



Thursday, April 12, 2007

Assembly Member Mark Leno
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0013

RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 1358

Dear Assembly Member Leno:

WALKSacramento is pleased to support the Complete Streets Act of 2007.

WALKSacramento strongly supports roadway design that enables all people to travel safely – whether on foot, on bicycle, transit or in a motor vehicle. As part of the **Complete Streets Coalition**, WALKSacramento works with jurisdictions in our region in support of Complete Streets and walkable communities. Enactment of **AB 1358 will result in roads serving all users of all ages**, not just motorists. Encouraging walking and bicycling can help solve a variety of the problems California faces: poor air quality, threats from climate change and worsening public health.

Californians rely on automobiles for transportation because, in too many cases, there are no alternatives. By designing and building roadways that are safe and inviting for all transportation users, AB 1358 will make it possible for all people to walk or bicycle to some of their destinations. People **on foot and on bicycle can incorporate physical activity into their daily routines, improve their health, and in the process save the state millions of dollars in health care costs** from illnesses that result from sedentary lifestyles, such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease..

Thank you for sponsoring this landmark legislation which will make California cities more walkable, bikable and therefore more livable. Please contact us at 916-446-WALK if we can be of assistance in enacting this important measure.

Sincerely,

Anne Geraghty
Executive Director

Terry Preston
Complete Streets Coordinator