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On May 11, 2009, The Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (MTA) and Council District 14 sponsored the 15th annual "Bike to Work Week Kick-Off" celebration. This event provided information on why it is important to use alternate forms of transportation and what we can do to make it easier for commuters to do so.

The benefits of riding a bicycle—whether for utilitarian or recreational purposes—can be expressed in terms of improved environmental and personal health, reduced traffic congestion, enhanced quality of life and economic rewards. For all of these reasons, and more, Los Angeles has a growing and passionate cycling constituency.

In communities across the world, there is a growing need and responsibility for providing options that give people the opportunity to ride a bicycle more often, to more places, and to feel safe while doing so. We have made strides in improving bicycle infrastructure at City Hall, with public bike racks and employee bike lockers available at City Hall East.

Unfortunately, many bicyclists coming to City Hall have trouble locating the racks, and we are still unequipped to park and secure large numbers of bicycles when organized bike rides come to City Hall. We should develop strategies to handle these crowds, as bicycle use becomes less of an exception and more a part of everyday life in Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning, be requested to report back to Council on the location of all bicycle racks located within 1-2 blocks of City Hall, with an analysis of their usage and a recommendation on whether better signage is needed so riders can easily locate them.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning, also be requested to report back to Council on whether additional bike racks are needed at any City-owned facilities to: a) meet regular demand and/or b) special demand, such as organized bike rides to City Hall.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, in partnership with the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee and the General Services Department, be requested to develop a mass parking policy and designate an efficient place and manner to lock up large numbers of bicycles for individuals who come to City Hall as a part of a group.

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