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VOTE AYE for SB 127 (Wiener)

Complete Streets for Active Living

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Problem:

Caltrans owns and maintains the State Highway System through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), which is funded with $4.2B annually. Many of these streets -- about 17% of the whole system -- are not typical “highways” at all but are in fact surface streets and main streets that run through our communities and carry local traffic including people on foot and on bike.

Caltrans’ internal policy and past legislation including SB 1 requires the department to consider complete streets — streets designed to be safe for all users — in all phases of design, delivery, construction, and rehabilitation on all projects. Unfortunately despite these policies in place, Caltrans continues to jeopardize the safety and well-being of people walking, biking, and taking transit along these corridors.

Passing SB 127 would:

- Require Caltrans to explicitly include complete streets elements in the Transportation Asset Management Plan to better track performance measures and cost estimates.
- Require complete streets to be incorporated on all SHOPP projects that fall on the segments of the State Highway System that fall within the “active transportation place type” — meaning roads that run through the community and serve as main streets, but also provides an opt-out clause where not feasible to do so.
- Expand the definition of safety improvements in the State Highway Account priorities list to emphasize the importance of projects that reduce fatalities and injuries of vulnerable road users such as people walking and biking.
- Expand much needed stakeholder input on existing Project Development Teams already required for each SHOPP project.
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