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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(25) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/10/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/13/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0002-S23

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Mid City West Neighborhood Council supports this call for legalizing the “safety stop” for bike riders, asks the legislature and our state legislators to approve AB 1713, and asks the City Council to advocate for it. The “safety stop” or “Idaho stop” allows for people on bikes to yield, instead of fully stopping, at stop signs when it is safe to do so and the way is clear. It is safer for everyone if people on bikes can treat stop signs like yield signs, and would align the law with how people behave on the ground. Unfortunately, stopping at each stop sign causes impatient drivers to honk and/or do unsafe maneuvers to pass bike riders. Because bicycles are human-powered and require pedaling and balance, full stops are inefficient and less safe for the rider. Multiple studies have documented that safety stop laws increase street safety and decrease injuries and crash severity. Comparable laws have passed in eight states. The Mid City West Neighborhood Council therefore urges support for AB 1713, a common sense update to the California Vehicle Code.



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PASSED 25-0-0-0 ON May 10, 2022

CIS in SUPPORT of CF#22-0002-S23

Assembly Bill: [1713](#)

Title: Vehicles: Required Stops: Bicycles

Position: SUPPORT

Council File: [22-0002-S23](#)

Title: AB 1713 (Boerner Horvath) / Safety Stop Bill / California Vehicle Code Amendment / Bicycles and Electric Bicycles / Stop Signs as Yields

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