

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 11:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** MOTION PASSED 12-0 AT THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 LABAC GENERAL BOARD MEETING RE: LADOT's legislative priorities in 2021-2022 (CF #21-0002-S8) Dear City Leaders, The Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee wishes to express its strong desire that the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and then the full City Council approve and provide support for LADOT's legislative priorities for 2021-2022. Specific to the LABAC's interests, we are especially excited about: 1 - ?Setting and Enforcement of Speed Limits? - LADOT's initiative to amend California Vehicle Code Section 21400(b) to permit local authorities to utilize modern methodologies to set speed limits. Supporting this effort could return control of setting speed limits to the City of Los Angeles, and speed is the number one factor determining whether a crash causes a serious injury or death. 2 - ?Automated Speed Enforcement? - We are supportive of automated speed cameras, and also like the idea of removing armed traffic officers from speed enforcement. Not only is it a waste of resources to have officers act as traffic police, it also has an undue negative impact on Black and Brown members of our City. 3 - ?Vulnerable Road Users Law? - We are supportive of LADOT's effort to amend California Vehicle Code Section 42001.19 and impose penalties that are proportionate to the physical risk posed by negligent or errant behavior of people driving. We feel these specific items, in addition to all of the proposals by LADOT in CF#21-0002-S8, would make our City a safer place to ride a bicycle.



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**TO:** Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst, City of Los Angeles  
Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, LADOT  
Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Councilmember Martinez  
Councilmember Buscaino  
Councilmember Ridley-Thomas

**RE:** LADOT's legislative priorities in 2021-2022 (CF #21-0002-S8)

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**Name:** Bubba Fish

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 02:50 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Begley

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 07:58 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to agendize and pass LADOT's legislative priorities. My main mode of transportation is walking and I can attest drivers are going way too fast. Its incredibly dangerous. It's difficult to understand that our city keeps raising speed limits simply because of an antiquated state law requiring us to set speed limits based on how fast cars are going — versus what's actually safe for the street! I want our city to be able to set its own speed limits and make the street safer for all. I also want to get armed officers out of traffic law enforcement, as this often has a disproportionate negative effect on Black and Brown communities. Speed cameras are color blind, and consistent in their presence, which will also make sure people actually slow down, and will help LAPD better allocate resources. It's important to me that LADOT take privacy into account as well as making sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. I'm very supportive of increasing legal protections for the most vulnerable road users - if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're texting while driving (Ive personally had many near misses in crosswalks due to distracted/careless drivers) they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Lastly, we need to reserve our handicap parking spaces for those that truly need it, and it makes sense to reform benefits and increase enforcement accordingly. Please support LADOT's legislative priorities, let's get some laws made in Sacramento, and make it better in our City! Thank you, Amanda Begley 90027

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Keiner

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 07:46 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amelie Cherlin

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 05:00 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support reforming state policy regarding speed limits so that Los Angeles can lower its speed limits and save children's lives. It's past time this antiquated law got reformed. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tim Watkins

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 06:09 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** please support LADOT's legislative priority to allow LA to lower speed limits on roads. I live near Franklin & Highland. The posted speed limit on Franklin is 35 mph, but most drives push 45 as they try to beat the lights. The high speed on makes it dangerous for the many pedestrians and bicyclists. All over LA it's true that drivers push past the speed lights and it'd be great if we could have safer speed limits that don't prioritize the milliseconds drivers save by speeding past pedestrians.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bernadette Jaeger

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 04:16 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to put LADOT's legislative priorities on the agenda and pass them. Speed limits need to come down. With more cyclists and pedestrians using the roads, we cannot allow cars to be driving so quickly. And if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're text'ing while driving, they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Traffic law enforcement officers should be UN-armed and not target Black and Brown members of our society. Speed cameras would be much better as they are color blind, and will actually incentivize people to slow down. They will also help LAPD better allocate resources. That being said, speed cameras should be in every neighborhood, not just lower income neighborhoods. Lastly, it disturbs me when someone who is perfectly capable of walking pulls into a handicap space, puts a placard up, and gets out of the car. We need to reserve our handicap parking spaces for those that truly need it, and it makes sense to reform benefits and increase enforcement accordingly. Please support LADOT's legislative priorities, let's get some laws made in Sacramento, and change things in our City! Thank you, Bernadette Jaeger Los Angeles 90025



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chase Engelhardt

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 04:35 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to agendaize and pass LADOT's legislative priorities. I have personally almost been hit by cars going indisputably fast enough to kill me several times in the City. I'm tired of it. We have built a culture of entitlement to an environmentally destructive and space taking mode of transportation. Do some people rely on cars, and will they continue to do so? Absolutely. But a car is not a license to put lives in danger for the sake of a few minutes of headway time. I can't believe that our city keeps raising speed limits simply because of an antiquated state law that requires us to set speed limits based on how fast cars are going versus what's actually safe for the street! I want our city to be able to set its own speed limits and make the street safer for all. I also want to get armed officers out of traffic law enforcement, as this often has a disproportionate negative effect on Black and Brown members of our society. Speed cameras are color blind, will also make sure people actually slow down, and will help LAPD better allocate resources. It's important to me that LADOT take privacy into account as well as making sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. I'm very supportive of increasing legal protections for the most vulnerable road users - if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're texting while driving, they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Lastly, it disturbs me when someone who is perfectly capable of walking pulls into a handicap space, puts a placard up, and gets out of the car. We need to reserve our handicap parking spaces for those that truly need it, and it makes sense to reform benefits and increase enforcement accordingly. Please support LADOT's legislative priorities, let's get some laws made in Sacramento, and change things in our City! Thank you, Chase Engelhardt Los Angeles, 90025

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina K.

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 03:36 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to agendize and pass them. Reform state law to allow LA to lower speed limits. Speed is the #1 determining factor in life or death when someone is hit by a car. Use speed safety cameras to automate speeding tickets. This will get armed officers out of traffic law enforcement, as traffic laws are weaponized against Black and Brown members of our society. LADOT must take privacy into account and make sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. Speeding patterns captured by speed safety cameras can inform traffic calming infrastructure measures. Increase legal protections for the most vulnerable road users. If someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're text'ing while driving, they should face consequences as a result of their actions. I have seen people kill pedestrians with their cars and walk away with zero consequences too many times. Traffic violence is an emergency issue in our car-dominated city. I encourage our local leaders to do everything in their power to make our streets safer for the most vulnerable road users. Thank you, Gina K. Los Angeles, 90026

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cyndi Otteson

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 03:42 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to add this to the agenda and pass them. Our city should be able to set its own speed limits and make our streets safer for all. I'm appalled that our city keeps raising speed limits simply because of an antiquated state law that requires us to set speed limits based on how fast cars are going versus what's actually safe for the street! We also need to remove armed officers from traffic law enforcement, as this often has a disproportionate negative and in some cases deadly effect on our Black and Brown community members. I urge you to use speed cameras which are highly effective in making sure people actually slow down, as this technology does not have implicit bias and will help LAPD better allocate resources. It's important that LADOT take privacy into account, as well as making sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. I'm supportive of increasing legal protections for the most vulnerable road users - if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're text'ing while driving, they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Lastly, I urge you to implement and create enforcement for drivers who disregard and take advantage of our reserved handicap parking spaces. These spots are reserved for individuals who truly need it and we need to hold people accountable who are taking advantage of the system. Please support LADOT's legislative priorities, let's get some laws made in Sacramento, and make progress in our City! Thank you, Cyndi Los Angeles, 90041

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Schneider

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 03:56 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** I love all of these legislative priorities! I think if the state adopted them into law, we would have a much safer city for the people most vulnerable on our roads - people walking and on bikes. I encourage the committee and city council to pass these and put the full force of the city (and its lobbyists) behind then to get laws created and changed in Sacramento, so we can have a safer, more equitable, and more enjoyable city at the end of the day. Michael Schneider Born and raised in Los Angeles, currently living in 90046

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Craven

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 03:03 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0002-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi. I'm a long time resident of Los Angeles (I live in CD 1). I'm also an elected member of the LACDP. I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to agendize and pass them. Because I'm also a mom who is terrified to walk anywhere with my kid because L.A. streets are so dangerous. I can't believe that our city keeps raising speed limits simply because of an antiquated state law that requires us to set speed limits based on how fast cars are going versus what's actually safe for the street! I want our city to be able to set its own speed limits and make the street safer for all. I also want to get armed officers out of traffic law enforcement, as this often has a disproportionate negative effect on Black and Brown members of our society. Speed cameras are color blind, will also make sure people actually slow down, and will help LAPD better allocate resources. It's important to me that LADOT take privacy into account as well as making sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. I'm very supportive of increasing legal protections for the most vulnerable road users - if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're text'ing while driving, they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Lastly, it disturbs me when someone who is perfectly capable of walking pulls into a handicap space, puts a placard up, and gets out of the car. We need to reserve our handicap parking spaces for those that truly need it, and it makes sense to reform benefits and increase enforcement accordingly. Please support LADOT's legislative priorities, let's get some laws made in Sacramento, and change things in our City! Thanks!

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to agendize and pass them. SPEED LIMITS -- for kids, families, all of us -- we need them MUCH lower. I can't believe that our city keeps raising speed limits simply because of an antiquated state law that requires us to set speed limits based on how fast cars are going versus what's actually safe for the street! I want our city to be able to set its own speed limits and make the street safer for all. I also want to get armed officers out of traffic law enforcement, as this often has a disproportionate negative effect on Black and Brown members of our society. Speed cameras are color blind, will also make sure people actually slow down, and will help LAPD better allocate resources. It's important to me that LADOT take privacy into account as well as making sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. If someone is speeding or texting -- Hitting a pedestrian or bicyclist should be considered a felony. If someone simply hits a pedestrian or cyclist - it should be assumed they are at fault and carry major consequences -- losing your license and a massive fine. These should be publicized. I'm very supportive of increasing legal protections for the most vulnerable road users - if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're text'ing while driving, they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Lastly, it disturbs me when someone who is perfectly capable of walking pulls into a handicap space, puts a placard up, and gets out of the car. We need to reserve our handicap parking spaces for those that truly need it, and it makes sense to reform benefits and increase enforcement accordingly. Please support LADOT's legislative priorities, let's get some laws made in Sacramento, and change things in our City!

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elisa

**Date Submitted:** 02/03/2021 09:06 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support LADOT's legislative priorities and I'm asking the Rules committee and the full city council to agendize and pass LADOT's legislative priorities. LA needs local control to reduce speed limits to safe levels for pedestrians and cyclists. This is a critical step in saving lives and making our neighborhoods more liveable. I also want to see more speed limit enforcement by cameras. This frees up police officers to do other work and prevents targeting of black and brown angelenos in traffic stops. It's important to me that LADOT take privacy into account as well as making sure the cameras don't disproportionately impact lower income neighborhoods. I'm very supportive of increasing legal protections for the most vulnerable road users - if someone crashes into a pedestrian or cyclist out of carelessness or because they're texting while driving, they should face increased consequences as a result of their actions. Please support these legislative priorities, they will bring positive change to LA! Thank you, Elisa Los Angeles, 90042