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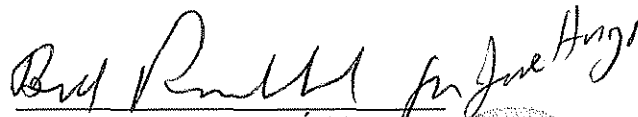
On November 7, 2011, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) initiated a pilot to test the use of green colored pavement for bike lanes as approved by state and federal authorities. Green bike lanes have been shown to increase driver and bicyclist awareness of each other's presence, promote better bicyclist positioning, and provide and increase safety for bicyclists and motorists. To test available methods, the pilot program applied different materials on bike lanes in Council District 14, on Spring Street in Downtown and 1st Street in Boyle Heights.

Visible bicycle infrastructure encourages bicycle usage and the associated health benefits of reducing vehicle miles traveled and promoting increased activity while complementing a Complete Streets approach to the public right-of-way. The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition's annual bicycle counts recorded a dramatic increase in the number of bicycles following installation of the green bike lane on Spring Street. Residents and local businesses support continued maintenance of the painted lane. Unfortunately, the Spring Street bike lane has faded and is in need of maintenance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to repaint the Spring Street bike lane green as soon as possible to complete the parameters of the Green Bike Lanes Program pilot project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to report back to Council within 90 days on the status of the Green Bike Lanes Program pilot project, proposing recommendations for materials and treatments for permanent application on future green bike lanes for high visibility bikeways, including different colors, thermoplastic applications for conflict zones only, or other approaches. LADOT should also work with FILM L.A. and federal regulators and report back on alternative shades and methods, which may be used for future painted bikeways, or maintenance, that would meet federal standards while allowing for filmmakers to "digitally remove" bike lanes for the purposes of film and television, and/or provide recommendations to achieve a color exemption for Los Angeles if that is not possible.

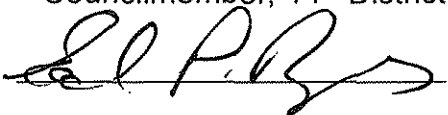
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