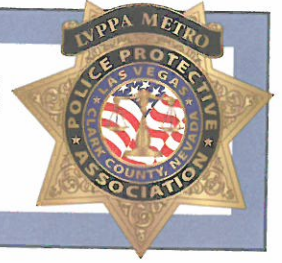


# Las Vegas Police Protective Association Metro, Inc.



To: Officer Damian Miller  
From: David Roger, General Counsel *DR*  
Date: May 6, 2013  
Re: NRS 484B.117 Driving a Vehicle Upon a Sidewalk

You have asked whether a person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk.

NRS 484B.117 provides, “[A] driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area except at a permanent or temporary driveway or alley entrance.”

The statutory definition of “Vehicle” excludes, “Devices moved by human power...”<sup>1</sup> NRS 484A.025 defines bicycle as, “...a device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over 14 inches in diameter, or every such device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels except a moped.”

A person may operate a bicycle on a sidewalk because NRS 484B.117 only prohibits people driving vehicles from driving on sidewalks. That said, individuals operating bicycles on a roadway must comply with all applicable traffic laws.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> NRS 484A.025 (1)

<sup>2</sup> See, NRS 484B.763. Additionally, NRS 484A.220 defines roadway as, “...that portion of a highway which is improved and ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, exclusive of the shoulder.”