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Board of Transportation Commissioners
Office of the Mayor (without file)
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RE: THE RE-ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S 2002 BICYCLE PLAN

At the meeting of the Council held November 20, 2007, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted	_____
Attached motion (-) adopted	_____
Attached resolution (-) adopted	_____
FORTHWITH	_____
Mayor concurred	12/10/07
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)	_____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)	X
Ordinance adopted	_____
Ordinance number	_____
Publication date	_____
Effective date	_____
Mayor vetoed	_____
Mayor approved	_____
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved	_____
Findings adopted	_____
Negative Declaration adopted	_____
Categorically exempt	_____
Generally exempt	_____

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**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the re-adoption of the City's 2002 Bicycle Plan.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. RE-ADOPT the 2002 Bicycle Plan, a section of the Transportation Element of the General Plan, to allow the Department of Transportation (DOT) to apply for Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) funding as required by the program guidelines, until the new Bicycle Plan is developed and submitted by City Council for adoption.
2. AUTHORIZE the DOT to apply for funds not to exceed \$2,500,000 from the State's Bicycle Transportation Account for bicycle-related improvements.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the DOT to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the City and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and further AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the DOT to accept any funds awarded by Caltrans.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DOT reports that there is no fiscal impacts associated with this action, as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3.

Summary:

On November 7, 2007, your Committee considered an October 24, 2007 DOT report relative to the re-adoption of the City's 2002 Bicycle Plan. According to the DOT, it is working with the City Planning Department on the development of a new Bicycle Plan for the City and has hired a consultant, Alta Planning and Design, who is working on the new plan. Unfortunately, the 2002 Bicycle Plan is too old for the City to qualify for the State's Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) 2008-09 bikeway funding cycle. Per guidelines for the BTA funding program, "Bicycle Transportation Plan adoption establishes eligibility for five consecutive BTA cycles."

The Fund was initially established as the Bicycle Lane Account (BLA) by a legislative effort in 1975 and recodified in the Streets and Highways Code as the Bicycle Transportation Account in the 1998 Budget. Statewide, a fund of \$7.2 million per year is available to local agencies at a maximum amount of 25% or \$1.8 million per grant, with the requirement of 10% matching funds.

The BTA provides State funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. To be eligible for BTA funds, a city or county must prepare and adopt a Bicycle Transportation Plan that complies with California Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2 and additional criteria that is detailed in the October 24, 2007 DOT report.

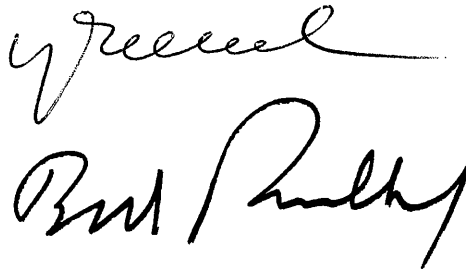
Finally, the DOT stated that grant applications for BTA funds being drafted at this time include:

- a. An overhaul of the lighting system on the Griffith Park segment of the Los Angeles River Bike Path.
- b. Upgrades and additions to the Sepulveda Basin Bike Path as it integrates with the Orange Line Bike Path.
- c. Additional funding to retrofit sewer grates with bicycle friendly grate covers.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the October 24, 2007 DOT report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is cursive and appears to be 'Y. Greuel'. The bottom signature is also cursive and appears to be 'B. Rosendahl'.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	ABSENT
ALARCÓN:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES

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ADOPTED
MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL