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Pedicabs are bicycle-pulled cabs that carry passengers on city streets. In many major cities, pedicabs can be found rolling about city centers, nightlife districts, park lands, sports stadiums, and tourist-heavy areas. Pedicabs differ from that of the traditional taxicab because they are willing to make short trips while taxicab drivers prefer much longer trips. Thousands of pedicabs today operate on the streets of Austin; Manhattan; Chicago; San Diego; Boston; Miami; Washington D.C.; Denver; Portland; Seattle; Charleston; New Orleans; Phoenix; Salt Lake City; Cincinnati; and dozens of other cities. In California, successful pedicab programs operate in San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Palm Springs, and Santa Barbara. These small pedicab companies are thriving and have become a favorite form of urban transportation for tourists and locals alike as they are often the most efficient way of maneuvering congested streets.

Pedicabs are a safe, fun, and environmentally friendly alternative mode of transportation. A variety of areas in the City appear to be good candidates for pedicabs, including Hollywood, Venice and Downtown. In Hollywood, both the Hollywood Business Improvement District and the Hollywood Chamber have expressed support for a pedicab program, and have partnered with my office and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to convene meetings on the topic.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles instruct the Department of Transportation to report on the feasibility of implementing a Pedicab pilot program in Hollywood.

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