



September 19, 2011

Wayne Henley
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Dear Mr. Henley:

I'm writing again to express our support for your decision to appoint two representatives of the non-motorized community to the California Traffic Control Devices Committee, and to provide feedback on the draft criteria presented for selection of said new members.

Your decision to appoint two non-motorized community representatives, as contemplated by AB 345, is deeply appreciated. We look forward to working with you to improve Caltrans' standards for traffic control devices with more flexibility, in fact, than would be easily possible with a legislated CTCDC.

Regarding the appointment criteria, we offer our unqualified support for what is proposed. It's difficult to suggest improvement but I would like to place some emphasis on a few key points.

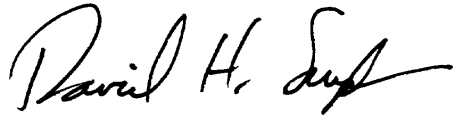
The needs of users who bicycle, walk, or otherwise travel with a disability are very different. It will be difficult to find a single person with strong qualifications in all of those varied areas. Therefore the final criteria become more important: being able to "work productively" in the group and the required "commitment to serving all transportation users." The new CTCDC members should as good at *listening* to the public and local advocates and planners as they are at *expressing* their viewpoint.

In light of the fact that no two new members could possibly be an expert in all the necessary subject areas, the newly composed CTCDC should continue and expand the new practice of inviting a representative of a specific user group to the table for discussion when appropriate. In other words, a representative of the California Bicycle Advisory Committee should continue to be invited to the discussion when a bicycle issue comes up. And a representative of an advisory group on disabilities or a specific disability should similarly be invited when appropriate.

I understand you are considering the issue of reimbursement for members who represent constituencies or organizations that cannot afford to subsidize the travel requirements of membership on the CTCDC. I encourage you to provide such subsidy when necessary and furthermore to take steps to prevent the discrediting of someone's application because they will impose such costs on Caltrans.

In closing, I would like to reiterate our appreciation for your action to improvement the representation of road users on the CTCDC. California has a great deal of work to do to implement the requirements for complete streets in city and county general plans and a number of local plans. I am confident we can work together productively to provide the standards for traffic control devices and make other changes as necessary to be successful.

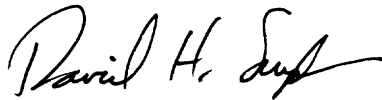
Sincerely,

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David H. Snyder
Executive Director

cc: Alyssa Begley, Caltrans Chief, Office of Community Planning
Jim Baross, Chair, CBAC
Devinder Singh, Executive Secretary, California Traffic Control Devices Committee

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