

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-030

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 5, 2008

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF BICYCLES
ON MALLS DURING THE REPAIR OF INTERSTATE 5
AND DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE AN
EMERGENCY MEASURE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

BACKGROUND

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Sacramento finds and declares as follows:

- A. Chapter 12.44 of the Sacramento City Code prohibits the riding of bicycles in "malls" as that term is defined in Chapter 12.44
- B. During the period from May 30, 2008, through July 15, 2008, the California Department of Transportation will perform repair work on a section of Interstate 5 from Richards Boulevard to R Street. This will require lane and ramp restrictions in each direction of travel of I-5 and will result in additional use of surface streets by motor vehicles. The additional use of surface streets by motor vehicles will result in greater proximity of motor vehicles to bicycles on surface streets. Opening additional routes for bicyclists during the period of the repair of I-5 would ease the increased proximity of bicyclists to motor vehicles during this period and improve safety.

SECTION 2.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 12.44 of Title 12 of the Sacramento City Code, from the effective date of this ordinance through July 15, 2008, bicycle riding shall be permitted on "malls" as that term is defined in Chapter 12.44.

SECTION 3.

The City Council may extend the term of this ordinance beyond July 15, 2008, by resolution. Any extension shall be for the purpose of addressing any extension or modification of the construction schedule of the California Department of Transportation for repair of I-5 and shall not exceed the completion date set by the California Department of Transportation.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance, to become effective immediately pursuant to Section 32(g)(2) of the Sacramento City Charter. The facts constituting the emergency are as follows: Repair of and the consequent closure of portions of I-5 will commence on June 5, 2008. This will result in greater use of surface streets by motor vehicles and greater proximity of vehicles and bicyclists on surface streets. In order to provide alternative routes of travel on surface streets for bicyclists to mitigate the proximity of bicyclists and motor vehicles at the time of commencement of the repair and in order to provide bicyclists sufficient time to adjust their routes prior to the commencement of the repair, it is necessary that this ordinance be effective immediately.

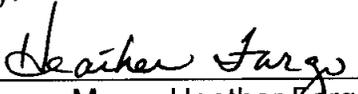
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on June 5, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Fong, Hammond, Pannell, Sheedy, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Cohn, McCarty, and Tretheway.



Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

Effective: June 5, 2008