

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good day, I write to voice my support and perspective on Items #3 (23-0363) and #4 (23-0002-S57) as they relate to pedestrian and cyclist safety. Regarding Item #3, it is deeply concerning to note that pedestrian fatalities are at their highest in two decades. There's a pressing need for us, as a society, to impart the significance of safe driving practices, particularly around those most susceptible on our roads, our pedestrians and cyclists. With the decriminalization of "jaywalking," drivers must adapt to an increased necessity for vigilance, especially on busy streets where individuals may be crossing. In relation to Item #4, there's a real opportunity to create safer streets by shifting the emphasis of DMV testing to include more on driver behavior around vulnerable road users. I wholeheartedly support any state efforts aimed at modifying the DMV's testing procedures, from written exams to hands-on driving tests and even renewals of driver's licenses. These touchpoints present key opportunities to instill a sense of respect and cautiousness in drivers toward cyclists and pedestrians.