

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to motorist obligations in connection with pedestrian and bicyclist safety pursuant to AB2147 and AB1909.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the August 30, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners report relative to motorist obligations in connection with pedestrian and bicyclist safety pursuant to AB2147 and AB1909, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On December 6, 2023, your Committee considered an August 30, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners (Board) report relative to motorist obligations in connection with pedestrian and bicyclist safety pursuant to AB2147 and AB1909. According to the Board,

On June 23, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a Transportation Committee Report relative to motorist obligations in connection with pedestrian and bicyclist safety pursuant to Assembly Bills (AB) 2147 and 1909. Both pieces of legislation revised various provisions of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) regarding walking and bicycling, and the obligations of motorists towards people who are walking or bicycling. As of the result of AB 2147, various sections of the CVC that regulated pedestrians on the roadways have changed to allow pedestrians to cross the street at any location, provided that crossing the street is safely completed with due care. Assembly Bill 1909 established that local jurisdictions may no longer ban electric bicycles on bike paths and implements requirements for motorists seeking to pass bicyclists on multi-lane roads.

City Council instructed the LADOT, with assistance of the LAPD, to report within 90 days on the resources needed to conduct a robust public education campaign to educate Angelenos about AB 2147 and AB 1909 that is focused on motorists' obligations to exercise due care for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. A Fact Sheet is attached to the Board report for review with the findings relative to the LAPD's recommendations to and coordination with the LADOT to establish signage, educational information, and contact media resources to distribute the applicable laws to the public to comply with these Bills.

Council requested that LAPD personnel become aware of these changes. Consequently, the LAPD was directed to report on the steps taken to ensure that officers are aware of the revisions contained in AB 2147 and AB 1909, and the plans regarding enforcement of the new law pertaining to motorists that pass bicycles, as delineated in AB 1909. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
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HUTT:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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