

# WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS

## SIDEWALK RIDING COSTS AND CODES

LA County municipal code 15.76.080 prohibits the use of bicycles on sidewalks. With inadequately built out bicycle lane infrastructure and no formal method to educate the public about this law, those who ride bicycles are made to choose between physical safety from cars, or legal safety from law enforcement. The LA County Department of Public Health's PLACE Program aims to facilitate the creation of safer riding conditions for bicycle users through modifications to this ordinance, current infrastructure, and programs.

### Follow the Model

The City of Sacramento, similar to LA County, has a law prohibiting bicycle riding. But Unlike LA County, they have put in preemptive and adaptive measures to ensure the safety, education, and fair treatment of riders. These are done through:

#### Diversion Program

Teaches proper riding technique, laws, and allows those that have received a bicycling infraction to take a class in lieu of paying the fine.



#### Built out infrastructure

Expanded bicycle lane network making it more feasible for bicycle riders to have a safe alternative to sidewalks.



#### Exceptions

Sidewalk riding only prohibited in areas where signs clearly indicate it.

2 conditions must be met for this to occur:

1. Must be a bicycle lane adjacent to the area
2. Demonstrated pedestrian and bicycle rider conflict is present

**Exempt:** Include under 18 , officers, medical personnel and other city employees

**Even with this ordinance change, Sacramento has yet to prohibit any sidewalks in its city. If LA County were to follow this model it would give greater flexibility for riders to actively educate themselves, be well informed, and chose safer riding conditions.**