



City of Hermosa Beach

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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
Assemblymember, 66th District
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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RE: AB 2432 (Muratsuchi) Neighborhood electric vehicles: County of Los Angeles: South Bay cities area. – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to express our support for AB 2432 (Muratsuchi). This bill will allow cities within the South Bay region of Los Angeles County to adopt neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) plans. The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is working with cities to implement the South Bay Local Travel Network (LTN). As part of that initiative, cities may need to display road markings and signage that would notify all road users that those streets are designated for the use of NEVs. That process requires the state authorize cities to adopt NEV plans.

Over the past decade, SBCCOG research has shown that approximately 70% of trips in the South Bay are within three miles of a person's home, a distance too far to walk but too short for the infrequent transit service that exists. This causes people to use a personal vehicle to travel short distances. Despite significant efforts, electric vehicle adoption remains low, meaning most of these short trips are made in greenhouse gas (GHG) emitting gas-powered vehicles.

Through grants from LA Metro and Caltrans, the SBCCOG developed the LTN, providing a network of signed, safe, and slow-speed local streets that connect neighborhoods to destinations throughout the subregion. The SBCCOG believes that once implemented, individuals will be encouraged to convert some of those trips to NEVs, e-bikes, or other clean micromobility modes, particularly if the purchase of those vehicles is incentivized through a rebate program as proposed in AB 2074 (Gipson). Converting trips to these zero-emission vehicles will help the state meet GHG reduction targets as well as reducing congestion on major arterials.



For these reasons, the City of Hermosa Beach supports AB 2432. Should you have any questions, contact our City Manager, Suja Lowenthal, at suja@hermosabeach.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Hermosa Beach

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