

MOTION

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The City is currently in the process of updating its Bicycle Plan, which further defines recreational and transportation opportunities for bicycling and provides the groundwork for how the City develops and implements programs and facilities for bicycling in Los Angeles. The Bicycle Plan will include an exercise to convene members from the trail-user community including equestrians, hikers, and mountain bicyclists to determine if the use of some City off-road trails by mountain bicyclists can be accommodated in the current Bicycle Plan for future implementation. Collaboration between these user groups is necessary to avoid conflicts.

Currently, the City has only one park property, Mandeville Canyon, that allows the trail system to be used by off-road bicyclists. This park was added to the City's park system by acquisition from the State that required the City to accept existing uses - including mountain bicycling - with the acceptance of the property. It is important that trails that are open to mountain bikes include appropriate design and development and are managed for mountain bike use.

Griffith Park is a unique park destination in the City, however, it suffers from the impacts of over-use due to multiple trail users, particularly equestrian and hikers. Griffith Park serves a number of stables and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and is a premiere destination for equestrians in the City. Due to the presence of a high number of equestrians and hikers, as well as the steep and narrow trails, Griffith Park is not the best destination for mountain bicycle use.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to remove Griffith Park from future off-road mountain bicycle use and work with the Departments of City Planning and Transportation, through the development of the new Bicycle Plan, to continue to explore the possibility of mountain bicycle use at other City parklands.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council encourage the Department of Recreation and Parks to examine the bike lane and upper park roads closed to automobile traffic at Mount Hollywood and Vista del Valley Drive for bike use.

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