About the SAFE Streets Package

The New York State Safe Streets Coalition advocates for passage of the SAFE Streets Package, a set of life-saving bills that will address the crisis on our roadways.

Traffic fatalities and speeding are on the rise. On average, crashes kill three New Yorkers daily and seriously injure hundreds more with life-long consequences. In New York State, traffic fatalities are up 20% since the pandemic began. The traffic violence epidemic impacts hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers every year and costs New York State $15 billion annually. We have the tools to cure this crisis. What we need is bold and immediate action from lawmakers.

Our priority bills for the 2024 State legislative session include:

**Sammy’s Law**
Allows New York City to control its own speed limits.  
*S2422 (Hoylman) | A7266 (Rosenthal)*

**Complete Streets Maintenance**
Includes, when possible, complete street design features in resurfacing, maintenance and pavement recycling projects and further enable safe access to public roads for all users.  
*S2714 (Kennedy) | A01280 (Rivera)*

**Defined Safe Passing**
Require motorists to allow at least three feet between vehicle and pedestrians, bicyclists, and wheelchair users when overtaking or passing. Applies outside of New York City. No change to the existing law in NYC which requires a “safe distance.”  
*S1724 (Harckham) | A04346 (Steck)*

**Idaho Stop**
Proven safety measure that allows cyclists to treat stop lights as stop signs, and stop signs as yields.  
*S2643 (May) | A3086 (Fahy)*

**Speed Limiters for Repeat Offenders**
Requires mandatory intelligent speed assistance technology for repeat offenders.  
*S7621 (Gounardes) | A07970 (Gallagher)*

**Complete Streets Budget Ask**
Increase funding in the Department of Transportation Capital Projects Budget for Complete Streets from $5 million to $10 million.

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