MOTION

Our 2002 and 2010 Bicycle Plans, and subsequent adoption of the Mobility Plan 2035, were designed to create a network of bike lanes that would promote bicycling as a transportation mode throughout the city by increasing safety, thereby reducing traffic congestion. The primary goal of those plans was to create safer opportunities to ride for people of all cycling abilities.

The City’s Bicycle Plan Technical Design Handbook observes that, “Bicyclists, by nature, are much more sensitive to poor facility design, construction and maintenance than motor vehicle drivers because they are physically exposed and lack the protection provided by a vehicle’s structure...” Because of cyclist’s increased vulnerability, the City should ensure that street conditions are maintained, to the greatest extent possible, in sufficiently good repair to reduce hazards, especially in bike lanes.

Nonetheless, just last year, the City authorized payments of over $15 million for settlements and/or judgments arising from serious injuries to bicyclists resulting from hazardous conditions on our roadways.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Bureaus of Street Services and Engineering, to inspect the present condition of every lane mile of Class I and Class II bike paths and lanes within the city, to produce a timeline and cost estimate for bringing any deficient pavement up to appropriate safety standards, and to report to Council on these matters.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the CAO and the CLA to review the report and prepare budgetary instructions necessary to effectuate repairs on any deficient infrastructure found during the course of the review.

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