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Mr. Ira M. Friedman, Chairperson  
Traffic & Parking Commission  
City of Beverly Hills

Dear Chairperson Friedman (and the Commissioners):

I just received the agenda for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> and see an item under 'subcommittee reports' that reads, "Consideration and/or establishment of new policy or project-related Planning Commission subcommittees."

Just having reviewed the city's Bicycle Plan, which I find somewhat lacking in substance. Included are outdated maps, for example, as well a plan for bikeways and bicycle-related infrastructure that should accompany any bicycle plan. Moreover, There is an implementation document that speaks to the General Plan, but it does not accord the Bicycle Plan as much consideration as other general plan elements. The Bicycle Plan feels like an orphaned element.

I am interested to know the next steps in policy and/or implementation for that plan. I recall that there was once a Bicycle Advisory Committee organized to explore multi-modal transportation solutions for Beverly Hills. Wasn't it under the Traffic and Parking Commission? My search though all of the posted agendas and minutes for the Traffic and Parking Commission, however, shows no references to the Bicycle Plan, bike planning, or indeed 'bicycle' at all. (Please correct me if I am mistaken.)

Before I approach the City Council about it forming a subcommittee that would explore bike planning, I want to know more about what role the Traffic and Parking Commission might be taking in planning for multi-modal transport. In particular, whether the Commission conducts Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings. Perhaps a subcommittee should be organized under City Council instead? In any event, I am interested to participate.

As you are no doubt aware, our neighboring cities of West Hollywood, Santa Monica, and even Los Angeles have undertaken extensive bicycle planning processes. Los Angeles will be releasing their plan before very long, and I expect it will be more robust than our city's 5-page plan.

Beverly Hills is the central piece of the transportation puzzle, and, practically speaking, it is a missing connector for the entire Westside. We can do more to support and encourage pedestrian-powered transportation.

Sincerely,

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