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Re: Central Subway Project: Use of the Pagoda Theater Parcel to remove the TBM machines.

Dear Chairman Nolan and Members of the SFMTA Board of Directors;
President Fong and Members of the San Francisco Planning Commission; and
President Chiu and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

This office represents Howard Wong and SaveMuni.com with respect to the construction of the Central Subway Project. I am writing on their behalf to submit additional comments on:

(1) The SFMTA's current proposal to alter the alignment and terminus of the subway tunnels north of the Chinatown Station to change the tunnel boring machine (TBM) extraction location from Columbus Avenue between Union and Powell streets to the Pagoda Theater parcel at 1731-1741 Powell St.

(2) The current proposal before the Planning Commission to grant Conditional Use Application No. 2013.0050C to the Pagoda Theater property; and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it amend Zoning Map Sheet HT01 to reclassify the Pagoda Theater property from the 40-X Height and Bulk District to the 55-X Height and Bulk District; and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it adopt the "Central Subway

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Tunnel Boring Machine Extraction Site Special Use District” for the Pagoda Theater property.

(3) The current proposal before the Board of Supervisors to amend Zoning Map Sheet HT01 to reclassify the Pagoda Theater property from the 40-X Height and Bulk District to the 55-X Height and Bulk District; and to adopt the “Central Subway Tunnel Boring Machine Extraction Site Special Use District” for the Pagoda Theater property.

I also write to object to all of the above proposed decisions on the grounds set forth in this letter.

1. A Subsequent or Supplemental EIR is required to assess the environmental impacts of altering the alignment and terminus of the subway tunnels north of the Chinatown Station to change the TBM extraction location from Columbus Avenue to the Pagoda Theater parcel.

Please see, attached as Exhibit 1, a new letter dated February 18, 2013 from geotechnical engineer Lawrence B. Karp providing further evidence showing that excavation for the TBM removal shaft at the Pagoda Theater property will cause new significant adverse effects requiring the preparation of a Subsequent SEIR.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Thomas N. Lippe

List of Exhibits

1. Letter dated February 18, 2013 from Lawrence B. Karp to Thomas Lippe.