

1 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND FACILITIES ACT MODIFICATIONS

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3 LONG TITLE

4 General Description:

5 This bill makes changes to the Pedestrian Safety and Facilities Act.

6 Highlighted Provisions:

7 This bill:

8 ▶ makes changes to include a bicyclist in the provisions of the Pedestrian Safety and

9 Facilities Act; and

10 ▶ adds additional safety measures for pedestrians and bicyclists.

11 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

12 None

13 Other Special Clauses:

14 None

15 Utah Code Sections Affected:

16 AMENDS:

17 72-8-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 292

18 72-8-103, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 270

19 72-8-104, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 270

20 72-8-105, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 270



22 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

23 Section 1. Section 72-8-102 is amended to read:

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25           **72-8-102 . Definitions.**

26           As used in this chapter:

- 27   (1) "Construction" means the function of constructing or reconstructing a sidewalk with or  
 28       without curb and gutter and includes land acquisition and engineering or inspection as  
 29       defined by the rules and regulations of the department.
- 30   (2) "Curb and gutter" means the area between the roadway and sidewalk designed for water  
 31       runoff and providing a barrier for safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- 32   (3) "Participating municipality" means a city of the third, fourth, or fifth class or a town.
- 33   (4) "Pedestrian and bicyclist safety [deveies] device" means ~~[any]~~ a device or method  
 34       appurtenant to a roadway designed to foster the safety of pedestrian or bicyclist traffic  
 35       including sidewalks, curbs, gutters, [and] pedestrian overpasses, pedestrian crossings,  
 36       bicycle lanes, multi-use paths, median islands, curb extensions, barriers, and changes in  
 37       street alignment.

38           Section 2. Section **72-8-103** is amended to read:

39           **72-8-103 . Designated county and municipal sidewalks -- Construction on**  
 40   **easements granted by transportation department.**

- 41   (1) All sidewalks, including curbs and gutters within the unincorporated areas of a county  
 42       and within nonparticipating municipalities situated within the county, are designated  
 43       county sidewalks. All sidewalks within participating municipalities are designated  
 44       municipal sidewalks.
- 45   (2) Counties and participating municipalities may construct and maintain curbs, gutters,  
 46       sidewalks, ~~[and]~~ or pedestrian and bicyclist safety devices adjacent to the traveled  
 47       portion of state highways upon easements that may be granted by the department. The  
 48       department shall cooperate with counties and participating municipalities to accomplish  
 49       pedestrian and bicyclist safety construction and maintenance.
- 50   (3) A county or municipality may construct and maintain pedestrian and bicyclist safety  
 51       devices on state highways in compliance with rules made by the department.

52           Section 3. Section **72-8-104** is amended to read:

53           **72-8-104 . Funding priorities by county and municipality officials -- Factors.**

- 54   (1) A county or municipality may use a portion of ~~[their]~~ the county's or municipality's B  
 55       and C road funds for pedestrian and bicyclist safety devices under this part.
- 56   (2) The county legislative body of the counties and the governing officials of participating  
 57       municipalities may establish funding priorities relating to construction of curbs, gutters,  
 58       sidewalks, or other pedestrian and bicyclist safety construction, with funds permitted to

59 be expended by this part, based on [~~factors including, but not limited to~~]:

- 60 (a) existing useable rights-of-way;
- 61 (b) vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicyclist accident experience;
- 62 (c) average daily vehicle traffic;
- 63 (d) average daily pedestrian and bicyclist traffic;
- 64 (e) average daily school age pedestrian and bicyclist traffic; [~~and~~]
- 65 (f) speed of vehicle traffic~~[-]~~ ;
- 66 (g) proximity to public transit; and
- 67 (h) other relevant factors.

68 (3) All construction performed under this part shall be barrier free to wheelchairs at  
69 crosswalks and intersections.

70 Section 4. Section **72-8-105** is amended to read:

71 **72-8-105 . Pedestrian and bicyclist safety to be considered in highway planning.**

72 A highway authority shall consider pedestrian and bicyclist safety in all highway  
73 engineering and planning where pedestrian or bicyclist traffic may be a significant factor  
74 on all projects within the state or any of its political subdivisions.

75 Section 5. **Effective date.**

76 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.