



SUPPORT

S. 2714/ A.1280 (Kennedy/Rivera)

An act to amend the highway law, in relation to enabling safe access to public roads for all users by utilizing complete street design principles

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 2714/A.1280 (Kennedy/Rivera), which amends the highway law, in relation to enabling safe access to public roads for all users by utilizing complete street design principles.

Achieving the greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emission reduction goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act requires significant mode shift away from cars and to active transportation such as walking and biking, but surveys consistently show that the number one reason why people who are able to commute and run errands by bike choose not to is fear for personal safety. Dramatically reducing pedestrian and cyclist deaths and injuries is a necessary precondition for boosting active transportation and achieving the goals of the CLCPA.

The state can help to incentivize the mode shift to active transportation by taking steps such as expanding the state's current complete street design to include all county and local transportation projects, and increasing the state funding for municipalities who wish to add complete street design features. These steps will greatly increase the safety of our roadways, allowing people to pursue alternate forms of transportation ultimately lowering greenhouse gas and other tailpipe emissions.

S. 2714/A.1280 will help to make New York State's streets more safe for pedestrians and cyclists. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 2714/A.1280.

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