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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 127 (Wiener)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 127, which invests road repair funds to reduce vehicle speeds and improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access.

While pedestrian safety is a laudable goal, even your own Department of Finance opposes this bill because it will "...increase the cost of SHOPP projects significantly, and because transportation funding in California is limited, the bill will result in Caltrans completing fewer projects..."

California's roads and highways are the backbone of our economy. In order to protect that vital asset, the SHOPP program was devised to preserve and protect the state's existing highway infrastructure. The program funds are distributed based on priorities and need. Caltrans is required to assess the health and condition of the state highway system, and direct funding to the most serious safety, maintenance, and rehabilitation needs. This bill changes both the purpose and priorities of the SHOPP program in order to ensure that more funding flows to complete streets projects. The results will be more congestion, and worsening road conditions.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove".

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader