

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 09-1710

**FROM: TOM LABONGE, VICE-CHAIR
PAUL KORETZ, MEMBER
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR and MEMBER, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE relative to the implementation of a bike corral pilot program along York Boulevard between Avenue 50 and Avenue 56.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Huizar – LaBonge):

DIRECT the Department of Transportation (DOT), in coordination with the Planning Department, to:

1. In consultation with Council District 14 staff, implement a bike corral pilot program along York Blvd between Avenue 50 and Avenue 56.
2. Identify local, state, and federal funds to implement non-motorized transportation projects like bike corrals.
3. In conjunction with the Department of Public Works, report back on an expeditious permit process for private property owners wishing to install bike racks and/or bike corrals on public property at their own expense, pending department authorization.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On July 10, 2009, Council considered Motion (Huizar – LaBonge) relative to the implementation of a bike corral pilot program along York Boulevard between Avenue 50 and Avenue 56. Motion states that current gridlock, commuter stress, and a desire to help the environment has convinced a growing number people to rediscover the delights of biking. Bikes improve fitness and health, often replace short car trips and are an inexpensive form of transportation. Unfortunately, without some accommodation, cyclists are often forced to compete with trees, pedestrians, outdoor diners, and newspaper racks for sidewalk space.

Motion makers believe that bike corrals are one solution. They give bikes a designated place, acknowledge their importance, and keep sidewalks clear for safe walking. The City of Portland has replaced twenty of its one-car parking spaces with bike corrals. Local businesses, business associations, and neighborhoods paid for the first ones. Recent additions are funded by the City's Bike Parking Fund.

Motion makers go on to state that corrals can be installed in a parking space, in which 12 to 14 non-motorized vehicles can park instead of one motorized vehicle. Safety is a concern with people and bikes in the street, so bike corral boundaries are often lined with black and yellow reflective flexible poles, encouraging sidewalk access and fending off cars. Corrals can also be installed in corner parking spaces, adding the safety benefit of more visibility around the corner

for pedestrians and drivers. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At the Transportation Committee meeting held April 14, 2010, Committee members LaBonge and Koretz discussed this matter with representatives of DOT and the City Attorney. The City Attorney representative stated that the Los Angeles Municipal Code already allows for the establishment of bicycle racks in the public right of way. The DOT representative stated support for the concept, indicating that the most expeditious way to proceed was for a property owner to apply for permit to install a bicycle corral. A representative of the 14th Council District Office was also in attendance to express support for a bicycle corral on York Boulevard. During the public comment, members of the community expressed support for the project. Councilmembers LaBonge and Koretz recommended that Council approve the accompanying Motion's recommendations to establish the proposed bicycle corral.

Respectfully submitted,

TOM LABONGE, Vice-Chair
Transportation Committee

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PAUL KORETZ, Member
Transportation Committee

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

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