

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

May 18, 2023

Agenda Item 6.d.

Legislation

Subject:

Assembly Bill 413 (Lee): Vehicles: Stopping, Standing and Parking Near a Crosswalk

Background:

On April 14, 2023, the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee received a report on the following state legislation:

- Assembly Bill 413 (Lee): Vehicles: Stopping, Standing and Parking Near a Crosswalk
- Prohibits vehicles from stopping, standing or parking within 20 feet of a marked crosswalk or intersection to improve visibility of bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Staff recommendation: Support and Seek Amendments

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 is 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 does not take into account best practices they have 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.

The Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee recommended ABAG Executive Board approval of a support and seek amendments position on AB 413.

The Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee summary sheet is attached.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

The ABAG Executive Board is requested to approve a support and seek amendments position on Assembly Bill 413 (Lee).

Attachments:

- A. Summary Sheet, Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

Reviewed:



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