SF biking community, we strongly support the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and urge you to not recommend cutting this committee.

The BAC is the only committee in our city that advises on bicycle access and safety for all street users. It is crucial that San Francisco has an official committee that advises on biking and rolling access in light of our projected growing population, the climate crisis, and our city's sustainable transportation and Vision Zero goals.

At the beginning of this year, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved a brand new Biking and Rolling Plan that commits the city to ambitious transformation and will require the exact kind of engagement and knowledge that the BAC provides. San Francisco has made huge strides in improving bicycle access and safety and the BAC is a big part of that. Eliminating the BAC would be a step backwards and diminish our ability to make progress in the future.

The BAC functions as an invaluable place for SFMTA and SFCTA staff to get critical feedback from the biking community for project outreach. The BAC also provides a space for San Franciscans to have their voices heard about the need for better and more bicycle infrastructure and street safety across San Francisco's eleven districts.

The BAC is an entirely volunteer committee that only meets once a month. It requires extremely little time and capacity from city staff. Eliminating the BAC won't make a substantial difference in improving administrative efficiency, but it will make a substantial difference in residents' ability to advocate for safer and better biking and rolling in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition strongly urges you to reverse your vote to eliminate the Bicycle Advisory Committee and reinstate this invaluable body that represents the ever-growing number of residents who bike and roll in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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