

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

Bicycling is a cost effective and non-polluting mode of transportation. However, the City needs to be more proactive in the development of land use policies to encourage bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation, thereby encouraging a reduction in traffic congestion Citywide.

The Planning Department and the Department of Transportation (LADOT) are currently working on the development of a new and updated Bicycle Plan for the City. The Bicycle Plan is a section of the Transportation Element of the General Plan. The City has hired a consultant, Alta Planning and Design, who is now working on the new plan.

On November 20, 2007, the Council adopted a Transportation Committee report (CF 07-3494) and recommendations to re-adopted the City's 2002 Bicycle Plan until a new Bicycle Plan is developed and submitted for Council adoption.

As part of the new Bicycle Plan that the Planning Department and LADOT are preparing, the following land use policies should be incorporated as part of the updated Bicycle Plan, thereby exploring innovative approaches to create safe bicycling opportunities for people of all bicycling abilities. These approaches include the following:

- Bicycle boulevards as a traffic-calming technique or to serve as neighborhood connectors.
- Road modifications to make streets more efficient and safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.
- Bicycle stations that offer fast and inexpensive ways for residents to rent a bicycle and get from Point A to Point B drop-off location.
- Design streets to create safe access for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and people of all abilities.
- Increase the number of bicycle racks Citywide.

As the abovementioned facts indicate, land use policy can enhance bicycling opportunities as well as traffic circulation.

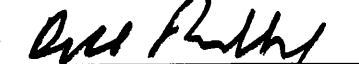
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in collaboration with LADOT, and in consultation with Council District 1, on the following bicycling and land use policy directives, as part of the new *Bicycle Plan*, a section of the Transportation Element of the General Plan, that is currently being prepared:

1. Identify Council District 1 as a pilot project to implement the bicycle improvements enumerated in the text of the Motion.
2. Plan a public workshop in Council District 1 in early 200⁸ to gather input from residents, bicyclists, businesses, and all other stakeholders to map out where the abovementioned bicycle improvements would work in their communities. The workshops should be accessible to people of all ethnic backgrounds and abilities.
3. The inclusion of street designations for bicycling within Community Plans.
4. The feasibility of replicating the City of San Diego, CA *TRANSNET* Extension Ordinance as a model to accommodate the transportation needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

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