

1 [Supporting AB 2522 – Pedestrian Safety Act of 2000]  
2 SUPPORTING AB 2522, ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER KEVIN SHELLEY'S  
3 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT OF 2000 AND URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
4 LEGISLATURE TO PASS AB 2522.

5 WHEREAS, Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley has proposed to  
6 the California State Legislature AB 2522, the Pedestrian Safety Act  
7 of 2000; and,

8 WHEREAS, This legislation would accomplish the following:

9 (1) Creates a Pedestrian Safety Account within the State  
10 Transportation Fund for grants to local government agencies to  
11 construct pedestrian safety improvement projects in areas  
12 where need has been demonstrated by a high rate of pedestrian  
13 injuries or fatalities;

14 (2) Requires Caltrans to develop a statewide pedestrian plan and  
15 integrate it with the existing bicycle plan to create a California  
16 Nonmotorized Transportation Plan;

17 (3) Requires Caltrans to compile detailed annual statistics for  
18 pedestrian fatalities and injuries occurring on state-owned highways;

19 (4) Requires Caltrans to identify the 25 most dangerous highway  
20 segments based on pedestrian fatality and injury data, and  
21 recommend and implement pedestrian safety projects intended to  
22 reduce pedestrian fatalities and injuries without impeding  
23 legal pedestrian traffic flow and existing pedestrian rights-of-way;

24 (5) Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to include  
25 on the written test for a driver's license at least one question to

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1 verify that an applicant for a driver's license has read and  
2 understands the rights of pedestrians;

3 (6) Provides that traffic violator school curriculum shall  
4 include, but not be limited to, the rights and duties of a motorist  
5 as they pertain to pedestrians;

6 (7) Requires DMV to immediately revoke the privilege of any  
7 person to drive a motor vehicle upon receipt of a duly certified  
8 abstract of any court record showing that the person has been  
9 convicted of negligently driving his or her vehicle into a  
10 pedestrian or bicyclist who was in a marked or unmarked crosswalk;

11 (8) Requires a driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian  
12 within any marked or unmarked crosswalk to exercise all due care and  
13 reduce the speed of the vehicle or take any other action relating to  
14 the operation of the vehicle as is necessary to safeguard the safety  
15 of the pedestrian;

16 (9) Provides that between adjacent intersections controlled by  
17 traffic control signal devices or by police officers, pedestrians may  
18 not cross the roadway at any place except in a crosswalk, unless the  
19 distance between the adjacent intersections is more than one-quarter  
20 mile;

21 (10) Provides that no pedestrian may walk upon any roadway  
22 outside of a business or residence district otherwise than close to  
23 his or her left-hand edge of the roadway;

24 (11) Prohibits a person from stopping a vehicle in a manner that  
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1 causes the vehicle to block a marked or unmarked crosswalk or  
2 sidewalk without leaving a minimum clearance of five feet for  
3 safe and adequate passage by pedestrians or wheelchairs; and

4 (12) Increases the fines for failing to exercise due care when  
5 approaching a pedestrian walking in a crosswalk; and,

6 WHEREAS, This legislation is urgently needed as more than 600  
7 people are killed and another 13,000 are injured every year in  
8 pedestrian versus vehicle accidents in California and pedestrians  
9 account for more than 20 percent of all traffic fatalities in  
10 California; and,

11 WHEREAS, Being hit by a car while walking is the second leading  
12 cause of death for California children aged 5 to 12; and,

13 WHEREAS, There were 32 pedestrian deaths and 987 pedestrian  
14 injuries in San Francisco alone in 1998; now therefore be it,

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
16 of San Francisco hereby supports AB 2522, Assembly Majority Leader  
17 Kevin Shelley's Pedestrian Safety Act of 2000; and be it,

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
19 County of San Francisco hereby urges the California State Legislature  
20 to pass AB 2522.  
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Resolution supporting AB 2522, Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley's Pedestrian Safety Act of 2000 and urging the California State Legislature to pass AB 2522.

May 22, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Becerril, Katz, Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 22, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.