

MOTION
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It is estimated that bicyclists make 2.4 percent of all the daily travel trips in Los Angeles County. Metro's goal by the year 2025 is to double the number of bike trips to 5 percent to ease traffic congestion in the face of growing population and the influx of more motor vehicles.

Using a bike is a great way to get around the City while saving money, getting a good workout and contributing to reducing auto emissions that produce sixty percent of the smog in the Southland. Metro has spent more than \$10 million on the Long Beach Bike station, bike lockers and racks at Metro Rail and Metrolink stations and other public facilities to encourage commuters to bike to work, and also for education of children on safe riding habits and other bike expenditures.

It is important, however, that transportation agencies respond to the need for bicyclists to take their bikes with them when they board trains, buses and rail lines. Currently, cyclists can bring their bikes on Metro Red Line trains for no additional charge. Since subway cars are generally full during weekday rush hours, Metro does not allow bikes on its trains from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. unless trains are moving in a direction opposite the peak hour flow of commuter traffic on the Metro Blue and Green lines or either direction on the Metro Gold Line. On Metro Red Line subway trains, bikes are not allowed in either direction during peak hours from Union Station to Wilshire/Vermont. This does not respond to the need of those who use a bicycle in Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that staff report to the Operations Committee on the feasibility of converting the last car on the Metro Red Line subway to allow bicycles without any restrictions.