



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 127 without my signature.

This bill creates a process to require the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add complete streets elements to certain projects on state highways.

I fully support improving facilities to increase walking, biking and accessing public transit. However, this bill creates a prescriptive and costly approach to achieve these objectives.

By implementing my Executive Order N-19-19, Caltrans is increasing and accelerating its investments in active transportation where appropriate and feasible. I am committed to holding the department accountable to deliver more alternatives to driving while continuing to maintain our state's highways and bridges. The new leadership we are putting in place at Caltrans will be key in implementing this vision and approach.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom