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S.F. No. 3526 - Pedestrian mall authorization for cities

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S.F. 3526 grants authority to all cities to designate lands for pedestrian malls on city rights-of-way. Under current law, only cities of the first class may designate a pedestrian mall in a central business district.

Section 1 prohibits the county state-aid highway system from including a segment of county highway that is designated a pedestrian mall.

Section 2 prohibits the municipal state-aid street system from including a segment of a city street that is designated as a pedestrian mall.

Section 3 defines “city,” “city council,” and “system of streets, parks, and parkways” in the municipal finance chapter of law.

Section 4 applies the provisions to all cities and inserts language repealed in section 12.

Section 5 applies the provision to all cities and authorizes a local city council to designate a pedestrian mall on any property within the city right-of-way.

Section 6 expands legislative findings relating to pedestrian malls to apply to all cities and strikes language referencing central business districts.

Section 7 applies the provision to all cities and strikes language referencing central business districts.

Section 8 authorizes a city council to designate, via ordinance, a pedestrian mall on any property within the city’s right-of-way that is not part of a highway and is improved to its maximum width for roadway and sidewalk purposes. Strikes requirement that pedestrian malls be located in a central business district and traffic requirements. Provides a pedestrian mall may be established on part of a highway if the commissioner of transportation approves the use of the property as a pedestrian mall. Requires a city to receive county approval to use part of a

county road as a pedestrian mall and requires collaboration across all units of government in the planning process for pedestrian malls.

Sections 9, 10, and 11 expand two provisions in current law to all cities.

Section 12 is a repealer of a definition subdivision, which substantively is reproduced in **sections 3 and 4** of the bill.