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Bicyclist Fatality on Octavia at Oak Street this AM

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**June 1, 2022** — Today we mourn the loss of a person who passed away early this morning while biking along Octavia Boulevard near Oak Street. From what we've learned, this person was traveling on Octavia towards Market Street, when they were struck by a vehicle.

Any fatality of people getting around our streets is one too many. At the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, we are devastated by this tragedy. As people who bike and advocate for safe, just, and livable streets, this continues to be a pressing and painful part of our work. Our love goes out to this person's loved ones, and we strongly advocate for immediate changes to this corridor and a full redesign of Octavia Boulevard.

We have the data to know where these tragedies will happen. Both this block of Oak and Octavia are on our city's high-injury network, the 13% of streets that account for 75% of severe or fatal traffic crashes in San Francisco. Additionally, this stretch of Oak and Octavia are included in the SFCTA's Octavia Boulevard Improvement Study, which is currently in its outreach phase.

Octavia Boulevard is no longer a freeway — it hasn't been for many, many years. We need a full redesign of this street to protect our city's most vulnerable road users.

In just the last two weeks, five people have died while walking on our streets in addition to today's fatality; this is unacceptable. Anyone biking, walking, scooting, or rolling deserves to feel safe on our streets, and we need bolder leadership from the City to keep this from continuing to be our reality.

This is a developing story as we continue to learn more information and advocate for immediate safety improvements. For updated information and quotes, please reach out to Nesrine Majzoub at 415.448.7076.