

July 19, 2024

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
Senate Appropriations Committee, Chair  
State Capitol, Room 412  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 2290 (Friedman) – Transportation: Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program – Oppose

Dear Chair Caballero:

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), I write to express our opposition to AB 2290 (Friedman). This bill would prohibit the California Transportation Commission from approving applications to the Active Transportation Program that proposes to deliver a Class III bikeway on a highway that exceeds a speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

MCTC is deeply concerned about the potential negative impact of AB 2290. By prohibiting Class III bikeways, this bill overlooks the unique traffic volumes in less densely populated areas, many being disadvantaged communities. It poses a significant threat to our region's efforts to promote mode shift and deliver multimodal options and our ability to comply with a sustainable communities strategy. This would preclude access to billions in state resources, such as the SB 1 competitive programs (Solutions for Congested Corridors and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program) to improve safety, air quality, and mobility on the state highway system or invest in public transportation infrastructure.

For these reasons, we oppose AB 2290 when it is heard in your Senate Committee on Appropriations. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our legislative advocate, Gus Khouri, at [gus@khouriconsult.com](mailto:gus@khouriconsult.com) or 916-605-8975. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee