



**AB 3153: Bike and Carshare Parking  
( Assembly Housing Committee amendments accepted )**

**SUMMARY**

AB 3153 would allow residential developers the option to meet 15% or 30% (depending on location) of their parking requirements through bike and carshare parking. This bill helps to make housing more affordable and provides Californians, especially low-income families, seniors and other households a safe place to store their bikes and incentives not to drive their cars.

**PROBLEM**

Local government often places a minimum parking requirement on housing developers to construct a certain amount of parking per unit. These requirements are expensive to meet and sometimes unnecessary for residents of affordable units.

One in three low-income households in California do not own a car. They do not need car parking in their residential building, thereby creating underutilized parking spots. Developments can support more housing and more affordable transportation options for residents by applying the unused parking capacity to carshare and bike parking.

Carshare services are proven to reduce overall vehicle miles traveled. Encouraging carshare is an important component of our state's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants caused by cars. California state policy already recognizes the importance of carshare services for low-income people by providing discounted memberships in its Clean Mobility Options program.

Bicycling in California has more than doubled since 2000 due to an expanding network of bike lanes and greenways, and increasing desire of Californians for healthy and affordable transportation. However, the lack of secure bicycle parking in multi-unit residential buildings is a big obstacle that prevents people from taking advantage of the bicycle for transportation and healthy recreation. Parking a bike outside on a daily basis is not feasible in many places in California because of the risk of damage from the elements, or theft and vandalism.

The lack of secure residential bike parking especially impacts low-income residents, one third of whom do not own a car. It makes bicycling infeasible for people, especially women and seniors, who have more trouble carrying bikes up stairs. Because many apartments are small and crowded, many people do not have room inside their homes to store a bike. These factors all prevent Californians from using a bike regardless of whether there is a strong cycle network and adequate parking at their destinations.

**SOLUTION**

AB 3153 allows flexibility for parking requirements in housing developments by reducing the number of parking spaces required in a development under certain conditions. Specifically, developers can reduce up to 30% of car-parking spaces through bike and car-share parking if the project is eligible for a density bonus and within one-half mile of a major transit stop. That reduction is limited to 15% if the project is either eligible for a density bonus or if it's within one-half mile of a major transit stop.

AB 3153 allows cities and counties to establish a long-term bicycle parking to vehicle parking space reduction ratio of up to four long-term bicycle parking spaces for each vehicle parking space reduced. Two car-share parking spaces will make up for each vehicle parking space reduced. In order for developers to use the car-share option, they will have to contract with a car-sharing company for no less than 5 years after the certificate of occupancy is issued for the building.

This bill supports the vision of a healthy California and enhances the State's economy and livability. Long-term bike parking, when combined with carshare, play a key role in providing a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system.

**SUPPORT**

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