



COUNCIL AGENDA: 06-19-12
ITEM: 2.60

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Dennis Hawkins, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 06-14-12

**SUBJECT: SB 1380 (RUBIO) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: URBANIZED
BICYCLE PLANS**

RECOMMENDATION

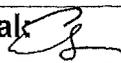
As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on June 13, 2012 and outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to the Rules and Open Government Committee, adopt a support position for SB 1380 (Rubio) Environmental Quality: Urbanized Bicycle Plans.



Subject: SB 1380 (RUBIO)
 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:
 URBANIZED BICYCLE PLANS

RULES COMMITTEE: 06-13-12
 ITEM: G.9

City Council Action Request

Department: Transportation	Date: 06-05-12	Coordination: CMO/CAO/City Legislative Representative in Sacramento/ PBCE, and PRNS	CMO Approval: 
			Dept. Approval: /s/ Hans F. Larsen

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, approve support for SB 1380 (Rubio).
2. Recommend a one-week turnaround to the City Council so that the City's legislative staff can advocate the City's support for SB 1380.

BILL SYNOPSIS:

This bill exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) a bicycle plan prepared pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2 for an urbanized area for restriping of streets and highways, bicycle parking and storage, signal timing to improve street and highway intersection operations, and related signage for bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles, as specified. Sunsets on January 1, 2018.

IMPACTS TO THE CITY OF SAN JOSE:

According to the sponsor of the bill, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), litigation under CEQA challenging bicycle transportation plans can be expensive and delay or prevent adoption of such plans. This bill would reduce the potential for litigation delays such as those experienced by the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Authority (SFMTA) and other agencies.

The San José City Council unanimously approved San José Bike Plan 2020 on November 17, 2009, after receiving a staff report and public comments in support of the plan. The plan identifies five broad goals – including completion of a 500 mile bikeway network – as well as several individual strategies and actions to accomplish the goals. For the development of San José Bike Plan 2020, the City did go through the CEQA approval process.

SB 1380 would help other communities streamline the process for their bike plans as well as for future updates to San José's bike plan.

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection – Supports efforts that provide greater flexibility for the successful delivery of transportation projects including innovative project management tools, as well as environmental streamlining.

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTSSupport: (As of 5-3-12)

- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- California Bicycle Coalition
- California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance
- California Retailers Association
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Opposition: (As of 5-3-12)

- California Coastal Protection Network
- California Native Plant Society
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Planning and Conservation League
- Sierra Club California

STATUS OF BILL

Passed the Senate and referred to the Assembly for further action.

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