

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission

April 26, 2023

Agenda Item 11g - 23-0511

## AB 413 (Lee) Vehicles: Stopping, Standing and Parking Near a Crosswalk

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### Subject:

Prohibits vehicles from stopping, standing or parking within 20 feet of a marked crosswalk or intersection to improve visibility of bicyclists and pedestrians.

### Background:

At the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee meeting in April staff revised their recommendation on this bill to a “support and seek amendments” position instead of a straight “support” position and the committee unanimously endorsed staff’s recommendation. The amendments would narrow the bill to focus on improving visibility where it’s most needed – at vehicular *approaches* to intersections (vs. at both the approach side and departure side) – and provide an option for local governments to implement context-sensitive daylighting that takes into account individual intersection design and other local context.

Subsequent to staff finalizing the memo on the bill, some of our local jurisdiction partners – including the City and County of San Francisco who is a nationally recognized leader on daylighting – raised legitimate concerns that the bill is overly prescriptive and doesn’t take into account best practices they’ve identified in implementing daylighting treatments. The intent of staff’s amendment is to address these local concerns and strike the right balance between advancing pedestrian safety, acknowledging the work of cities that have already taken steps to daylight their intersections and supporting flexibility in how cities may achieve the bill’s intended goals of improving safety at intersections.

**Recommendation:** Support and Seek Amendments

### Issues:

None identified



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**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments  
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee**

**April 14, 2023**

**Agenda Item 3c**

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**Subject:**

Prohibits vehicles from stopping, standing or parking within 20 feet of a marked crosswalk or intersection to improve visibility of bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Background:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 413 aims to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by increasing their visibility at marked crosswalks or intersections. Specifically, it would prohibit vehicles from stopping or parking within 20 feet of a marked crosswalk or intersection, a safety measure known as “daylighting.” This measure keeps sight lines clear, so drivers can more easily see if pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized road users are waiting to cross the street.

Likewise, it allows pedestrians and other non-motorized road users to better spot approaching vehicles without stepping into the street.

The National Association of City Transportation Officials recommends “daylighting” as an important safety measure, and 43 states have already implemented “daylighting” laws.

Several Bay Area cities have led the state in implementing this measure, including San Francisco and Alameda. Los Angeles has also implemented “daylighting” in parts of the city, as have other cities across the country, including New York City, Portland, Oregon, and Hoboken, New Jersey. According to the California Research Bureau, daylighting resulted in 14 percent fewer collisions at intersections in the Tenderloin district in San Francisco. It contributed to a 30 percent decrease in pedestrian injuries in Hoboken, New Jersey.

**Recommendation:**

Support / ABAG Executive Board Approval

Support / MTC Commission Approval

**Discussion:**

Traffic safety is a significant transportation challenge globally, nationally, and regionally. MTC, in June 2020, adopted a Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy (MTC Resolution No. 4400) to “establish a region-wide policy of intent to work with partner agencies to encourage and support actions toward eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the Bay Area by 2030.”

MTC and ABAG’s Plan Bay Area 2050 implementation plan supports legislative and policy changes that advance the Regional Vision Zero Policy. Our Vision Zero approach is data-driven, so funds and resources are used most effectively. Daylighting is known to improve pedestrian and driver safety by improving visibility. According to the California Research Bureau, daylighting is also a low-cost strategy, which aligns with the Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy strategy of making the most of limited funding. For these reasons, staff recommends a support position on AB 413.

**Known Positions:**

**Support**

Safe Streets for All (sponsor)

AARP

California Bicycle Coalition

City of Fremont

Disability Rights California

Happy City Coalition

Norwalk Unides

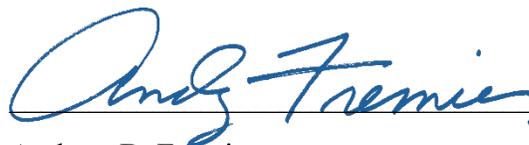
San Diego Bicycle Coalition

**Oppose**

California Trucking Association

**Attachments:**

- None



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