Statement: COIN 15-02 “Protected Bikeways and Flexible Design" was posted to the Local Assistance LAPM Publications website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/COIN/index.htm

Background: Caltrans is continually improving its standards and processes to provide flexibility while maintaining the safety and integrity of the transportation system.

Clarification: This COIN brings attention to the Protected Bikeways Act which created cycle tracks and allows local agencies to use alternative design criteria for bikeways outside of the state highway. Also, the COIN cites references that support Caltrans’ philosophy of flexibility in design. Local entities are encouraged to work proactively with their communities to provide convenient, safe, and context-sensitive facilities that promote increased use by bicyclists and pedestrians.

Impacts: This COIN pertains to all local assistance infrastructure projects off the state highway system.

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