



Date March 4, 2019

Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: SB 127 (Wiener) Transportation funding: active transportation: complete streets – Support

Dear Senator Wiener,

I am writing to you on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) to support SB 127. CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 950,000 seniors and their families through our 275 affiliated organizations. Pedestrian safety is one of CARA's priorities.

SB 127 would require:

- the California Transportation Commission to give high priority to increasing safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and to the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- the asset management plan to prescribe a process for community input and complete streets implementation to prioritize safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on all State Highway Operation and Protection Program projects, as specified.
- projects starting in 2020 meet specified requirements set forth as part of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.
- the commission, in connection with the asset management plan, to adopt performance measures that include conditions of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, accessibility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users, and vehicle miles traveled on the state highway system.
- the State Highway Operation and Protection Program projects include capital improvements relative to accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.
- each project includes in its budget the cost of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- the plain language performance report developed by the department, in consultation with the commission, include a description of pedestrian and bicycle facilities on each project, including the number, extent, and cost of the elements relative to the overall project.
- the department, by January 1, 2021, when undertaking any capital improvement project on a state highway or a local street crossing a state highway that is funded through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, to include new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, or improve existing facilities, as part of the project, consistent with specified requirements.
- the department to establish a project development team for each project, as specified.
- until January 1, 2021, or by which time the department can demonstrate that it has met these requirements, the department to use 3% of State Highway Operation and Protection Program funds from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

For these reasons, CARA supports SB 127. We thank you for authoring this bill, and we look forward to working with you on its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hene Kelly".

Hene Kelly
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