

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Subject: Vehicle Weight Safety Study Task Force Update (Assembly Bill 251)

Summary:

California Transportation Commission (Commission) staff will present an update on the first meeting of the Vehicle Weight Safety Study Task Force (Task Force), held on June 13. During the kick-off meeting, Commission staff introduced the legislative requirements of the study and provided an overview of the Task Force process and timeline.

The Task Force is expected to meet through 2025, with staff presenting a summary of the Task Force's findings in late 2025.

Background:

Government Code Section 14527.3 requires the Commission to convene a Task Force to study the relationship between vehicle weight and injuries to vulnerable road users (such as pedestrians and cyclists) and degradation to roads, and to study the costs and benefits of imposing a passenger vehicle weight fee that considers vehicle weight ([Assembly Bill 251](#), Ward, Chapter 320, Statutes of 2023). The Task Force is required to consist of state agencies, local transportation agencies, safety advocates, and representatives from the automobile industry. The Commission approved membership of the Task Force in December 2024.

Section 14527.3 requires the Task Force to prepare a report summarizing its findings on the following topics:

- 1) An analysis of the relationship between passenger vehicle weight and vulnerable road user injuries and fatalities.
- 2) An analysis of the relationship between passenger vehicle weight and degradation of road infrastructure.

- 3) A discussion of how a passenger vehicle weight fee may change driver behavior.
- 4) A discussion of how any revenues generated by the imposition of a passenger vehicle weight fee could be directed to enhance road infrastructure that increases safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users.
- 5) An analysis of the equity considerations relating to different population groups in the State, including persons of various demographic groups, persons residing in various regions of the State, persons with low incomes, and persons using a vehicle for commercial use versus personal use, and any appropriate adjustments for these considerations.