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Bike-share programs are becoming increasingly popular and are currently available in large metropolitan areas like the San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, and New York City. Bike-share programs allow individuals to borrow bikes on a short term basis for either free or inexpensive use.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in partnership with Metro, will be launching a bike-share program in Los Angeles in Summer 2016. There will be 80 stations located throughout the City and over 1,000 bikes will be available. The bikes can be checked out and returned to any station in the system for a nominal fee. LADOT indicates that the City's bike-share program will provide many benefits for Angelenos such as expanding the number of mobility options for short trips, improving the health of its users, and creating positive outcomes for local businesses located between stations.

Of the 80 planned stations in the City's bike-share program, some may be located in popular film locations. Film companies often transform the City's streets and sidewalks to fit with the setting required for the production, i.e., a street in New York or other fictitious setting. To successfully transform the City's streets, the production companies may move objects on the sidewalks/streets such as newspaper dispensers or benches. It is unclear whether the bike-share stations can be easily removed and replaced by the film production companies upon completion of filming. Also, it is unclear whether any coordination is needed between the production companies and LADOT to ensure that the removal and replacement process runs smoothly.

The bike-share program will be beneficial for many Angelenos, but it is also important to understand the impact that the bike-share stations may have on filming in the City. If there is an impact, the City should coordinate with production companies and/or FilmL.A., Inc. to ensure that filming can continue in the areas where the stations are located. Further, individuals who use the bikes should have access to the stations during filming. Stations should be able to be relocated temporarily in a way that benefits both the film productions and the bike riders.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report on whether the bike-share stations located near popular film locations may be easily removed, relocated and replaced by the film production companies upon the completion of filming and the costs associated with such activities.

I FURTHER MOVE that LADOT be instructed to report on any coordination efforts that may need to be implemented between LADOT, FilmL.A., Inc., and the entertainment industry in order to ensure that the bike-share stations will not significantly impact film productions and bike riders.

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