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I am writing as a private citizen, drawing on my experience as a safe-routes-to-school coordinator to express both appreciation for the work done to pass a stopgap transportation measure and also to ask that much more is done to ensure safer streets for all, and particularly for that third of the population, that does not drive. Especially at the start of the school year It becomes so clear how vital mobility is for our entire society to function. Many families are panicking at this point because they don't know how they can get their children to school safely. If students live far away enough from school to have access to a school bus, the state contributes to their school transportation. If students live in the "walk zone," they are essentially on their own. There is no funding for crossing guards and few students have a truly safe and comfortable active transportation route to school. The safe-routes-to-school grant program is key for improving the infrastructure around schools and supporting the programs that help students use that infrastructure safely. Please find a way to fund safety and active and shared transportation.