



February 25, 2025

Chair Roger Dickinson
Council Budget & Audit Committee City of Sacramento
915 I Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Tactical Action Group (TAG) - Plan and Quick Build Concept

Dear Chair Dickinson and Councilmembers Guerra, Maple, and Talamantes,

Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA), focused on promoting a more bikeable, walkable, liveable, and vibrant region voices our support for the Tactical Action Group (TAG Team) to be proposed as the first solution to stem the tide of vehicular violence as identified in the Active Transportation Commission 2024 Annual Report.

We are in support of a program to form a Tactical Action Group with dedicated funding to implement rapid "quick-build" traffic calming projects on our high-risk roads and in our high injury corridors. This is a much needed first step and was one of the Active Transportation Commission's most prioritized and supported recommendations. Taking action to make streets safer immediately after crashes resulting in fatalities and severe injuries, as well as other locations where such crashes are likely to happen, is the best solution to the epidemic of traffic violence in the city.

Quick-build designs can be deployed quickly, easily and inexpensively. Plus, they can be used to test concepts and pilot new approaches, as well as to gauge impacts and effectiveness in real time. Their temporary, or semi-temporary, nature means that designs can be refined as necessary, which helps build community buy-in for the long-term changes. In cities nationwide, who have implemented quick-build programs, all have seen a decline in crashes due to the implementation of quick-build elements for safer streets. Until we can permanently change a street, quick-build projects are literally lifesavers.

Public Works staff have found a way to implement a program for Sacramento. Please support this effort for the safety of everyone in Sacramento.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra Banks'.

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City of Sacramento, Active Transportation Commissioner

