



March 31, 2022

Dear Chairs Langerholc and Flynn:

We are writing to **express our support for HB140-The Parking Protected Bike Lane and Pedestrian Plaza Bill - Susan's and Emily's Law**, and urge you to bring it up for a clean Committee vote.

Cities like York, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia want to install parking protected bike lanes and pedestrian plazas. Parking protected bike lanes and plazas use parked cars to physically separate people walking and people on bikes from motor vehicle traffic.

Currently, the PA Vehicle Code limits cars to be parked within 12" of the curb. The language in the Vehicle Code needs to be clarified in order for PennDOT and municipal jurisdictions in Pennsylvania to use this life saving tool in order to help keep walkers and bicyclists safe!

Several projects in Pittsburgh, York, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Philadelphia have been put on hold or have had to water down their designs due to this problem. The city councils of both [Philadelphia](#) and [Pittsburgh](#) have passed resolutions asking the State for more flexibility in bike lane design.

Representative David Maloney's bill HB140 was introduced in March 2021 and passed 201-0 on March 18, 2021. **It's now time for the Senate to take up this bill and move it forward.** We ask that your committee bring up this bill for a vote as soon as possible.

These bills simply provide PennDOT and municipalities with the flexibility to install these types of lanes if they want them. Local authorities decide whether or not these types of lanes are appropriate for their communities.

The Mayors of Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Philadelphia co-signed a letter in May 2019 asking that the General Assembly pass these bills.

The organizations signed on below are dedicated to traffic safety, active transportation and enhanced mobility that provides greater transportation equity. **Together, we are united in support of HB140 and ask that it be brought up for a clean Committee vote.**

Now is the time to update Pennsylvania's Vehicle Code to protect pedestrians and bicyclists.

Sincerely yours,

1. Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
2. Bike Pittsburgh
3. Families for Safe Streets Greater Philadelphia
4. Anthracite Bike Coalition
5. Hope Cyclery
6. CentreBike
7. Bike Erie
8. CommonWheel Lancaster
9. Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg
10. Bike Friendly Camp Hill
11. 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania
12. 5th Square
13. PennEnvironment
14. Clean Air Council
15. Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
16. Rails to Trails Conservancy
17. Central Bucks Bicycle Club
18. Better Streets Lawrenceville
19. Mission Readiness
20. Lancaster Bikes!
21. Bicycle South Central PA
22. POWER
23. Guy's Racing Club
24. Delaware Valley Bicycle Club
25. Lebanon Valley Bicycle Coalition
26. Bicycle Club of Philadelphia
27. Suburban Cyclists United
28. Western PA Bicycle Club (Western PA Wheelmen Ltd.)
29. Pittsburgh Major Taylor Cycling Club
30. QCW Cycling
31. Kings Rule Together
32. West Chester Cycling Club
33. National Youth Bike Council
34. White Clay Bicycle Club