

2013 Council Study Issue

DPW 13-01 Pedestrian Anti-Harassment Ordinance**Lead Department** Public Works**History** **1 year ago** None **2 years ago** None**1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?**

As an adjunct to the bicyclist anti-harassment ordinance that was approved by the City Council in June, 2012, this issue would consider adoption of a pedestrian anti-harassment ordinance. A pedestrian anti-harassment ordinance could make it unlawful to intimidate, intentionally force, attempt to force, or fail to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway or using a public sidewalk with the intent to injure or distract the pedestrian simply because they are walking. It would subject violators to liability for damages, fees, and litigation costs.. This ordinance would provide a pedestrian-specific law with civil penalties. Pedestrians would be able to pursue remedy and restitution including punitive damages for intentional harassment in civil court.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

SN 3.5 Facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s) Meyering, Moylan

4. Staff effort required to conduct study Minor**Briefly explain the level of staff effort required**

Staff would need to define the scope of the ordinance, research legal implications, and draft an ordinance.

5. Multiple Year Project? No **Planned Completion Year** 2013**6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?**

Does Council need to approve a work plan? No

Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? Yes

If so, which? Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Commission

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

7. Briefly explain if a budget modification will be required to study this issue

Amount of budget modification required 0

Explanation**8. Briefly explain potential costs of implementing study results, note estimated capital and operating costs, as well as estimated revenue/savings, include dollar amounts**

Are there costs of implementation? No

Explanation

9. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None

If 'Support', 'Drop' or 'Defer', explain

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