

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's bicycle licensing program.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Reyes - Zine):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to repeal Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) 26.01, which requires that all bicycles operated on public streets of the City be licensed by the City.
2. DECLARE a moratorium on the enforcement of LAMC 26.01.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Los Angeles Police Commission. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

Motion (Reyes - Zine) requested the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report on the current status of the City's bicycle licensing program as well as the LAPD's practice of issuing bicycle license violations and the process by which the public can obtain a bicycle license.

In a report dated December 12, 2008, the LAPD provided a detailed description of its current policy for issuing bicycle licenses. The department concluded that its research determined that its department-wide bicycle licensing efforts were all but defunct. The LAPD noted that given its continued efforts to deploy all available sworn personnel to field operations in direct support of its crime fighting and community policing efforts, reviving the bicycle licensing program at this time is not prudent.

The report further notes that a benefit to having a bicycling license program is the enhanced ability to identify the rightful owners of lost or stolen bicycles recovered by Department personnel. However, that same objective can be accomplished by reviving the LAPD property engraving campaign, where by educating the community on the benefits of engraving a driver's license number or an identification number onto the bicycle frame. The LAPD points out that this is a great community outreach program with no cost to the community that in the end will still enable Department personnel to identify the rightful owners of lost or stolen bicycles. The LAPD concluded by recommending that LAMC 26.01 be repealed and that a moratorium on enforcement of LAMC 26.01 be declared.

At a regular meeting held on January 14, 2009, the Transportation Committee considered the City's bicycle licensing program. Representatives from the LAPD and the LADOT gave the Committee a presentation on the matter and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

After a discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations of the LAPD. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

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