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DCAB GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON THE MOBILITY AND SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS WITH DISABILITIES

These guiding principles are to assist DCAB in preparing testimony or offering comments on Federal, State, and county government proposed laws, rules, polices, and procedures.

- 1) Prioritize the safety of pedestrians over the travel times of vehicles.
- 2) Utilize technology to assist with enforcement.
- 3) Implement best practices from other jurisdictions around the world.
- 4) Follow the principles contained in Complete Streets and Vision Zero. Complete Streets is a design focused policy which optimizes streets for all modes of transportation including vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and others. Vision Zero is a set of principles, programs, and polices that aim to reduce pedestrian deaths due to vehicles to zero.
- 5) Increase public outreach and education on pedestrian safety issues and ensure these outreach and education issues are delivered in an accessible format.
- 6) Prioritize the construction or modification of infrastructure to ensure pedestrian safety and accessibility.
- 7) Ensure that any new modes of transportation do not encroach on the accessibility of existing infrastructure, such as sidewalks, curb ramps, entrances to buildings or sites, or parking meters.
- 8) Follow the best design guidelines of accessibility, not only in Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), but also the proposed Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).
- 9) Proactively ensure pedestrian routes are maintained free of obstacles.
- 10) Adopt zoning and development standards that encourage and promote mixed-use development and pedestrian connections such as sidewalks, accessible crosswalks, etc.
- 11) Recognize that traffic speed is an important element of pedestrian safety.
- 12) Ensure maximum visibility and audibility at pedestrian crossings.

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