

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 86.04, which pertains to bicycles in parks, states that “no person shall ride a vehicle or bicycle on any path designated or posted as a trail by the Board of Recreation and Parks.” While this section identifies where cycling is forbidden, it fails to define where it is permitted. As currently written, the section does not address in any way multipurpose or multi-use pathways, which differ from “trails” and are meant to accommodate cyclists, pedestrians, and potentially equestrians.

While bicycle connectivity within City parks is currently limited, there are some existing examples and segments of the Mobility Plan 2035 that demonstrate bicycle connectivity through parks. Examples include Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park, where the mobility plan outlines a short section of a Bicycle Enhanced Network (BEN) connecting Hazeltine Avenue to Tyrone Avenue at Addison Street. The lack of a clear definition of the types of facilities the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) may designate for bicycle use presents a challenge to departmental, and broader mobility, planning. As such, the City Council should request the City Attorney, in coordination with RAP to draft an ordinance clarifying these designations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, to prepare and present an Ordinance that would amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 86.04 to add language allowing:

- Bicycles and electric bicycles on paths designated or posted as a Class I Bikeways or other pathways where bicycle operation is allowed by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners;
- Pathways to be designated with speed limits for bicycles and electric bicycles and/or requirements to dismount and propel them by hand along the trail.

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