

## Chapter 2. Vision, Goals, Policies and Programs

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This chapter updates the City’s existing bicycle plan goals, objectives, policies and programs, and establishes the City’s commitment to increasing, improving, and enhancing bicycling activity in Los Angeles. The vision, goals and policies are based on the current Los Angeles Bicycle Plan, bicycle planning documents from other large cities, and extensive public input.

The policies cover each of the recognized principles of bicycle planning, known as the “six Es”: Equity, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, and Evaluation. Equity is addressed in the Implementation section and Engineering is addressed in multiple sections. The policies are divided into the following categories:

1. Implementation / Administration
2. Road and Bikeway Engineering
3. Bicycle Parking
4. Bicycle-Transit Integration
5. Education & Encouragement
6. Enforcement
7. Maintenance
8. Evaluation

The Implementation/Administration group of policies establishes a framework for carrying out all Bicycle Plan policies and programs and lays the groundwork for cooperation between the various agencies and departments within the city. Among the key elements of the implementation policies are the oversight by the LADOT and the creation of a Bicycle Plan Implementation Team (BPIT).

This chapter also includes the programs the City intends to undertake in order to implement each of the goals and policies of the Bicycle Plan as well as detailed action items (or performance measures) and responsible agencies in order to easily track implementation of progress. The action items are also a clear mechanism for reporting progress to the public through the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and the Bicycle Program website. This addresses issues of accountability by creating a system to communicate the plan’s progress made by the City. It also promotes the notion that the City cares, listens and responds to bicyclists’ feedback. In this way, the website serves to promote the Bicycle Program Implementation Team (BPIT) as a transparent unit that is active and engaged with the people it serves.

The LADOT will provide support and oversight in all aspects of the Bicycle Plan implementation. The BPIT consists of staff from each agency or department with specific responsibility for plan implementation. BPIT members are assigned by the heads of each department and will work with the LADOT on all matters pertaining to Bicycle Plan implementation. LADOT and BPIT coordination must be as efficient and streamlined as possible, recognizing the limited funding and resources of the respective BPIT branches/agencies.

## 2.1. Vision

A transportation system which is accessible, safe, and convenient for bicycle travel; where bicycle transportation is respected as an integral component of the broader transportation system and considered in all aspects of transportation and land use planning.

## 2.2. Goals, Policies, and Programs

The following section includes the Bicycle Plan goals, policies, and programs. The policies have been established to ensure that each goal is attained. These policies serve to guide decision making in a general way that moves the City toward the stated goal of increased bicycle trips. Specific projects and programs, along with the responsible implementing agency are identified for each policy.

### SECTION 1: IMPLEMENTATION / ADMINISTRATION

**Goal:** Make the City of Los Angeles the most bicyclist-friendly large city in the United States by 2020 so that at least 5% of all daily trips and 5% of home-to-work trips are by bicycle.

**Policy 1.1:** Establish a Bicycle Plan Implementation Team (BPIT) to ensure ongoing interdepartmental coordination in the implementation of the Bicycle Plan.

**Programs:**

**1.1.1** Establish a Bicycle Plan Implementation Team (BPIT), formerly known as the Technical Advisory Committee, to identify issues and report to the DOT regarding the responsibilities of each Department or Bureau for implementation of Bicycle Plan policies, programs and infrastructure projects.

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Hold quarterly meetings with regular attendance of BPIT members and annual reports to BAC.

**1.1.2** Consult with Department of City Planning environmental staff and DOT land development staff to ensure that Bicycle Plan policies are implemented through the City's CEQA review process.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Update programs and procedures to ensure consistency between Bicycle Plan policies and CEQA review process.

**Policy 1.2:** Continuously monitor the implementation progress of Bicycle Plan policies, programs and projects.

**Program:**

**1.2.1** Develop database to track implementation of the Bicycle Plan.

Lead Departments: DOT, ITA

Action Item: Update quarterly and design to produce progress reports for public review.

**Policy 1.3:** Design all bicycle facilities consistently in accordance with the latest federal, state and local standards.

**Programs:**

**1.3.1** Host facility design workshops for city staff responsible for implementation and maintenance of bicycle facilities.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Host annual workshops for all City departments that are involved in bicycle implementation and maintenance.

**1.3.2** Establish a citywide protocol and process so that all agencies can submit plans for bicycle facilities to DOT for approval to ensure compliance with design standards.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Establish a review process for bicycle facilities.

**Policy 1.4:** Work cooperatively with adjoining jurisdictions to coordinate bicycle planning and implementation activities.

**Program:**

**1.4.1** Closely monitor and participate in the bicycle planning activities of the Army Corp of Engineers, California Coastal Commission, Caltrans, Metro, LA County, joint-powers authorities, and neighboring jurisdictions. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions on funding applications.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report to BAC on inter-agency meetings.

**Policy 1.5:** Pursue diverse sources of funding for the implementation of Bicycle Plan programs and infrastructure.

**Programs:**

**1.5.1** Work with the bicycling community, the BAC, City staff, and elected officials' staff on Bicycle Plan projects and programs for future funding.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW, DCP

Action Items:

1. Inform City departments, neighborhood councils, BAC, Council offices regarding upcoming grant cycles and Bicycle Plan projects in their jurisdiction.
2. Report to the BAC on all upcoming grant proposals as applicable to City process.

**1.5.2** Continue to pursue bicycle project funding through the Metro Call for Projects (CFP) in all eligible modal categories.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW

Action Item: Identify and recommend potential eligible projects and report to BAC on all CFP grant applications submitted and funding received.

**1.5.3** Continue to pursue funding through the State Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) for bikeway infrastructure and education projects near schools.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report to BAC on all SR2S grant applications submitted and funding received.

**1.5.4** Continue to pursue funding through the Federal Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) for non-infrastructure bicycle education and encouragement programs for schoolchildren, teachers and parents.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report to BAC on all SRTS grant applications submitted and funding received.

**1.5.5** Continue to pursue funding through the Office of Traffic Safety's (OTS) grants program for bicycle safety programs.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report to BAC and City Council on all OTS grant applications submitted and funding received.

**1.5.6** Continue to pursue funding through the Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report to BAC on all HSIP grant applications submitted and funding received.

**1.5.7** Include a Bicycle Plan mitigation fee contribution towards the Bicycle Plan Fund in the menu of traffic mitigation measures that can be imposed on private developers.

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Review annually and produce report on amount collected for public review.

**1.5.8** Establish a Bicycle Plan Trust Fund to collect project related trip-mitigation fees to be used exclusively for Bicycle Plan project and program implementation

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Report to City Council on the status of funding using these sources.

**1.5.9** Evaluate bicycle funding eligibility in various auxiliary City funds (street furniture funds, etc).

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Report to BAC on the status of funding potential using these funds.

**Policy 1.6:** Lead efforts to maintain or increase federal, state and local funding for Bicycle Plan programs and infrastructure projects.

**Programs:**

**1.6.1** Pursue the inclusion of large-scale Bicycle Plan projects and programs in federal transportation bills and allocations.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Item: Work with DOT on lobbying efforts to fund Bicycle Plan projects.

**1.6.2** Pursue state funding to support Bicycle Plan projects and programs.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Item: Work with DOT on lobbying efforts to fund Bicycle Plan projects.

**1.6.3** Pursue local funding to support Bicycle Plan projects and programs.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Item: Work with DOT on lobbying efforts to fund Bicycle Plan projects.

**1.6.4** Encourage federal, state, and local officials to ensure that bicycle funding sources are maintained or increased.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Item: Work with DOT on lobbying efforts to fund Bicycle Plan projects.

**1.6.5** Pursue funding through inter-agency and/or multi-jurisdictional offset credits where the implementation of the Bicycle Plan demonstrates that regional VMT (Vehicles Miles Traveled) and GHG (Greenhouse Gas) are reduced and contribute towards the attainment of regional GHG target.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council, EAD

Action Item: Work with DOT on lobbying efforts to fund Bicycle Plan projects.

**Policy 1.7:** Work with adjacent jurisdictions to ensure bikeway system continuity and uniformity of informational materials.

**Programs:**

**1.7.1** Track bicycle projects in adjacent jurisdictions and work with those jurisdictions to ensure continuity of efforts.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Develop map/spreadsheet with projects in adjacent jurisdictions.

**Policy 1.8:** Ensure that Bicycle Plan projects and programs are implemented in an equitable manner, geographically and socio-economically.

**Program:**

**1.8.1** Analyze the geographic distribution of bicycle facilities and programs Citywide.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report on the geographic and demographic distribution of bicycle facilities and programs Citywide.

**Policy 1.9:** Recognize the role, responsibilities and membership of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC).

**Program:**

**1.9.1** Allocate City staff from all relevant departments to attend BAC meetings, as funding permits, to implement their role in “an advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council Members and the various agencies of the government of the City of Los Angeles in the encouragement and facilitation of the use of the bicycle as a regular means of transportation and recreation.” (BAC Charter)

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Continuing participation and support at BAC meetings.

**Policy 1.10:** The policies of the Bicycle Plan shall be consistent with the City's efforts to implement SB375, AB32 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2007), and other similar legislation.

**Programs:**

**1.10.1** Incorporate appropriate bicycle policies and programs into the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and/or incorporate the Bicycle Plan by reference into the SCS.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT, EAD

Action Item: Recommend changes to Bicycle Plan policies, objectives and/or implementation measures, as needed, to ensure that the Sustainable Communities Strategy and Bicycle Plan policies are consistent.

**1.10.2** Apply inter-agency/ multi-jurisdictional carbon offset credits as an implementing measure of SB375 and AB32 to Bicycle Plan programs that demonstrate reduced VMT/GHG and would contribute toward attainment of GHG target of the City's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

Lead Departments: EAD, Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Item: Recommend changes to Bicycle Plan policies, objectives and/or implementation measures, as needed, to ensure that objectives of SB375 and AB32 and Bicycle Plan policies are consistent.

**1.10.3** Quantify total VMT/GHG reduced as a result of Bicycle Plan implementation and include in the Citywide Climate Action Plan and in the inventory to be applied to the City where listed with the Climate Action Registry.

Lead Department: EAD

Action Item: Produce and distribute annual report highlighting VMT/GHG reduced as a result of the Bicycle Plan implementation.

**1.10.4** As a conformance mitigation measure, include funding toward the Bicycle Plan Trust Fund for Transit Priority Projects and residential and mixed-use projects that are consistent with the City's SCS and qualify for CEQA exemption pursuant to SB375.

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Revise standard mitigation measures to include contribution to Bicycle Plan Trust Fund.

**Policy 1.11** Implement the Complete Streets Act (CA Government Code Sec. 65040.2 & 65302) by integrating bicycle access and facilities into all street and roadway projects.

**Program:**

**1.11.1** Accommodate bicyclist needs in the design and development of City streets.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Recommend changes to Bicycle Plan policies, objectives and/or implementation measures, as needed, to ensure that Complete Streets Act and Bicycle Plan policies are consistent.

**Policy 1.12** Prioritize contributions to Bicycle Plan facility implementation as a trip reduction measure in lieu of increasing traffic capacity when mitigating traffic impacts as part of the private development CEQA review.

**Programs:**

**1.12.1** Award a trip reduction credit to private development projects for fair share contribution to bicycle facility implementation (Bicycle Plan Trust Fund).

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Revise standard mitigation measures to include contribution to Bicycle Plan Trust Fund.

**1.12.2** Allocate fair share mitigation fees collected from private development to reduce traffic impacts to the Bicycle Plan Trust Fund in areas where bicycle improvements have been quantified.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Revise standard mitigation measures to include contribution to Bicycle Plan Trust Fund.

**1.12.3** Prioritize Bicycle Plan implementation trip reduction measures in DOT's revised Traffic Study Guidelines for use in preparation of traffic studies pursuant to CEQA.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Revise Traffic Study Guidelines.

**Policy 1.13** Avoid negative impacts to Bicycle Plan existing and proposed facilities when implementing street improvements that would add street capacity as a CEQA mitigation measure.

**Programs:**

**1.13.1** Evaluate secondary impacts to existing and proposed bicycle facilities included in the Bicycle Plan when mitigating project traffic impacts through street dedication and improvements (road widening) as part of the private development CEQA review.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Incorporate review of Bicycle Plan existing and proposed facilities in all private development review.

**1.13.2** Include analyses of potential impacts of reconfigured roadway to accommodate bicycle lanes or paths that may necessitate the removal or alteration of parking or traffic lanes in the Transportation Impact and Mitigation Program (TIMP) studies conducted in conjunction with the New Community Plan process.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Incorporate analysis of bicycle facilities into TIMP studies.

## **SECTION 2: ROAD AND BIKEWAY ENGINEERING FOR BICYCLING**

**Goal:** Create a continuous bicycle network throughout the City.

**Policy 2.1:** Develop a grid of bikeways no further than one mile apart through the use of standard and appropriate innovative treatments.

**Programs:**

**2.1.1** Close gaps in the existing bikeway network.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items:

1. Eliminate gaps where bikeways can be added without significant changes to existing configurations.
2. Develop plans for connections to remaining bikeway network gaps requiring significant reconfiguration.

**2.1.2** Expand the City's bicycle path facilities by working with railways and flood control channel agencies to allow the development of facilities within their rights-of-way.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW

Action Items:

1. Map potential facilities.
2. Meet with relevant agencies.
3. Report number of miles of new bicycle paths added to BAC.

**2.1.3** Develop a Bicycle-Friendly Street Network to link to activity centers within each community plan area in the New Community Plan process.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Items:

1. Identify and prioritize collector bikeways that link to schools, shopping centers and other major activity centers.

2. Report on all new local bikeways adopted in Community Plans.

**2.1.4** Update standards for bicycle route implementation, consistent with State and Federal standards.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Draft, adopt and implement policies and procedures.

**2.1.5** Review need for peak hour travel lane on roadways with designated bikeways

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: If the need for bicycle lanes is demonstrated, study the feasibility of the removal of peak hour lanes to facilitate installation of potential bicycle lanes on the Bicycle Plan network.

**Policy 2.2:** Implement the City's bicycle network in accordance with current accepted bikeway standards.

**Programs:**

**2.2.1** Update policies, procedures, and guidelines to reflect current standards.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Update and post guidelines on program website as new information becomes available on best practices.

**2.2.2** Develop new and innovative bikeway designs and treatments through the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved experiment process.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Initiate CTCDC and FHWA studies.

**Policy 2.3:** Provide amenities and enhancements along City bikeways and other roadways.

**Programs:**

**2.3.1** Develop shade along citywide bikeways by prioritizing tree-planting efforts along designated bikeways.

Lead Departments: DPW-BSS, EAD

Action Items: 1. Study existing shade cover and landscape quality along City bicycle paths and prepare report.

2. Create prioritized list of bicycle paths in greatest need of tree planting and other landscaping efforts to improve conditions along bicycle paths.

**2.3.2** Develop and install a bicycle wayfinding signage program, which identifies bikeways and destinations, indicates route turns, and indicates the presence of intersecting bikeways and streets.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Install signage as a standard feature of all new bikeways and report annually on number of signs installed.

**2.3.3** Integrate bikeways in future bridge/grade separation projects.

Lead Departments: DPW, DOT

Action Items: 

1. Identify future projects and work with the Department of Public Works to incorporate bikeways in early design phase.
2. Monitor projects to ensure that adequate accommodation for bicyclists is provided on all projects.

**2.3.4** Upgrade intersection signalization to accommodate bicyclists in conformance with CTCDC/FHWA.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Identify non-functioning signals and repair/adjust to accommodate bicycling in conformance with the CA MUTCD.

**2.3.5** Install warning signage and flashing beacons to warn motorists of the presence of bicyclists on tunnels or bridges with constrained roadways.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Identify bridges and tunnels that require warning signage and flashing beacons.

**2.3.6** Adopt standard lighting design for bicycle paths and grade separations.

Lead Department: DPW-BSL

Action Items: Adopt and implement lighting standards.

**Policy 2.4:** Reduce hazards on existing bikeways

**Program:**

**2.4.1** Continue to survey citywide bikeways for regular maintenance needs and develop a pavement management system specifically for bikeways.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW, RAP

Action Items: 

1. Monitor existing bikeways to identify hazards and incorporate design improvements to address problems.
2. Integrate bikeways maintenance into existing pavement management system (PMS) and report quarterly bikeways maintenance needs.

**Policy 2.5:** Require a public hearing for the removal of any City bicycle lane and bicycle path.

**Program:**

**2.5.1** Amend the Municipal Code to require a public hearing for any proposed removal of a bicycle lane and bicycle path from the roadway or Bicycle Plan.

Lead Department: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Draft an ordinance codifying removal process to include notification to the public, Neighborhood Councils and the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

**Policy 2.6:** Accommodate the needs of bicyclists in the planning, design and construction phases of all citywide transportation projects.

**Programs:**

**2.6.1** Conduct workshops to train project planners and engineers in techniques for developing Bicycle Friendly Streets.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Hold workshops for planners and engineers.

**2.6.2** Utilize bicycle facility design guidelines to develop Bicycle Friendly Streets network.

Lead Department: DOT, DPW

Action Item: Use facility design guidelines and routine accommodation checklist for all transportation projects.

**2.6.3** Incorporate bicycle improvement facilities into other capital improvement projects, such as ramps, stairways, etc.

Lead Department: DOT, DPW

Action Item: Identify appropriate capital improvement projects and work with designers to incorporate bicycle facilities.

**2.6.4** Develop new City street standards that facilitate the accommodation of bicycle lanes.

Lead Departments: DPW-BOE, DCP, DOT

Action Item: Work with Street Standards Committee to develop new or revised street standards.

**Policy 2.7:** Improve the safety of all road users through the implementation of citywide neighborhood traffic calming treatments.

**Program:**

**2.7.1** Use bicycle-friendly traffic calming methods in coordination with the Bicycle Plan so traffic calming measures do not impede bicycle access.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Ensure that traffic calming measures accommodate bicycles.

**Policy 2.8:** Acknowledge the bicycle as a legitimate form of transportation.

**Programs:**

**2.8.1** Accommodate bicyclist needs in the design, development, and maintenance of City streets.

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP, DPW

Action Items: 1. Maintain core bicycle lanes.  
2. Maintain curb lane width in roadways and add additional facilities to accommodate bicycles on shared roadways not in the Bicycle Plan network.

**2.8.2** Update Section 26.01 of Los Angeles Municipal Code to include bicycling as a mode of transportation in the legal definition of bicycle.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Attorney

Action Item: Draft and process Los Angeles Municipal Code amendment.

**2.8.3** Update legal definition of "traffic" to include bicycles in Sec. 80.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Attorney

Action Item: Draft and process Los Angeles Municipal Code amendment.

**2.8.4** Revisit roadway needs to determine if a bikeway is feasible in current road use conditions to eliminate gaps in and to extend the bikeway network.

Lead Department: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Review roadways and determine if implementation of bikeway is feasible.

**2.8.5** Investigate the feasibility of expanding the Bicycle Friendly Network for designated collectors in the Transportation Element, community plans and street standards.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Incorporate the bikeway and Bicycle-Friendly Network into the development of new street standards

**Policy 2.9:** Acknowledge the need for recreational bicycling activities.

**Program:**

**2.9.1** Develop recreational bicycle loops utilizing regional parks and activity centers and integrating the proposed Bicycle Friendly Streets and standard bicycle facilities.

Lead Departments: RAP, DOT

Action Items: Identify potential recreational bicycle loops and develop promotional materials for communities within close proximity.

### SECTION 3: BICYCLE PARKING

**Goal:** Encourage the use of bicycles for everyday transportation by ensuring the provision of convenient and secure bicycle parking and support facilities Citywide.

**Policy 3.1:** Provide bicyclists access to quality bicycle parking citywide.

**Programs:**

**3.1.1** Establish bicycle parking equipment standards.

Lead Department: DOT, DPW-BOE

Action Item: Develop standards and post an information guide on the City website and include in policies & procedures.

**3.1.2** Maintain an internet database of on-street bicycle parking facilities.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Launch bicycle parking database and integrate into bicycle maps.

**Policy 3.2:** Increase the supply of quality bicycle parking on City rights-of-way.

**Programs:**

**3.2.1** Continue to install City-standard bicycle racks within the public right-of-way (i.e. sidewalks) in order to serve adjacent businesses.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Identify areas with demand for bicycle racks and implement an installation schedule.

**3.2.2** Continue to encourage citizen input on the location of new racks and the replacement of damaged racks through the City's Bicycle Program website.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Provide website application for the public.

**3.2.3** Revise LAMC Section 88.10 to allow bicycles to be locked to parking meters and establish a pilot program to test meter-mounted bicycle parking.

Lead Department: DOT

- Action Items:
1. Update the Los Angeles Municipal Code.
  2. Identify pilot area for test.
  3. Report on the number of bicycle parking spaces installed Citywide.

**3.2.4** Maintain a percentage of parking meter posts and retrofit for bicycle parking spaces as Smart Meters are installed.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Retrofit meter posts in areas designed for Smart Meters Bicycle Parking devices.

**3.2.5** Increase overall bicycle parking capacity by constructing bicycle parking areas in existing on-street automobile parking spaces.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Study the feasibility of constructing bicycle parking areas in on-street parking spaces.

**3.2.6** Conduct a review of all City-owned facilities for compliance with the design standards and ordinances related to bicycle parking.

Lead Departments: DOT, GSD

Action Items:

1. Review of all City-owned facilities for compliance with the design standards and ordinances related to bicycle parking by 2012.
2. Identify non compliant facilities.
3. Design solutions to bring them into compliance.

**3.2.7** Provide approved bicycle parking at recreation centers and parks.

Lead Department: RAP, DOT

Action Items:

1. Review bicycle parking facilities at recreation centers and parks and report on the number and type of upgraded bicycle parking at recreation centers and parks.
2. Implement necessary upgrades.

**Policy 3.3:** Encourage the installation of bicycle parking at public schools, colleges, and universities.

**Programs:**

**3.3.1** Coordinate with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to encourage installation of good quality bicycle parking at schools.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Work with LAUSD to identify needs and solutions.

**3.3.2** Coordinate with Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) to encourage installation of good quality bicycle parking at community colleges.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Work with LACCD to identify needs and solutions.

**3.3.3** Coordinate with four-year universities to encourage installation of good quality bicycle parking on campus.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Conduct outreach to local four-year universities to identify needs and solutions.

**Policy 3.4:** Require and encourage the installation of bicycle parking and support facilities on private property.

**Programs:**

**3.4.1** Amend LAMC Section 12.21A16. to augment the City’s standard bicycle parking requirements and to include bicycle lockers and amenities in commercial, industrial and multi-family residential projects.

Lead Departments: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Draft and process code amendment to revise parking requirements and post code amendment on Bicycle Program website.

**3.4.2** Hold training sessions for Department of Building and Safety and other City Departments as necessary to provide information regarding enforcement of bicycle parking ordinances in building design.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: 1. Create compliance presentation and post on Bicycle Program website.  
2. Hold training sessions.

**3.4.3** Prepare an informational guide for developers and property managers explaining the purchase and installation of bicycle parking and support facilities in compliance with bicycle parking requirements.

Lead Department: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Prepare handbook, post on Bicycle Program website, and distribute to developers and property managers.

**3.4.4** Work with DPW to include bicycle racks in street furniture nomenclature.

Lead Department: DCP, DOT, DPW

Action Items: Update street furniture nomenclature to include bicycle racks.

**3.4.5** Include a bicycle parking component in any Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measure incorporated to mitigate traffic/ vehicle trips for purposes of CEQA compliance for commercial, residential, and mixed use development projects.

Lead Department: DCP, DOT

Action Item: Update TDM measures to include bicycle parking.

**Policy 3.5:** Encourage creative solutions to bicycle parking that meet City standards.

**Program:**

**3.5.1** Include creative bicycle parking solutions into street improvements.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW

Action Item: Create brochure identifying existing creative parking examples.

## SECTION 4: BIKE-TRANSIT INTEGRATION

**Goal:** Expand bicyclists' mobility through the integration of bicycling into the transit system.

**Policy 4.1:** Incorporate bicycles into transit projects that include an exclusive right-of-way.

**Programs:**

**4.1.1** Allow bicycle use on surface-street bus-only lanes where appropriate.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Develop bus-only lanes to accommodate bicycles and install appropriate signage.

**4.1.2** Include bikeways in new transit projects operating within an exclusive right of way.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Council, Office of the Mayor

Action Items: 1. Identify all major transit projects under development and the bicycle accommodations being provided with each project.  
2. Work with appropriate agencies to incorporate bikeways in new transit projects and report to BAC on progress.

**Policy 4.2:** Provide access and bicycle support facilities to transit through the development of bikeways that serve transit stations and transit hubs as defined in the Metro Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan.

**Programs:**

**4.2.1** Investigate and implement bikeway projects that close existing gaps between the bikeway network and transit centers or hubs.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Prioritize connections to transit hubs identified in Metro Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan (BTSP), in Call for Projects (CFP), and other funding applications.

**4.2.2** Review all plans for new transit stations in the City of Los Angeles to maximize bicycle access and parking.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Require DOT/Bicycle Outreach and Planning Manager sign-off in the review checklist.

**4.2.3** Work with transit agencies to incorporate bicycle facilities into existing and new transit stations and transit hubs.

Lead Departments: City Council, DOT, Office of the Mayor

Action Item: Coordinate and support Metro efforts as necessary.

**4.2.4** Encourage the development of a network of Bicycle Commuter Centers with major transit/employment hubs by Metro.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Establish connections to transit hubs identified in Metro Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan (BTSP) in Call for Projects (CFP) applications.

**Policy 4.3:** Accommodate bicycles on transit vehicles.

**Programs:**

**4.3.1** Support Metro's efforts to install bicycle racks on all municipal bus lines operating within the City of Los Angeles.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Council, Office of the Mayor

Action Items: 

1. Identify which bus lines currently operating in the City of Los Angeles do not include bicycle racks.
2. Submit request to Metro and municipal bus operators encouraging the installation of bicycle racks on all buses operating in the City.

**4.3.2** Encourage Metro and municipal operators to increase bicycle carrying capacity on buses.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Council, Office of the Mayor

Action Items: 

1. Identify which bus lines currently operating in Los Angeles do not have three-bicycle capacity.
2. Submit requests to Metro and municipal bus operators encouraging the installation of three-bicycle racks on all buses operating in the City of Los Angeles.

**4.3.3** Encourage Metro to allow bicycles on trains at all times.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Council, BAC, Office of the Mayor

Action Item: Submit letters requesting Metro to fund and install designated space for bicycles on Metro trains and lift restrictions for bicycles in trains.

**Policy 4.4** Address bicycle access and amenities in all Transit Oriented District plans.

**Program:**

**4.4.1** Include bicycle access and amenities in all Transit Oriented District plans.

Lead Department: DCP, DOT

Action Items: 

1. Review and update all existing Transit Oriented District plans to include bicycle access and amenities.
2. Include bicycle access and amenities in all new Transit Oriented District plans.

## SECTION 5: EDUCATION & ENCOURAGEMENT

**Goal:** Improve the bicycling environment in Los Angeles through comprehensive education and encouragement programs.

**Policy 5.1:** Educate the general public on bicycle safety issues and encourage bicycle transportation with programs that target bicyclists and motorists.

**Programs:**

**5.1.1** Continue to develop bicycle safety public service announcements (PSAs) that target motorists and bicyclists.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Launch new PSAs annually during bicycle to work week and disseminate through all media outlets.

**5.1.2** Distribute bicycle safety literature to City employees.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Track distribution of safety materials and post on the Bicycle Program website.

**5.1.3** Provide Bicycle Safety & Maintenance Education for adults and children at City recreation centers and libraries.

Lead Departments: DOT, RAP

Action Items: 1. Present draft and final curriculum to DOT/Bicycle Program Manager and RAP.

2. Report to BAC on the number of recreation centers offering classes and the number of people who enroll in and complete classes.

**5.1.4** Develop a Bicycle Ambassador Program to promote bicycle commuting and safety in Los Angeles.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council, Business Improvement Districts

Action Item: Work with local advocacy groups to develop program.

**5.1.5** Continue to update and disseminate the City Bicycle Map.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Update and disseminate the City Bicycle Map and provide on program website.

**Policy 5.2:** Promote bicycling through City-sponsored events.

**Programs:**

**5.2.1** Expand the City of Los Angeles Bicycle-to-Work Week efforts by providing City-sponsored events and pit stops in every council district.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Council

Action Item: Expand distribution of Bicycle to Work Week materials and continue posting on DOT website.

**5.2.2** Continue to coordinate bicycling marketing efforts with special events held in the City.

Lead Departments: DOT, City Council

Action Item: Post marketing materials on Bicycle Program website and work with City Council offices to disseminate materials to event participants.

**5.2.3** Coordinate and promote recreational rides in conjunction with City Council and the Office of the Mayor.

Lead Departments: DOT, RAP, DPW-BSS, LAPD

Action Item: Explore utilizing county fairs, rideshare week, job fairs, etc. for promotion of rides.

**5.2.4** Provide support and assist with coordination of city-wide public bicycle rides.

Lead Departments: RAP, Council Offices, Mayor's Office, LAPD, DOT

Action Item: Report on type of support and assistance for public bicycle rides.

**Policy 5.3:** Educate school children on safe bicycling behavior.

**Programs:**

**5.3.1** Support and encourage bicycle safety education and encouragement programs for elementary, middle/junior high, and high school students.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Update and distribute bicycle safety curriculum and materials to schools.

**5.3.2** Work with local parent organizations to develop safety programs and bicycle-friendly infrastructure at middle and elementary schools throughout the City.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Identify various locations for pilot programs and apply for project funding.

**Policy 5.4:** Educate professional drivers on bicyclist rights and safe motoring behavior around bicyclists.

**Programs:**

**5.4.1** Establish and promote a hotline for reporting incidents involving bus drivers and bicyclists.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Report annually on the number of bus-bicycle collisions and bicycle-related incidents reported through the hotline.

**5.4.2** Make city training materials available to Metro and municipal bus operators operating in the City of Los Angeles.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Provide training materials to other agencies.

**5.4.3** Develop a program to ensure that truck drivers operating out of the Port of Los Angeles undergo a City-approved heavy vehicle training curriculum.

Lead Department: DOT, POLA

Action Items: Develop, adopt program, and track the number of truck drivers receiving the training. Report quarterly to the BAC and post report on the Bicycle Program website.

**5.4.4** Develop a program to ensure that ambulance/taxi companies, including companies at LAX educate their drivers on bicyclists' rights and safe motoring behavior around bicyclists using a City-approved curriculum.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items:

1. Develop and adopt curriculum.
2. Track the number of ambulances/taxi drivers receiving the training, report annually to the BAC and post report on the Bicycle Program website.

**5.4.5** Encourage the California DMV to enhance the bicycle-related curriculum in Commercial Driver License (CDL) testing.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Items: Report on any changes made to DMV testing.

**Policy 5.5:** Educate non-professional drivers on bicyclist rights and safe motoring behavior around bicyclists.

**Program:**

**5.5.1** Encourage the California DMV to develop materials describing a bicyclist's rights.

Lead Departments: Office of the Mayor, City Council

Action Items: Report on any changes made to DMV materials.

**SECTION 6: ENFORCEMENT**

**Goal:** Enhance safety for all road users through increased enforcement on City streets and bikeways.

**Policy 6.1:** Enforce traffic laws to enhance bicyclists' safety by consistently citing both bicyclists and motor vehicle operators.

**Programs:**

**6.1.1** Train all LAPD officers on bicyclists' rights/responsibilities.

Lead Departments: LAPD, DOT

Action Item: Track number of officers receiving training.

**6.1.2** Maintain LAPD participation at BAC meetings.

Lead Department: LAPD

Action Item: Attend BAC meetings and report on bicycle actions within LAPD.

**6.1.3** Encourage LAPD to increase enforcement of traffic violations of motorists and bicyclists.

Lead Department: LAPD, City Attorney

Action Items:

1. Track number of motorist cited for violations relative to unsafe motoring around bicyclists.
2. Track the number of bicyclists cited per month for moving violations.

**6.1.4** Work with the Los Angeles County Superior Court system to develop a program that offers bicycle safety training.

Lead Department: LAPD, City Attorney

Action Items: Develop data and prepare report on bicycle related collisions and the number of bicyclists and motorists involved in bicycle safety education classes.

**Policy 6.2:** Increase the presence of Bicycle Patrol Officers on City streets and bikeways.

**Programs:**

**6.2.1** Increase LAPD deployment of bicycle patrol officers on the City's streets.

Lead Department: LAPD

Action Item: Report on the number of officer hours dedicated to bicycle patrols on City streets and report on the number of citations issued.

**6.2.2** Deploy bicycle patrol officers to patrol the City's bicycle paths.

Lead Departments: LAPD, DOT

Action Item: Work with DOT to identify paths for patrol and report on the number of officer hours dedicated to bicycle patrols on bicycle paths.

**6.2.3** Encourage LAPD to train officers to identify and report hazards and issue citations for dangerous behaviors.

Lead Departments: LAPD, DOT

Action Items: Report on the number of citations issued for dangerous bicyclist behavior.

**Policy 6.3:** Reduce aggressive and/or negligent driver behavior directed toward bicyclists.

**Programs:**

**6.3.1** Encourage LAPD to train police officers on bicycle related crashes and how to correctly assign fault.

Lead Departments: LAPD, City Attorney, DOT

Action Item: Report on the number and cause of collisions involving bicyclists citywide.

**6.3.2** Encourage LAPD to increase traffic enforcement efforts with a particular focus on speeding and aggressive or distracted driving in areas with high volumes of bicyclists.

Lead Department: LAPD

Action Item: Report to the BAC on the number of citations issued by type of violation.

**Policy 6.4:** Increase enforcement efforts to prevent the obstruction of bicycle lanes.

**Programs:**

**6.4.1** Continue to work with DOT Parking Enforcement staff to train officers in identifying bicycle lane parking violations and cite violators.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Report on the number of reported infractions and citations quarterly.

**6.4.2** Reduce placement of trash receptacles in bicycle lanes or in areas of the roadway where bicyclists tend to ride.

Lead Department: DPW

Action Item: Coordinate with DPW to disseminate information regarding trash pickup days, and placement of trash receptacles outside of bicycle lane.

**Policy 6.5:** Develop and promote efficient mechanisms for reporting behaviors and conditions that endanger bicyclists.

**Programs:**

**6.5.1** Continue to install mile markers for all bicycle paths to allow for reporting of emergencies or maintenance problems.

Lead Departments: DOT, RAP

Action Item: Continue to survey bicycle path facilities and install mile markers as warranted.

## SECTION 7: MAINTENANCE

**Goal:** Ensure citywide bikeways are clean, safe, and promote active use.

**Policy 7.1:** Maintain safe bikeways through regular inspection and maintenance.

**Programs:**

**7.1.1** Establish routine maintenance schedules and standards for citywide bikeways.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW, RAP, POLA, LAWA

Action Items: 

1. Conduct regular visual inspections of all bikeways and develop database to track observations.
2. Implement maintenance schedule and standards.

**7.1.2** Incorporate bikeways into the City’s Pavement Management System (PMS) and encourage priority maintenance.

Lead Department: DPW

Action Items: 

1. Include bikeways in PMS and encourage priority maintenance.
2. Develop guidelines that give additional “points” to streets with bikeway facilities when evaluating the prioritization of pavement maintenance.

**7.1.3** Maintain in good condition striping, surface conditions, lighting and landscaping on and adjacent to bikeways.

Lead Departments: DPW, DOT

Action Item: Create and implement maintenance standards and schedule.

**7.1.4** Monitor and maintain adequate lighting along City bikeways.

Lead Department: DPW

Action Item: Review lighting conditions and repair lighting system as necessary.

**Policy 7.2:** Address bicyclist safety during construction and maintenance activities.

**Programs:**

**7.2.1** Develop standard procedures for safe bicycle travel through construction zones on bikeways.

Lead Departments: DOT, DBS

Action Items: 

1. Develop and implement standard procedures to ensure safe passage of bicyclists through construction zones, and update appropriate manuals.
2. Issue public announcements regarding any street or bicycle path closures or detour.

**7.2.2** Minimize street or bicycle path closures and delays along officially designated bikeways.

Lead Departments: DOT, DBS, DPW

- Action Items:
1. Develop and implement standard procedures for ensuring safe passage of bicyclists thorough construction zones.
  2. Notify DOT Bikeways staff and issue public announcements regarding any street or bicycle path closures or detours.

**Policy 7.3:** Establish routine maintenance program that encourages citizens to report maintenance issues that impact bicyclist safety.

**Program:**

**7.3.1** Work with Neighborhood Councils, BAC and other groups to promote and expand the City's hazard reporting mechanisms.

Lead Departments: DOT, DPW

- Action Items:
1. Create hazard reporting banner on homepage of the bicycle program website that links to Service Request Forms for the Bureau of Street Services and Bureau of Street Lighting.
  2. Report to the BAC on the number of submitted Service Request Forms.

## SECTION 8: EVALUATION

**Goal:** Assure that the Bicycle Plan is effective in achieving the stated vision and goals.

**Policy 8.1:** Evaluate the Bicycle Plan to identify strengths and weaknesses and adjust the implementation strategy as necessary.

**Programs:**

**8.1.1** Develop and maintain a database of all Bicycle Plan infrastructure projects and track their progress from design to construction.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Item: Develop database and prepare annual report to BAC on the number of bikeways built annually.

**8.1.2** Include bicycle counts in conjunction with all traffic counts.

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Record and incorporate bicycle counts into all traffic counts.

**8.1.3** Include bicycle counts in traffic studies conducted as part of environmental clearances required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Lead Departments: DOT, DCP

Action Item: Develop policy and count methodology; adopt and implement policy.

**8.1.4** Conduct bicycle counts along corridors identified in the Bicycle Plan before and after the implementation of bicycle improvements.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items: Report “before” and “after” bicycle counts separately for analysis and modeling of bicycle use in the City.

**8.1.5** Identify bicycling trends in Los Angeles.

Lead Department: DOT

Action Items:

1. Track Citywide trends in bicycle commuting through the use of Census data, surveys, and counts.
2. Report annually to City Council and BAC on levels of bicycle use in the City of Los Angeles.

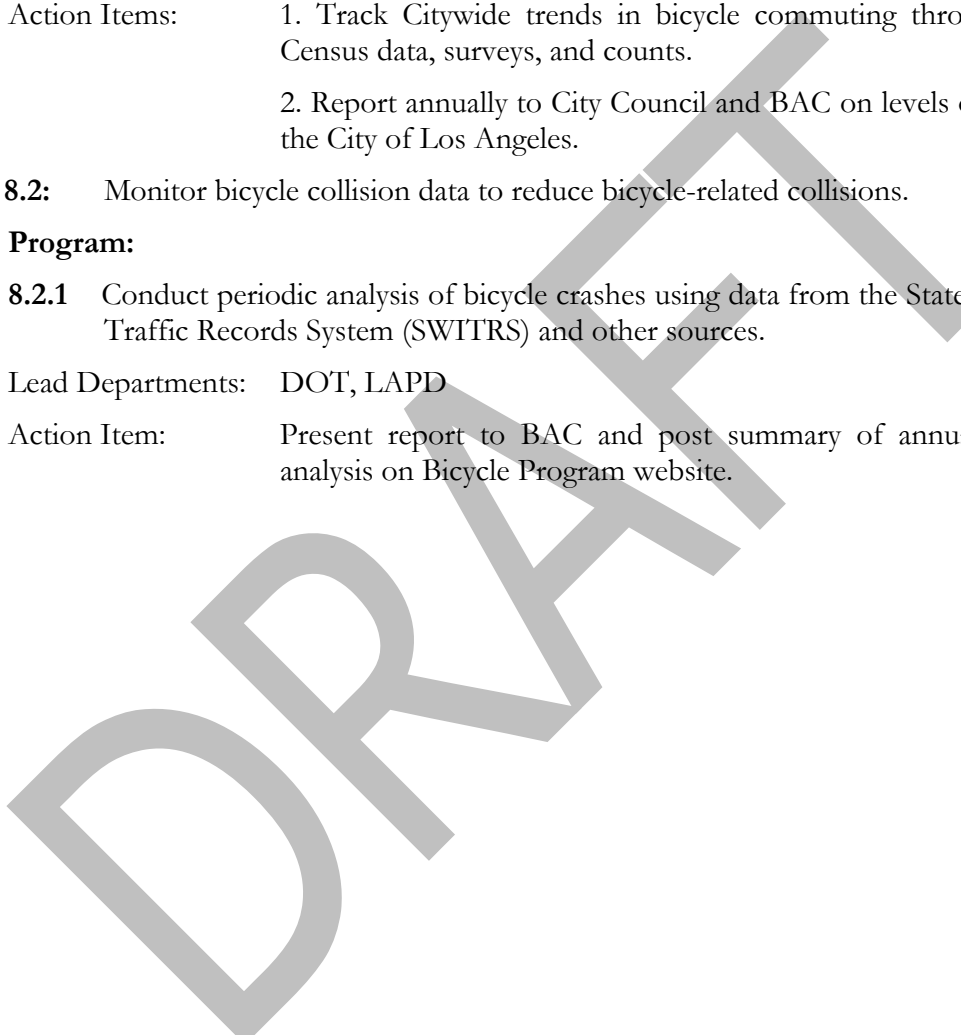
**Policy 8.2:** Monitor bicycle collision data to reduce bicycle-related collisions.

**Program:**

**8.2.1** Conduct periodic analysis of bicycle crashes using data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) and other sources.

Lead Departments: DOT, LAPD

Action Item: Present report to BAC and post summary of annual bicycle crash analysis on Bicycle Program website.



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