



August 9, 2026

To: Speaker Rivas and California State Assembly Members

Re: SB-569 Bikeways: reversions and modifications. **OPPOSE**

Assembly Members:

Neighbors For A Better San Diego opposes SB-569 for the reasons set forth below.

SB-569 assumes that local planners do not have good reasons to change a bikeway based on safety issues that arise after its implementation.

Experience has shown that unanticipated safety issues can arise after a protected bike lane is installed, and that cities need the flexibility to address issues as they arise. If cities are prohibited from making changes, however, many will opt not to implement bikeways at all because they can't be reversed.

The bill fails to anticipate that bike usage is transitioning to e-bikes as the dominant form of bike commuting. Due to the greater weights and speeds of e-bikes, there will undoubtedly be new safety issues that arise from this modality shift, and it is critical that planners have the flexibility to act accordingly.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Hueter".

Geoffrey Hueter, Chair
Neighbors For A Better San Diego