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Citizens groups concerned with the environment and the safety of all users of public streets, roads, and highways, want local circulation elements to better accommodate non-motorized transportation, including bicycling and walking. Additionally, advocates want local officials to consider and plan for the accommodation of bicyclists, pedestrians, and public transit, when making local transportation planning and development decisions.

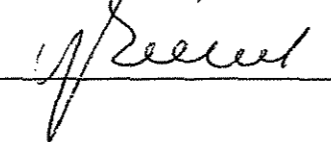
Assembly Bill 1358, the "Complete Streets Act of 2007" which takes effect on January 1, 2009, will require the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to amend guidelines contained in the general plan circulation element to specify how local governments will routinely accommodate the circulation of users of streets, roads, and highways. AB 1358 additionally requires that any changes to the circulation elements of local general plans made after January 1, 2010 include details on how local governments will provide for the "routine accommodation" of these users, depending on the city or county's land use context.

The first two state-mandated general plan elements were the land use and circulation elements. The circulation element must show the general location of major roads, transportation routes, terminals, military airports and ports, and local public utilities and facilities. State law requires local officials to correlate these features with the land use element.

To help local officials interpret statutory requirements, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) publishes General Plan Guidelines. OPR's General Plan Guidelines include recommendations to local planners on the type of information that should be collected, provide suggested goals, policies, and objectives that local general plans could adopt, as well as a list of a wide range of feasible implementation measures to carry out local goals. The most recent General Plan Guidelines were released in October 2003, and OPR's staff is currently working on revisions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning and Transportation Departments, to prepare a report that delineates the City's plan to implement AB 1358 (Leno), "The Complete Streets Act of 2007", which will take effect on January 1, 2009.

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