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The Marvin Braude Bike Trail is a majestic and beloved 22-mile bicycle path that stretches from the Pacific Palisades down through the City of Torrance. It provides coastal access and recreation opportunities to thousands of cyclists, pedestrians and users on a regular basis.

For 1.7 miles, the bike trail winds along the sands of Venice Beach, where it attracts everyone from cyclists and joggers to residents enjoying a sunset stroll along one of California's most iconic stretches of coastline. Its current design, however, forces pedestrians, cyclists and other bike trail users to share one lane in each direction. This regularly creates bottle necks, conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians, congestion and other safety issues.

As Venice continues its rebound following the pandemic, when encampments and crime plagued the beach, and looks ahead to hosting multiple events for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the bike trail's usage will only increase further, necessitating action to create a safer and friendlier trail experience.

In order to enhance safety, reduce conflicts and improve access in time for the 2028 Games, a straight forward solution would be to widen the bike trail just enough to create a separate pedestrian path like the City of Santa Monica has done. The City should explore doing the same.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation, with the assistance from the Bureau of Engineering, Recreation and Parks Department and Los Angeles County Public Works, to report back in 30 days with an assessment of the cost, funding opportunities and resources needed to widen the Marvin Braude Bike Trail through Venice Beach in order to accommodate a pedestrian path in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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