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Good morning,

Attached please find AARP California's comment letter to Council File 14-0163-S3.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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January 24, 2018

Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
Council President Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 435  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: CF # 14-0163-S3 Sidewalk Repair Program**

Dear Council President Wesson, Jr.

On behalf of AARP's nearly 700,000 members who live in the greater Los Angeles area, and the older residents of this great city, we urge the Los Angeles City Council members to keep the Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN) in the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) proposed Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) as the method for prioritizing sidewalk repair projects.

AARP California is a proud member of the L.A. Vision Zero Alliance, and we are working together with civic leaders and community partners to make the city and the county of Los Angeles age friendly for all ages and abilities. Retaining the HIN in the City's Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) is a step towards better interdepartmental coordination because the HIN is an established citywide prioritization methodology. Sidewalk maintenance is particularly important for older adults because of the risk of falls. Even the fear of falls can keep an older person isolated at home. The HIN places equity front and center because it prioritizes vulnerable road users through its weighted focus on children, older adults and people with disabilities.

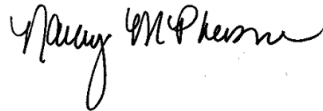
The HIN was developed with valuable community and stakeholder input and can reasonably be considered a proxy for higher rates of people walking and rolling. The HIN is a needs-based, data-supported approach that will efficiently and effectively target public investments to help injuries and fatalities and advance the City's Vision Zero goals.

Moreover, across the nation, we are experiencing a steady increase in the older adult population, and Los Angeles is no exception. The number of persons 60 plus residing in greater Los Angeles is now approximately 1.7 million and rising. This population increase means that more and more older adults are utilizing a variety of types of transportation which include biking, rolling, and walking the city's sidewalks through the normal course of their days. Regrettably, older adults and

children, particularly those in low-income or historically underinvested communities, experience a higher incidence of severe and fatal collisions. Older residents and their families deserve access to safe pedestrian pathways regardless of where they live. AARP urges the City Council to vote to keep the HIN sidewalk repair prioritization methodology for improvements to the corridors identified as the most problematic and, in many tragic instances, deadly.

We thank you for your continued leadership and we look forward to working with the Council to move Los Angeles towards becoming a more age-friendly community for people of all ages and abilities.

Sincerely,



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