



September 28, 2015

President London Breed
Members, Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Breed & Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This letter communicates my opposition to the recently introduced "Idaho Stop" legislation regarding bicyclist safety on our streets.

It is our responsibility to balance the needs of all our constituents and protect the most vulnerable. The so-called "Idaho Stop," while expedient for some bicyclists, directly endangers pedestrians and other cyclists, and I cannot allow it to become law. Trading away safety for convenience is not a policy I can allow this City to endorse.

New laws should enhance public safety, not create potential conflicts. San Francisco is committed to eliminating all preventable pedestrian deaths through every possible law, infrastructure project, and policy.

A large number of stakeholder groups and Commissioners have joined with my office, the MTA, the Police Department, and the Health Department to ensure that we prioritize improvements on our streets to protect pedestrian safety. This legislation represents a step backwards on this shared Vision Zero goal, and if it is sent to my desk, I will veto it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor