

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 09-2895

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER BILL ROSENDAHL, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, MEMBER
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR and MEMBER, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE relative to prohibiting the harassment of bicyclists in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rosendahl - Reyes):

REQUEST the City Attorney to work with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to prepare and present an ordinance that would prohibit the harassment of bicyclists in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on December 9, 2009, the Transportation Committee considered Motion (Rosendahl - Reyes) regarding prohibiting the harassment of bicyclists in the City of Los Angeles. Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) representatives gave the Committee background information on the matter. An opportunity for public comment was held. Afterwards, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion and forwarded the matter to the Public Safety Committee for further consideration.

At its meeting held January 11, 2010, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the LADOT and the City Attorney. The City Attorney representative stated that the State of California has jurisdiction of the rules of the road. Proposals to address bicycle safety, such as mandating minimum distance requirements between cyclists and motorists, need to be addressed by the State. While acknowledging the serious safety concerns faced by cyclists on the streets of the City of Los Angeles, Committee members expressed concerns about how a local ordinance could be enforced.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council request the City Attorney, in conjunction with the LADOT, to report relative to actions the City can take to prohibit the harassment of bicyclists in the City of Los Angeles, and to recommend legislation or administrative changes that require action by the State of California to address this matter. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL ROSENDAHL, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

PAUL KORETZ, MEMBER
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
ALARCON:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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