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**GARCETTI INTRODUCES INITIATIVES
TO MAKE LOS ANGELES MORE BICYCLE-FRIENDLY**

LOS ANGELES – In an effort to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution from vehicles, Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti today introduced two items that would make Los Angeles easier and safer to navigate by bicycle.

“These efforts will make it easier and safer for people who want to get out of their cars to move around Los Angeles by bicycle. Cycling is a fun way to get around our city, and we want to make sure that it’s safe and convenient for people whether they’re commuting to work, going to school, making a quick trip to the store, or just enjoying the ride,” said Council President Garcetti.

Garcetti introduced a resolution to urge the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to repeal its ban on allowing cyclists to ride the Metro lines during rush hour. Currently, bicycles are not allowed on the trains between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. as well as 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. Garcetti’s motion requests that Metro also consider removing seats on some Metro line cars to make the trains more comfortable for passengers traveling with or without bicycles.

He also introduced a motion that would implement a pilot program to mark streets with “sharrows” – Caltrans-approved shared lane markings on the pavement between the parking lane and traffic. These are different from bike lanes in that they direct the cyclist to travel outside the car door zone to prevent accidents caused by parked cars. The pilot program would install sharrows along Vermont Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 4th Street as well as Fountain Avenue between the 101 freeway and Hoover Street. Sharrows are currently used in San Francisco.

Both motions were referred to appropriate City Council committees for review.

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