

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Los Angeles is home to a multitude of outdoor spaces and trails that residents use for exercise, leisure and general recreational activities. The City of Los Angeles is also home to many equestrian communities that utilize these outdoors spaces. As the City of Los Angeles continues to grow and expand, these outdoor spaces and trails have become vital lifelines for residents to enjoy public lands in a safe manner. However, the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) on these trails have created dangerous situations on trails used by humans and animals alike.

In 2022, Assemblymember Laura Friedman authored AB 1909 which authorizes a local authority to prohibit the operation of any electric bicycle or any class of electric bicycle on an equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail. The bill also authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to prohibit the operation of an electric bicycle or any class of electric bicycle on any bicycle path or trail within the department’s jurisdiction.

City Council adopted a resolution (CF 22-0002-S83) in support of AB 1909 (Friedman) which authorizes local authorities to prohibit the operation of electric bicycles on equestrian, hiking and recreational trails.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to prohibit the use of electric bicycles on all equestrian, hiking and recreational trails in the City of Los Angeles utilizing signage and all enforcement tools currently available.

I FURTHER MOVE that the electric bicycle prohibition should not include designated Class I, II, III, or IV Bikeways.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department with the support of the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Office of the City Attorney, report back on current regulations regarding the use of electric bicycles in the City, and to create a substantial fine structure to discourage electric bicycle use in restricted areas.


I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department report back on resources required to enforce electric bicycle bans in sensitive areas.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of the City Attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance that prohibits the use of electric bicycles on City trails and details the aforementioned fine structure, with increasing fines for repeat violators.

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