

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to allow for the use of European-style cargo bikes and front-mounted child bicycle seats.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Reyes – Rosendahl):

REQUEST that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance to repeal LAMC Section 80.27 relative to restricting child bicycle seats to the rear of the operator of a bicycle to allow for the use of European-style cargo bikes and front-mounted child bicycle seats.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

On March 18, 2011, Council considered Motion (Reyes – Rosendahl) relative to amending the LAMC to allow for the use of European-style cargo bikes and front-mounted child bicycle seats. Motion states high gas prices and environmental concerns are making European cargo bikes and front-mounted child bicycle seats more popular in America. Cargo bikes allow bicyclists to put items or children in a box, basket, or platform mounted over one or both front wheels. Front-mounted child bicycle seats have clear safety advantages, including better control of the bike when loading and unloading a child and clear visibility to see what a child is doing at all times.

Motion movers go on to state that LAMC Section 80.27 requires that any seat other than the regular seat for the bicyclists, must be attached to the rear, such as traditional bicycle child-seat or trailer configurations. This long-standing LAMC Section is in direct conflict with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), which was recently updated and allows for the use of European style cargo bikes and front mounted child bicycle seat. In order to be consistent with State law and support safe and innovative bicycle designs, Motion movers believe that the City should rescind LAMC Section 80.27 to permit the legal use of European cargo bikes and front mounted child bicycle seats. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held April 13, 2011, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council request that the City Attorney prepare the ordinance necessary to amend the LAMC to allow for the use of European-style cargo bikes and front-mounted child bicycle seats.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCON:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
PARKS:	YES

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