

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

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Report Title: Countywide Bicycle Safety

Report Date: June 1, 2015

VENTURA COUNTY  
GRAND JURY

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Title: Mayor and City Councilmembers

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**FINDINGS**

- I(we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-08, FI-10, FI-11
- I(we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: FI-01, FI-02, FI-05

*(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered R-01, R-02, R-03 have been implemented.

*(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)*

- Recommendations numbered R-04 have not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

*(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.

*(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)*

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

*(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: 8-25-2015

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Janice S. Parvin, Mayor  
City of Moorpark

Number of pages attached: 3

**GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS (*in italics*)  
AND CITY OF MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL RESPONSES**

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**GRAND JURY FINDING FI-01:**

*Throughout the County, law enforcement personnel rarely enforce helmet laws. They do not enforce bicycle licensing ordinances.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FINDING FI-01:**

Law enforcement services in the City of Moorpark are provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. The Grand Jury report requires the Sheriff's Office to separately respond to this finding of the Grand Jury. The City Council defers to the response provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on the enforcement of helmet laws and bicycle licensing. The City Council agrees with the Sheriff's Office response that the Moorpark Municipal Code provisions related to the licensing of bicycles are not actively enforced in the City of Moorpark.

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**GRAND JURY FINDING FI-02.**

*Licensing or registering bicycles with the police assists in the return of lost or stolen bicycles to owners, thereby reducing the number of unclaimed bicycles.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FINDING FI-02:**

Law enforcement services in the City of Moorpark are provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. The Grand Jury report requires the Sheriff's Office to separately respond to this finding of the Grand Jury. The City Council defers to the response provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on the efficacy of licensing bicycles in the ability to reclaim lost or stolen bicycles.

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**GRAND JURY FINDING FI-05.**

*Of all the factors contributing to bicyclists' deaths and injuries, motor vehicle driver error is the most prevalent. Rear-ending of cyclists is the most common error.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FINDING FI-05:**

Law enforcement services in the City of Moorpark are provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. The Grand Jury report requires the Sheriff's Office to separately respond to this finding of the Grand Jury. The City Council defers to the response provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on the finding as to the causes of bicyclists' deaths and injuries.

**GRAND JURY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS (*in italics*)  
AND CITY OF MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL RESPONSES**

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**GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION R-01.**

*The Grand Jury recommends that the County Board of Supervisors and the city councils of all the cities within the County encourage their respective law enforcement personnel to increase enforcement of bicycle and related motor vehicle laws.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION R-01:**

The City Council of the City of Moorpark agrees with this recommendation. The City of Moorpark encourages the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to provide the highest level of law enforcement services to the City including enforcement of bicycle and related motor vehicle laws.

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**GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION R-02.**

*The Grand Jury recommends that the County Board of Supervisors and the city councils of all cities within the County that do not already have a Bicycle Advisory Commission/Committee establish one to perform such tasks as:*

- *Identify roads in need of bicycle lanes*
- *Research federal, State, and other funding sources for projects related to bicycle infrastructure and use*
- *Issue motor vehicle and bicycle public safety announcements*
- *Promote use of bicycles as a viable form of transportation and for health and ecological reasons*
- *Offer safety education and bike rodeos for children*
- *Provide liaison between city councils, transportation agencies, and the community on bicycle-related issues and concerns*
- *Assist in the development and dissemination of educational materials related to bicycle laws and safety*
- *Review and comment on private development plans that include bicycle facilities or have an impact on bicycle safety and access*
- *Review and promote the enforcement of city and State laws related to bicycle safety*
- *Encourage the public to register bicycles and keep a record of the serial numbers to facilitate the return of stolen or lost bicycles.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION R-02:**

The City Council of the City of Moorpark agrees with this recommendation. The Public Works and Transportation Committee is a standing committee of the City Council, scheduled to meet on a monthly basis. Bicycle related topics are considered by the Committee as needed and may include the involvement of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, members of the public, and bicycle community advocates. In addition to this committee, each year, the Planning Commission, Public Works and Transportation Committee, and City Council all review the City's Capital Improvement Program, which

includes bicycle transportation improvement projects. The City and Sheriff's Office both already address the educational outreach listed items in this recommendation. Finally, the City has applied for and received State BTA grants for bicycle lanes on Princeton Avenue and TDA Article 3 grants for studying bicycle improvements to Collins Drive and Arroyo Drive.

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**GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION R-03.**

*The Grand Jury recommends the County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all cities within the County, continually promote bicycle laws and safety to people of all ages, concentrating on school-age children through events such as bike rodeos, bicycle rallies, and other educational activities.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION R-03:**

The City Council of the City of Moorpark agrees with this recommendation. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office promotes bicycle laws and safety to the Moorpark community and school children through the School Resource Officer, Beat Coordinator, and with special events.

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**GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION R-04.**

*The Grand Jury recommends the County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all cities within the County use local media (e.g. , public service announcements, public events, and government websites) to educate the motor vehicle driving public and bicyclists of their responsibility to know and obey bicycle-related laws.*

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION R-04:**

The City Council of the City of Moorpark agrees with this recommendation. The City newsletter includes general pedestrian and bicycle safety information at the start of each school year. In the next six months, the City will include bicycle law and safety information on the City website. Any special bicycle safety events hosted by the City or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be promoted on the City website as well.

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