



Bicycle Advisory Committee of the City of Los Angeles

October 8, 2013

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
Chair, Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File #13-1236: Motion re Emergency Response on Los Angeles River

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

On October 1, 2013, the Bicycle Advisory Committee of the City of Los Angeles ("BAC") voted 10-0 to recommend that the City of Los Angeles install street signage or other appropriate location markers along all bike paths in the City in order to address emergency response concerns.

Councilmember Cedillo's motion, seconded by Councilmember LaBonge and you, focuses on the Los Angeles River Path. It is our understanding that various city departments have already taken steps to address signage and emergency response along this bikeway.

However, similar concerns exist on other bike paths, including along the Arroyo Seco, Brown's Wash and Ballona Creek, and will be an issue on all future paths in the 2010 Bicycle Plan's Green Network. On Ballona Creek, the issue is further complicated by the fact that the path passes through multiple jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, Culver City and Los Angeles County. The BAC seeks to ensure that, if incidents occur on this bike path, emergency response is not delayed due to confusion over which agency has jurisdiction over the portion of the path where the incident occurs.

The BAC respectfully requests that the City Council, and your committee, consider the issue of emergency response on all Los Angeles bike paths.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Jacobberger', written in a cursive style.

Jeff Jacobberger
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee

cc: Nat Gale, Office of the Mayor
Michelle Mowery, Senior Bicycle Coordinator

City Clerk