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To provide for nationwide, on-the-ground road safety assessments focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pedestrian and Bicy-
5 clist Safety Improvement Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONWIDE ROAD SAFETY ASSESSMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
8 shall, every 2 years, conduct nationwide, on-the-ground
9 road safety assessments focused on pedestrian and bicycle
10 safety in each State.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The assessments required
2 under subsection (a) shall be conducted—

3 (1) by Department of Transportation field of-
4 fices from the Federal Highway Administration, the
5 National Highway Transportation Safety Adminis-
6 tration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the
7 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and

8 (2) in consultation with—

9 (A) State and local agencies with jurisdic-
10 tion over pedestrian and bicycle safety;

11 (B) pedestrian safety and bicycle safety
12 advocacy organizations; and

13 (C) other relevant pedestrian and bicycle
14 safety stakeholders.

15 (c) PURPOSES.—The purpose of the assessments
16 under this section is to—

17 (1) identify and examine specific locations with
18 documented or perceived problems with pedestrian
19 and bicycle safety and access;

20 (2) examine barriers to providing safe pedes-
21 trian and bicycle access to transportation infrastruc-
22 ture; and

23 (3) develop and issue recommendations de-
24 signed to effectively address specific safety and ac-

1 cess issues and enhance pedestrian and bicycle safe-
2 ty in high-risk areas.

3 (d) REPORT ON STATE ASSESSMENTS.—Upon com-
4 pletion of the assessment of a State, the Secretary shall
5 issue, and make available to the public, a report con-
6 taining the assessment that includes—

7 (1) a list of locations that have been assessed
8 as presenting a danger to pedestrians or bicyclists;
9 and

10 (2) recommendations to enhance pedestrian and
11 bicycle safety in those locations.

12 (e) REPORT ON NATIONWIDE PROGRAM.—Upon com-
13 pletion of the biannual assessment nationwide required
14 under this section, the Secretary shall issue, and make
15 available to the public, a report that covers assessments
16 for all jurisdictions and also present it to the congressional
17 transportation committees.

18 (f) NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY
19 DATABASE.—The Secretary, in order to enhance pedes-
20 trian and bicycle safety and improve information sharing
21 on pedestrian and bicycle safety challenges between the
22 Federal Government and State and local governments,
23 shall maintain a national pedestrian and bicycle safety
24 database that includes—

1 (1) a list of high-risk intersections, roads, and
2 highways with a documented history of pedestrian or
3 bicycle accidents or fatalities and details regarding
4 those incidents; and

5 (2) information on corrective measures that
6 have been implemented at the State, local, or Fed-
7 eral level to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety
8 at those high-risk areas, including details on the na-
9 ture and date of corrective action.

10 (g) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
11 “State” means each of the States, the District of Colum-
12 bia, and Puerto Rico.

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