



June 17, 2026

The Honorable Dave Cortese
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 405
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2168 (Wicks) – Transportation Program: Guidelines. California Big City Mayors Coalition - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Cortese,

On behalf of the California Big City Mayors Coalition, we are pleased to support AB 2168. This important legislation strengthens California's Active Transportation Program by improving how projects are selected, funded, and delivered to better serve communities across the state.

The California Big City Mayors Coalition is a bipartisan coalition of mayors from the state's 13 largest cities, collectively representing more than 11 million Californians. For our cities, active transportation investments are critical to connecting residents to jobs, schools, transit, housing, and essential services. AB 2168 advances that goal by prioritizing projects that improve walking and biking connections to transit, particularly in transit-rich and infill areas, helping provide our residents with safer, more affordable, reliable, and accessible ways to get around.

AB 2168 makes critical updates to ensure that ATP investments more effectively increase access to public transit, particularly in transit-rich and infill areas. By prioritizing projects that improve walking and bicycling connections to transit, this bill helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, supports California's climate goals, and promotes healthier, more sustainable communities.

The coalition also supports the bill's accountability provisions, which create clearer expectations and potential consequences for projects that do not use awarded funds in a timely manner. These provisions help ensure limited and competitive transportation dollars are used efficiently and that high-impact projects are delivered without unnecessary delays.

Most importantly, AB 2168 prioritizes state transportation projects that dedicate a significant portion of funding toward active transportation improvements. This focus will help maximize the benefits of state transportation investments and ensure communities, especially disadvantaged communities, have equitable access to safe, reliable, and affordable transportation options.

Investments in active transportation infrastructure improve safety and mobility, support public health, strengthen local economies, and advance California's environmental

sustainability goals. AB 2168 represents a thoughtful and necessary step toward aligning California's transportation funding with these priorities.

For these reasons, the California Big City Mayors Coalition strongly supports AB 2168 (Wicks).

If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact Jonathan Lopez at JoLopez2@riversideca.gov.

Sincerely,
California Big City Mayors Coalition



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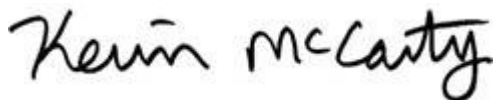
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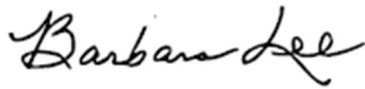
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