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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Councilmember Colleagues
FROM: Councilmember Roger Berliner and Councilmember Hans Riemer
SUBJECT: Bill 33-13: Streets and Roads - Urban Road Code Standards and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Bill 33-13 offers several substantial amendments pertaining to urban areas to the County road code which has not been significantly updated in several years. The overarching goal of this bill is to expand and enhance the county's complete street policy and to facilitate the implementation of pedestrian friendly, bike friendly, walkable, livable urban areas as envisioned in several of the county's approved master plans. This bill is comprised of several measures to achieve these goals in our county's urban areas. They are as follows:

1. Reduces the width of travel and turn lanes thus increasing pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and safety.
2. Reduce the curb radius of intersections thus increasing pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and safety.
3. Require a minimum width of 6 feet for pedestrian refuges and increase the requirements for said refuges.
4. Sets target speeds for urban roads unless otherwise specified in a master plan
5. Expands the language regarding public –private participation to include bikeshare stations, electric vehicle charging stations, and conduits.
6. Expands the planning and design section to include facilitation/accommodation of improved transportation technology elements such as intelligent signals, smart meters, electric vehicle charging, car and bikesharing, and way finding systems.
7. Strengthens language regarding American with Disabilities Act best practices, particularly regarding ramps.
8. Strengthens language pertaining to waivers from context sensitive design.

We believe this legislation is long overdue and seek your support. If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please let us know.