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The Hon. Henry Stern  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7710  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1423 State Transportation Improvement Program: Active Transportation Program (As Amended on March 25, 2026) – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Stern:

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We are writing to communicate to you that our organization is opposed to your legislation, SB1423, related to state transportation improvement funding and Active Transportation Programs.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) remains one of the most important mechanisms for responding to the myriad of transportation-related challenges faced by our state. Under existing law, STIP funding supports interregional and regional priorities identified through robust state and regional planning processes. SB 1423 would usurp this established process by requiring at least 50 percent of both interregional and regional STIP funds to be programmed for “safe streets projects,” with priority for projects in transit-oriented development zones lacking adequate pedestrian safety and mobility access.

We wholeheartedly support continued investment in pedestrian and bicycle safety. However, SB 1423 would significantly reduce the flexibility of the STIP to address the full range of transportation needs facing California’s regions. Communities across the state must be able to respond to their own most pressing priorities, including highway improvements, freight movement, congestion relief, passenger rail, safety, and multimodal connectivity. A broad statewide programming mandate would make it harder for regional and state partners to balance those needs and deliver the projects that are most critical to their communities.

Finally, we must object to the term “traffic violence” that is included in your proposed legislation. This inflammatory language has no place in state law or in serious policy discussions about the safety of our transportation system.

At a time of constrained transportation resources, California should preserve flexibility within the STIP rather than narrow it through prescriptive statewide mandates. For these and other reasons we oppose SB1423.

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Please feel free to contact me at (916) 791-5044 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Snyder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Executive Director