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Toks Omishakin, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2340
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Caltrans' SB 960 (Wiener) Implementation

Dear Secretary Omishakin:

The co-sponsors of SB 960 (Wiener, 2024) — CalBike, AARP, and Streets for All — met with Caltrans executive staff on June 4, 2025 to discuss implementation progress on the bill. I'm writing to follow up on that meeting with appreciation for the progress that Caltrans has made in a few key areas, as well as to flag our concerns about the lack of progress on a couple of other required activities in the bill.

First, we were pleased to hear the updates about SHOPP project reviews, PID guidance, transit plans, and new outreach/engagement tools and guidance. We understand that the justifications for complete streets decisions for all projects will be posted online and updated regularly, and we strongly support the transparency your team intends to provide around this process. We plan to track reports on projects closely and look forward to working with your team through quarterly meetings to provide input as this information is posted.

However, there were two important sections of the bill where little progress has been made:

1. **Transit Priority-** We understand that the Transit Transformation Task Force is also recommending expediting transit priority projects on the state highway system so we urge you to move as quickly as possible on the transit priority requirements in SB 960. We heard in the June 4 meeting that a draft director's policy is coming soon and understand that policy has been in development for several years. We are anxious for Caltrans to move beyond a policy statement to the concrete actions required in SB 960 such as developing design guidance for transit priority facilities and rapidly advancing transit priority projects on the SHS to get buses out of traffic. The design guidance is critical for the districts and local agencies to standardize, streamline, and more cost-effectively deliver transit priority projects on the state and local system.
2. **Encroachment Permits-** SB 960 requires that Caltrans develop a streamlined permit process to expedite transit priority and complete streets projects, and staff every district permit office with an engineer that has expertise in these project types. Based on the discussion at the June 4 meeting, we understood that progress has not been

made on this requirement. We know it is a top priority for Senator Wiener, the Governor, and other members of the legislature to streamline permitting processes for climate-friendly infrastructure, so we were disappointed to hear that this requirement in SB 960 is not actively being implemented.

We would appreciate your attention to these two issues and to ensuring that all the requirements of SB 960 are fully implemented in an expeditious manner. Caltrans's first director's policy on complete streets was adopted in 2008, nearly 20 years ago. We urge you to move much more quickly to implement SB 960.

Please contact me at jared@calbike.org or (714) 262-0921 should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Sanchez", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jared Sanchez, Policy Director
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