

TRANSPORTATION and RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program for legislation that would require bicycle and pedestrian safety to be taught and included in the California Driver's Handbook, the California Commercial Driver's Handbook, Driver's License Knowledge Tests, Instruction Permits, Behind-the-Wheel Drive Tests, California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) approved traffic school classes, and any other relevant area of instruction and licensing of vehicle drivers.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Hutt - Park et al.), and SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

APPROVE the accompanying revised RESOLUTION, attached to the June 1, 2023 Chief Legislative Analyst and the Council File, to include in the City's 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation that would require bicycle and pedestrian safety to be taught and included in the California Driver's Handbook, the California Commercial Driver's Handbook, Driver's License Knowledge Tests, Instruction Permits, Behind-the-Wheel Drive Tests, DMV-approved traffic school classes, and any other relevant area of instruction and licensing of vehicle drivers.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 3, 2023, the Transportation Committee considered a Resolution (Hutt - Park et al.) relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program for legislation that would require bicycle and pedestrian safety to be taught and included in the California Driver's Handbook, the California Commercial Driver's Handbook, Driver's License Knowledge Tests, Instruction Permits, Behind-the-Wheel Drive Tests, DMV-approved traffic school classes, and any other relevant area of instruction and licensing of vehicle drivers. Subsequent to the release of the agenda, a June 1, 2023 report from the CLA and revised Resolution was also submitted for consideration. According to the CLA, Vulnerable road users (VRUs) are people not in a car, bus or truck, and are generally considered to include pedestrians, motorcycle riders, cyclists, children 7-years and under, the elderly, and users of mobility devices.

In an effort to reduce the number of traffic-related fatalities, the State has enacted legislation to provide more protections for bicyclists and pedestrians. One recent action, the California Omnibus Bill, passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 16, 2022 gives bicyclists more rights on the road. Additionally, AB 2147

(Ting), signed by the Governor on September 30, 2022, requires a report regarding statewide pedestrian-related traffic crash data and any associated impacts to traffic safety, including an evaluation of whether or not and how changes made by the bill have impacted pedestrian safety.

While these new laws and requirements, in addition to roadway improvements to slow traffic and increase visibility, are important efforts, most vehicular drivers do not understand their basic responsibilities relative to other road users. This is not surprising considering that vehicle driver's license education, testing, and licensing in the State of California provide minimal information on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Although harsher penalties of existing laws and the creation of new laws to protect vulnerable road users are important, another major aspect that must be emphasized is more education for all road users. On May 24, 2023, Resolution (Hutt - Blumenfield, Lee, McOsker, Park) was introduced to include in the City's 2023-24 State Legislative Program support for legislation that would require bicycle and pedestrian safety to be taught and included in the California Driver's Handbook, the California Commercial Driver's Handbook, Driver's License Knowledge Tests, Instruction Permits, Behind-the-Wheel Drive Tests, DMV-approved traffic school classes, and any other relevant area of instruction and licensing of vehicle drivers. The Resolution highlights statistics on traffic-related fatalities in Los Angeles and the urgent need to address the current situation. In an effort to proactively work to protect bicyclists and pedestrians, the CLA recommends, in addition to supporting any bill that would require more bicycle and pedestrian education for drivers, to include seeking sponsorship of such legislation.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Transportation Committee moved to recommend approved of the revised Resolution. Subsequently, on June 23, 2023, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee also considered this matter and after This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

HUTT: YES  
PARK: YES  
HERNANDEZ: YES  
RAMAN: YES  
YAROSLAVSKY: YES

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

KREKORIAN: YES  
HARRIS-DAWSON: YES  
SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

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