

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

State Legislation - March 2021

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Staff is recommending a new support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 550 (Chiu) as show in **Table 1**.

Table 1. New Recommended Position

Recommended Positions	Bill # Author	Title and Update
Support Recommended for April Board adoption	AB 550 Chiu D	<p>Vehicles: speed safety system pilot program.</p> <p>This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to adopt guidelines by July 1, 2022 for the implementation of two speed safety system pilots - one on dangerous local streets, and the other in active state or local work zones. In the context of this bill, a speed safety system refers to a fixed or mobile radar or laser system or any other electronic device that utilizes automated equipment to detect a violation of speeding laws and is designed to obtain a clear photograph, video recording, or other visual image of a vehicle license plate. The pilot program guidelines must be developed in consultation with stakeholders such as Caltrans, local governments, privacy stakeholders, and racial and economic justice groups. The pilots must include privacy protections, limits on the use of data, a ban on facial recognition technology, a civil citation of no more than \$125, a low income driver diversion program, and annual reports to the Legislature beginning within two years of the pilot commencing.</p> <p>Speed detection systems have been shown to reduce the number of severe and fatal collisions by as much as 58% across the United States and have been identified as a critical tool to combat pedestrian fatalities by the city’s Vision Zero Task Force and many other pedestrian safety organizations. Securing authorization for a speed safety camera pilot program has been a top priority for SFMTA and the Transportation Authority for years.</p> <p>A fact sheet on AB 550 is included as an attachment to this table.</p>