

Below is a letter that has been suggested by the APN board. You may send this letter in as written or make any necessary adjustments. We thank you for your efforts and for creating a safer and healthier neighborhood for us all.

October **XX**, 2011

TO: Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District  
Mark Leno, Senator  
Fiona Ma, California State Assemblywoman  
Tom Ammiano, California State Assemblyman

CC: David Chiu, San Francisco Supervisor District 3  
Michela Alioto-Pier San Francisco Supervisor, District 2  
Edwin Lee, Mayor of San Francisco  
Kevin Carroll, Fisherman's Wharf CBD Executive Director

Dear Golden Gate Transit Board Members and State and City Representatives,  
I am a member of the Aquatic Park Neighbors ([www.aquaticpark.org](http://www.aquaticpark.org)), a local San Francisco residents' association representing the neighborhood from Columbus to Van Ness along the waterfront. There are 250+ members in our association, which is comprised of home owners, renters, small business owners and many families with young children.

I am writing you to request that the Golden Gate Transit (GGT) buses to be re-routed away from our residential neighborhood entirely. There are other city bus services that can service the stops located in the Fisherman's Wharf area.

My concerns are as follows:

- Speed and safety: The GGT buses travel through a primarily residential area, including a school, from Columbus to Van Ness along North Point. The buses travel far too fast and although actual injury-causing accidents may be limited in number, **our cyclist and pedestrian neighbors are rightfully fearful of the buses.**
- Speed and building vibration: In recent years, GGT buses were supposed to have been re-routed off of North Point entirely due to the vibration caused by the buses speeding past the residential buildings. Most neighbors' homes vibrate when the buses pass. This is damaging to the buildings and interrupts normal, acceptable living standards. Having the buses off of North Point entirely would help our neighborhood resume this basic standard of living.
- Increasing traffic volume:
  - Current situation: **Currently, the Aquatic Park Neighborhood faces much more traffic and variety of types of traffic on North Point than a typical residential street in San Francisco.** There are private automobile traffic, GGT buses, MUNI buses and tourist buses. During the course of any day, there are more MUNI buses than the typical residential street because the buses transit through our area on their way to the Kirkland bus yard, also on North Point Street. Tourist buses, both local and non-local, also add to the congestion: Quackers, tourist fire engines, Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, Small

Yellow Scooters, Cable car buses, and Double-decker buses, and countless other heavy diesel tour buses, just to name a few. There is also the historical cable car along Hyde Street which crosses and stops on North Point a few times per hour. The result is excessive congestion.

- Future increase in traffic volume: The neighborhood is facing an increasing traffic crisis on North Point Street. The Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District has considered putting directional signs encouraging all north and east-bound tourist traffic onto North Point. If this does happen, **it would make North Point the primary artery for automobile tourist traffic into one of the top tourist destinations in the United States of America.**
- Three lanes of traffic to become two: The current bicycle lane plan has North Point slated to add two bike lanes, east and west directions. The addition of these lanes will shift North Point from three lanes of traffic down to two lanes of traffic. There is clearly a problem with **volume of traffic increasing, but the number of automobile traffic lanes decreasing.** The bike lanes are intended to be vital for commuters cycling in from the northwest region of the city and Marin county. However, one must be concerned about the cyclists' safety. Plus, from a traffic standpoint, having only one lane each way will cause additional congestion.

**I would like to see the GGT buses re-routed away from our neighborhood entirely.** One possible solution is to have the buses travel along Van Ness to Broadway. These streets are not residential in nature and would expedite GGT transit time. The GGT riders that do use the stops in our area could be serviced by the MUNI 10 line or F line. This solution would benefit GGT riders and commuters who will otherwise be exposed to unreasonable transit times and frustrating traffic situations.

Thank you very much for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

**Your Name**  
**Address**