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Pursuant to Mobility Plan 2035, it is the City’s official policy to “provide safe, convenient, and comfortable local and regional bicycling facilities for people of all types and abilities.” That includes expanding the network of bicycle paths and lanes and other bicycle-friendly treatments.

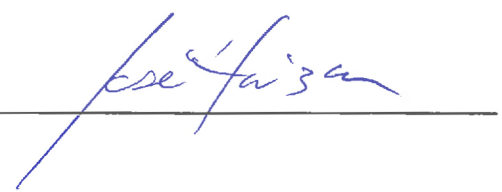
However, the Mobility Plan recognizes that inadequately maintained streets can “place bicyclists and pedestrians in vulnerable positions while trying to maneuver around obstacles.” Recently, the City has incurred significant liabilities arising from bicycle crashes allegedly caused by defective pavement conditions, although not all such crashes occurred on streets with bicycle lanes. However, regular counts by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition show that streets with marked bicycle lanes attract higher numbers of people who ride bikes. Thus, it is important for the City to ensure that on-street bicycle facilities are maintained in good condition.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report back regarding recent efforts to inspect the existing bicycle network and to bring pavement on the network into a state of good repair;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT LADOT, before new on-street bicycle infrastructure is installed, to obtain a certification from BSS that the pavement is in a state of good repair with respect to the new bicycle facility;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT BSS and LADOT to report back with a comprehensive plan to ensure that the pavement on the bicycle network is maintained in a state of good repair, including the resources necessary to regularly inspect the network, make small and large asphalt repairs, and restore striping and other pavement markings.

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