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On January 1, 2016, AB 902 (Bloom) went into effect and allows local jurisdictions to establish bicycle diversion programs to reduce ticket fines for those who take bicycle education classes. Until recently, the California Vehicle Code prohibited diversion programs for bicyclists unless they were minors who committed infractions not involving a motor vehicle. The new law gives local jurisdictions discretion on how to develop a diversion program and would only apply to cyclists who are willing to attend classes to have their fine reduced. The new law provides an exciting new opportunity for the City to increase bicyclist safety and awareness of traffic laws.

A recent report from the Governor's Highway Safety Association on bicycle safety found that California had the highest number of bicyclist fatalities of any state between 2010 and 2012. Among other recommendations for reducing bicyclist/motor vehicle collisions and the resulting injuries and fatalities, the report recommends "education of bicyclists and motorists about lawful and otherwise appropriate behavior regarding motorist/bicycle interactions." Diversion programs would provide an opportunity for this type of education.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council direct the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Department, to report on the establishment of a Bicycle Traffic School program that would remove or reduce moving violation fines for bicyclists, per AB 902 (Bloom) that went into effect on January 1, 2016.

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