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June 15, 2008 was the fifth anniversary of ArroyoFest, which closed an 8.5 mile stretch of the Pasadena Freeway to all motor vehicles for four hours, allowing only bicycle riders and pedestrians to travel along the Freeway. This event showed bicycle riders that biking can be a viable and enjoyable form of transportation.

As traffic congestion increases and gasoline prices rise, people are seriously considering bicycling as a transportation option. Existing and emerging bike groups are working on increasing biking opportunities for commuting and recreational purposes. Unfortunately, Los Angeles' bicycle infrastructure is sparse and disjointed and compares poorly with other cities. It is critical that much more be done to support biking, such as increasing the number of bikeways, bike paths and bike lanes; adding more bike racks at transit stops; more fully integrating bicycle planning with public transit; and more seriously considering biking as a transportation option when making local land use decisions. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Caltrans all engage in bicycle planning and should be doing everything possible to encourage and support bicycling.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of City Planning, and request the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Caltrans to report to the Transportation Committee on the City's bikeway infrastructure and proposals to increase biking opportunities as a viable transportation option.

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